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## Rebuking Trump's embrace of Putin, U.S. lawmakers look to punish Russia

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump faced outrage on Tuesday for his failure to hold Russia accountable for meddling in the 2016 U.S. election, and some U.S. lawmakers threatened action in Congress to punish Moscow and show support for U.S. intelligence agencies. At a joint news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin after a summit in Helsinki on Monday, Trump stunned politicians back home by shying away from criticizing Putin for Moscow's efforts to undermine the election, contradicting the findings of American intelligence agencies. Trump, whose summit with Putin concluded a week-long Europe trip that included a NATO meeting and talks with British Prime Minister Theresa May, pushed back on Tuesday at the storm of criticism, blaming media coverage. "While I had a great meeting with NATO, raising vast amounts of money, I had an even better meeting with Vladimir Putin of Russia. Sadly, it is not being reported that way - the Fake News is going Crazy!," he tweeted.

The condemnation for his performance at the Helsinki news conference, including from many fellow Republicans, matched or eclipsed previous controversies in Trump's turbulent 18 months in office.

"The president needs to understand he has damaged U.S. foreign policy," Representative Mike Turner, a Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, told CNN. "He's given them a pass and is certainly not holding them accountable for what they're doing."

Some lawmakers said they would seek remedies in Congress. Republican Senator Jeff Flake, a longtime Trump critic, has raised the idea of passing a resolution that would voice lawmakers' support for the U.S. intelligence community and U.S. allies, many of who are feeling the sting of strong Trump criticism in recent weeks.

Robert Menendez, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations panel, has floated a resolution similar to Flake's. Several senators, including Republican Ben Sasse, Republican Pat Toomey, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and Mark Warner, the senior Democrat on the Senate intelligence panel, have backed more sanctions on Russia, but it was unclear whether Senate or House of Representatives leaders would support such a move or how new sanctions might be crafted.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, calling Russia's government "menacing," said he was willing to consider additional sanctions on Russia, and reiterated his support for U.S. intelligence community findings that Russia interfered in the 2016 election.

U.S. President Donald Trump and Russia's President Vladimir Putin shake hands as they meet in Helsinki, Finland. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque

Congress nearly unanimously passed a sanctions law last year targeting Moscow for election meddling and for its actions in Ukraine and Syria. In April, that law led the U.S. Treasury to impose major sanctions on Russian officials and oligarchs, in one of Washington's most aggressive moves to punish Moscow.

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Schumer also called for the immediate passage of legislation to enhance election security, and reiterated calls for the Senate to hold immediate hearings to get testimony from Trump's national security team about what transpired during the private Trump-Putin meeting "so we can find out what



Russia's President Putin speaks during an interview after a meeting with U.S. President Trump in Helsinki

the heck happened there."

U.S. intelligence agencies concluded last year that the Russian government interfered in the 2016 election campaign and sought to tilt the vote in Trump's favor, something Moscow has long denied. Special Counsel Robert Mueller is probing that allegation and any possible collusion by Trump's campaign. Trump has denied collusion and casts Mueller's probe as a witchhunt that detracts from his election victory. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called on Tuesday for passage of legislation increasing funding to improve the security of U.S. election equipment and prevent cyberattacks. Pelosi also wants to force a vote on the House floor on a resolution rebuking Trump's remarks in Helsinki.

Other lawmakers called for members of the Trump administration to resign in protest.

Not all Republicans were angry with the president's conduct in Helsinki. "The president did a good thing by meeting with Putin," Senator Rand Paul told CBS "This Morning" program, comments that won him public thanks from Trump on Twitter.

The issue of Russian election interference could come up later on Tuesday, when Trump was scheduled to meet with members of Congress, although it is expected to focus on tax reform.

Russia's political and media establishment heralded the summit as a victory for Putin in breaking down Western resolve to treat Russia as a pariah.

"The West's attempts to isolate Russia failed," read the headline on a report on Monday's summit meeting in

state-run newspaper Rossiiskaya Gazeta.

The summit capped a tumultuous trip during which Trump accused NATO allies of failing to spend enough on their militaries and embarrassed May by saying she had refused to take his advice about how to negotiate Britain's exit from the EU. He referred to the European Union as a "foe" in trade and repeatedly criticized it and aluminum smelters sold much more abroad spurred by higher international prices amid growing concerns about slowing demand growth.

The data could renew longstanding criticism from the United States and Europe that the world's top metal producer is selling its surplus product abroad, hurting foreign rivals.

"We expect slowing export growth to put downward pressure on the current account and RMB (yuan), and believe China is likely to be willing to make concessions in future rounds of trade negotiations with the U.S.," Nomura analysts said in a note to clients.



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## In honor of National Ice Cream Day, we ranked the best flavors of Blue Bell

By Fernando Ramirez

Most people don't need an excuse to eat ice cream, yet, here we are, on National Ice Cream Day. On this blessed holiday, ordained by Ronald Reagan in 1984, Americans everywhere swing by the store to pick up a pint or two of their favorite frozen treat. In Texas, that usually means Blue Bell, the state's most iconic creamy dessert. For Lone Star State residents in need of guidance on National Ice Cream Day, we've unscientifically ranked our favorite Blue Bell flavors. SO much easier than you'd think! Unfortunately, ranking Blue Bell flavors

is a near impossible task, or at least a guaranteed lose-lose. Chances are, most Texans would be happy with whatever flavor is put in front of them, as long as the company holds off on releasing something like "Licorice n' Liquorish." But hey, if you want a second opinion on the best flavors or just want to see yours get snubbed, check out our list above. Did we get it completely wrong? Let us know in the comments below. Community this year, the developer said.



## HPD: Man wanted in deadly crime spree in custody

A suspected serial killer was captured in the Cypress area Tuesday morning, bringing a sigh of relief to law enforcement who feared he was seeking his next victim. Jose Gilberto Rodriguez, a 46-year-old parolee with a violent past, was arrested after a brief pursuit that ended at Eldridge and Fallbrook in northwest Harris County, according to officials. "We are very relieved this morning," Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said from the scene, adding that authorities believe Rodriguez could have been casing the area for his next victim.

Harris County Sheriff's Office deputies took Jose Rodriguez into custody. Rodriguez is wanted in connection to a recent murder spree in Houston. Media: Godofredo Vasquez, Houston Chronicle "We're very relieved, again, very thankful, to the citizens of Harris County for calling in, being diligent and reporting this to us so that we could take action." He didn't say anything as he was taken into custody, and authorities said they found a pistol in plain view inside the car. Rodriguez was wanted in two slayings

in Houston-area mattress stores, as well as the shooting death of a woman in her Cypress home last week. Deputies were patrolling the neighborhood because they knew Rodriguez had frequented the area, but Gonzalez said that residents provided a major assist in locating Rodriguez. About 6:13 a.m. Tuesday, a someone spotted suspicious vehicle in the Cypress area and alerted authorities, the sheriff said at a news conference. That led to a 14-minute chase.

Rodriguez was arrested in a gray Nissan Sentra, the same vehicle police said he stole from one of his victims. Police also found a pistol in the car.



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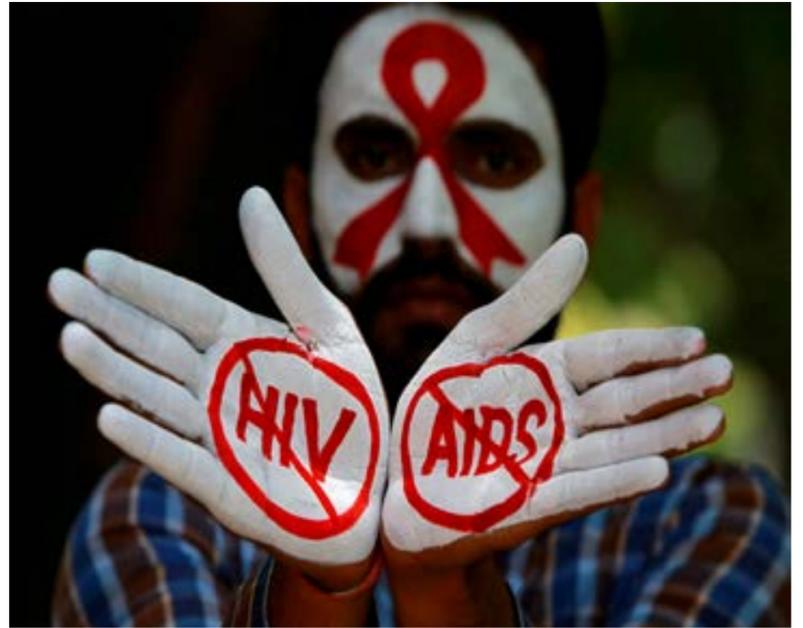
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FILE PHOTO: U.S. soldiers attend welcoming ceremony for U.S.-led NATO troops at polygon near Orzysz



The 147th Open Championship



FILE PHOTO: A student displays his hands painted with messages as he poses during an HIV/AIDS awareness campaign to mark the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, in Chandigarh



Golf - The 147th Open Championship - Carnoustie, Britain - July 17, 2018 Tiger Woods of the U.S. signs his autograph for fans after his practice round REUTERS/Paul Childs



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FILE PHOTO: Bahrain Financial Harbour and Bahrain World Trade Center are seen in diplomatic area in Manama, Bahrian

Canadians have taken to practicing pocket-book diplomacy in defense of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau...

Shoppers are shunning Kentucky bourbon, California wine and Florida oranges, and avoiding American companies like Starbucks, Walmart and McDonald's...

Canadians are spreading the word as outrage over Trump's trade tariffs grows.

An Ottawa man posted a "Trump-free grocery cart" full of products from Canada or from "countries with strong leadership."

Vacationers said they would be staying up north this summer instead of booking trips to the U.S.

"We just booked a \$3,000 vacation to beautiful British Columbia. Happy anniversary to us. #Canadastrong #BuyCanadian #F\*\*\*Tariffs," tweeted Supreme Leader Lyna.

And one Twitter user called on "Patriotic Americans" to schedule vacations in Canada and increase their purchases of Canadian goods.

Trudeau acknowledged the support of individual Canadians during an event at Parliament earlier this week.

"There's a bit of a patriotic boost going on these past few days," he said.

Trump and Trudeau are locked in a tiff over tariffs after the president last week said he would impose penalties on steel and aluminum imports.

The squabble escalated over the weekend at the G7 meeting of economic powers in Quebec when Trudeau said in a news conference that Canada would not be "pushed around" by the US and called the tariffs "insulting."

Trump heard the remarks as he flew in Air Force One to his summit in Singapore with North Korea's Kim Jong Un and withdrew from a statement issued by the G7 on trade.



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at a Press Conference.

Unhappy Over Trump's Attacks On Trudeau Canadians Boycott U.S. Products And Cancelling Vacations To America

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



President Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

(Photo/Getty Images)

With President Trump initiating a trade war with Canada and launching verbal attacks on Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Canadian citizens are boycotting U.S. products and trips to the States...

What Canadians are doing: Canadians have taken to social media with the hashtags #BuyCanadian, #BoycottUS-Products, and #BoycottUSA and are offering tips on how to do their part to defend their country against the Trump administration's actions...

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Boycotting U.S. products? Here's how to buy Canadian during a trade war

As the trade dispute between the U.S. and Canada continues to mount, some Canadian customers are hoping to hit back against our southern neighbours with their wallets...



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This seems to have struck a chord with Canadian consumers and some are considering focusing their spending within Canada to show solidarity...

"We've always had trade disputes with the U.S., but combine this with the fact that the U.S. president is largely unpopular in Canada, and he is personally attacking the prime minister ... and Canadians take it as an offence..."

Canadian are the biggest buyers of U.S. goods in the world, so it may be difficult to find made-at-home products in grocery stores and malls...

However, if you are hoping to boycott U.S. goods, here is a list of Canadian products to try out (local fresh products are also in season, so take advantage of a farmer's market



near you).

Coffee

Some of the largest coffee names are made in the U.S., such as Maxwell House, Folgers and Starbucks.

Second Cup is a Canadian retailer with cafes across the country. The company does not grow its own coffee beans, but you would still be supporting a Canadian coffee retailer.

Other brands, such as Kicking Horse coffee, are made-in-Canada options that also practice fair-trade.

Alcohol

You can ditch the American-made whiskey, such as Jack Daniels and Jim Bean, for some Canadian quality liquor.

Crown Royal and J.P. Wiser's Deluxe are both Canadian-made whiskeys.

And then you have the Canadian beer companies to choose from (albeit only brewed here), such as Molson Canadian, Labatt Blue and Alexander Keith's...

Condiments

In 2014, Heinz closed its plant in Ontario and moved to the U.S. However, French's is a brand that uses Canadian ingredients that you can get behind for your BBQs this summer.

Maple Syrup

The big maple syrup brands such as Aunt Jemima and Mrs. Buttersworth are American companies, but there are a lot of Canadian-made alternatives — just look for the "made in Canada" label on the bottle.



Canadian Agriculture Products

Eighty per cent of the world's maple syrup is produced in Canada, with over 10,000 maple farms and more than 44 million maple taps, according to Statistics Canada.

Orange Juice

Minute Maid orange juice (although owned by American company Coca-Cola) is made in Peterborough, Ont., so you're helping out Canadian market when purchasing it.

Toilet paper

Charmin, Scott and Cottonelle are the big U.S. brands for toilet paper products, but there are Canadian options.

One is Cascades, a Quebec-based tissue paper manufacturer, which operates several plants within the province and Ontario. Kruger Products is another option, as the company makes Cashmore and Purex bathroom tissue lines in B.C., Ontario, and Quebec.

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Amid Trade Tensions, China Issues Travel Alert To Citizens About Dangers Of U.S.

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In a move considered to be politically motivated, the Chinese Embassy in Washington issued a travel advisory warning its citizens about the dangers of visiting the United States.



The Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC on May 18, 2012. (AFP/GettyImages) Gun violence in the United States is a common element of the Chinese regime's propaganda efforts to discredit claims of human rights abuses within its own borders...



It's not the first time the Chinese regime has stoked Chinese tourists' nationalist pride for political purposes, with one recent case concerning South Korea in 2017.



Two Chinese women take selfies on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City in March 2016. (Photo/Shutterstock.com)

strongly opposed South Korea's decision to host the U.S. system. The Chinese regime quickly restricted group travel to South Korea as retaliation.

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China warns Chinese

aware of issues including expensive medical bills, the threats of public shootings and robberies, searches and seizures by customs agents, telecommunications fraud and natural disasters.



Asked if the timing of the alert was politically motivated, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that summer was the high season for Chinese going to the US and that Chinese embassies had an obligation to warn citizens about potential risks abroad.

"This kind of reminder from the Chinese embassy in the relevant country, I think this is absolutely a matter that is in the scope of our duty," ministry spokesman Lu Kang (陸慷) told a regular news briefing.

However, some foreign governments have argued that Beijing uses other means, such as curtailing outbound tourism, to settle political or trade scores, although the Chinese government typically denies such issues are linked.

China banned all group tours to South Korea for part of last year in the wake of Seoul's decision to install the US Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, which has a powerful radar Beijing worries can penetrate Chinese territory.

nationals traveling to US of high medical bills, violent crime

China has an obligation to warn its



citizens about potential risks abroad, a spokesman said when asked if the alert was politically motivated

The Chinese embassy in Washington has issued a security advisory to Chinese nationals traveling to the US, the latest such warning as trade tensions escalate between the two nations.

The embassy warned Chinese tourists to be

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Advertisement for 中美酒樓 (Chinese American Restaurant) featuring a menu with items like 四人份, 八人份, and 十人份, along with contact information and address.

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