

Trump claims Germany 'controlled' by Russia

Chancellor Merkel differs

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A Russian construction worker speaks on a mobile phone during a 2010 ceremony marking the start of Nord Stream pipeline construction.

BRUSSELS — President Donald Trump barreled into a NATO summit today with claims that a pipeline deal has left Germany “totally controlled” and “captive to Russia” as he lobbed fresh complaints about allies’ “delinquent” defense spending at the opening of what was expected to be a fraught two-day meeting.

Trump, in a testy exchange with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, took issue with the U.S. protecting Germany as it strikes deals with Russia.

“I have to say, I think it’s very sad when Germany makes a massive oil and gas deal with Russia where we’re supposed to be guarding against Russia,” Trump said at a breakfast with Stoltenberg. “We’re supposed to protect you against Rus-

sia but they’re paying billions of dollars to Russia and I think that’s very inappropriate.”

Trump repeatedly described Germany as “captive to Russia” and urged NATO to look into the issue.

Drawing on her own background, German Chancellor Angela Merkel pushed back sharply, insisting that Germany makes its own decisions.

The president appeared to be referring to the Nord Stream

2 pipeline that would bring gas from Russia to Germany’s northeastern Baltic coast, bypassing Eastern European nations like Poland and Ukraine and doubling the amount of gas Russia can send directly to Germany. The vast undersea pipeline is opposed by the U.S. and some other EU members, who warn it could give Moscow greater leverage over Western Europe.

In their back-and-forth, Stol-

tenberg stressed to Trump that NATO members have been able to work together despite their differences. “I think that two world wars and the Cold War taught us that we are stronger together than apart,” he told the president, trying to calm tensions.

Trump’s pipeline criticism was an unusual line of attack for a president who has appeared eager to improve relations with Putin and dismissed the

U.S. intelligence community’s assessment that Russia tried to undermine Western democracy by meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election to help Trump win.

Back in the U.S., Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer issued a joint statement describing Trump’s “brazen insults and denigration of one of America’s most steadfast allies, Germany,” as “an embarrassment.”

“His behavior this morning is another profoundly disturbing signal that the president is more loyal to President Putin than to our NATO allies,” they wrote.

Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch also took issue with Trump, saying “I don’t agree with that. Germans wouldn’t agree with that. They are a very strong people.”

Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, told CNN that Trump’s complaining about NATO was “like turning a family squabble into divorce proceedings.” He said the pipeline arrangement goes back to 2002 “when everybody viewed Russia in a

benign way.”

“Now is not the time” to be alienating allies, he said.

But Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas, a strong supporter of the president, said the pipeline issue strikes at the “heart of NATO unity.”

“The pipeline gets cheap Russian gas to Germany while bypassing smaller Eastern European nations, allowing Russia to pressure them while Germany is held harmless,” he tweeted, adding: “No amount of preening in Berlin will cover this nakedly selfish policy.”

Despite Trump’s claims about Germany, Merkel served as a forceful advocate for imposing — and maintaining — sanctions on Russia after it annexed Crimea in 2014, arguing that it violated the principles of the international order established after World War II. The president is also not the first leader to point to the impact of Nord Stream 2 on Europe, echoing complaints from Eastern European allies who note it would cut out transit countries such as Poland and Ukraine.

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Government falls short of deadline to reunite kids, parents

SAN DIEGO — Some immigrant toddlers are back in the arms of their parents, but others remained in government custody away from relatives as federal officials fell short of meeting a court-ordered deadline to reunite dozens of youngsters forcibly separated from their families at the border.

Late last month, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a 14-day deadline to reunite children under 5 with their parents and a 30-day deadline for older children. It wasn’t immediately clear how many children left detention facilities Tuesday or how many remain.

In trying to meet the first deadline, the government began with a list of 102 children potentially eligible to be reunited and whittled that to 75 through screening that included DNA testing done by swabbing the inside of the cheek.

Of those 75, Justice Department attorneys told the court the government would guarantee 38 would be back with their parents by the end of Tuesday. They said an additional 17 could also join their parents if DNA results arrived and a criminal background check on a parent was completed by day’s end.

Government attorneys, meanwhile, told a federal judge that the Trump administration would not meet the deadline for 20 other children under 5 because it needed more time to track down parents who have already been deported or released into the U.S.

Sabraw showed little appetite for giving more time to the government unless it could show good reasons in specific cases.

“These are firm deadlines. They’re not aspirational goals,” the judge said Tuesday.

The government defended its screening, saying it discovered parents with serious criminal histories, five adults whose DNA tests showed they were not parents of the children they claimed to have, and one case of credible child abuse.

The administration faces a second, bigger deadline — July 26 — to reunite perhaps 2,000 or so older children with their families. Many are being held in facilities thousands of miles apart.

China’s government vows retaliation for \$200 billion US tariff threat

BEIJING — China’s government vowed today to take “firm and forceful measures” as the U.S. threatened to expand tariffs to thousands of Chinese imports like fish sticks, apples and French doors, the latest salvo in an escalating trade dispute that threatens to chill global economic growth.

China gave no details, but it has plenty of options to retaliate that could extend beyond additional tariffs on U.S. imports. There are fears that Beijing could attempt to disrupt operations of American automakers, retailers and others that see China as a key market.

The spiraling conflict stems from Washington’s complaint that Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology and con-

cerns that plans for state-led development of Chinese champions in robots and other fields might erode American industrial leadership.

A possible second round of tariff hikes announced Tuesday by the U.S. Trade Representative targets a \$200 billion list of Chinese goods. That came four days after Washington added 25 percent duties on \$34 billion worth of Chinese goods and Beijing responded by increasing taxes on the same amount of American imports.

The USTR, the federal agency that oversees international trade policy and negotiations, said it was responding to Beijing’s decision to retaliate instead of changing its policies. President Donald Trump has threatened higher tariffs on more than \$500 billion of goods, or nearly all of China’s annual exports to the United States.

The USTR will accept public comments on the latest round of tariffs and hold hearings Aug. 20-23 before reaching a decision after Aug. 31, according to a senior U.S. official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

Emotions high as Kavanaugh begins fight for confirmation

WASHINGTON — Conservative Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh plunged into his confirmation battle Tuesday, meeting face-to-face with Senate leaders in what promises to be an intense debate over abortion rights, presidential power and other legal disputes that could reshape the court and roil this fall’s elections.

Kavanaugh is a favorite of the GOP legal establishment, and his arrival as President Don-

ald Trump’s nominee was greeted on Capitol Hill with praise from Republicans and skepticism from Democrats. There were also pledges of open minds by key senators whose votes will most likely determine the outcome.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky called Kavanaugh “one of the most thoughtful jurists” in the country but warned of an onslaught of “fear mongering” from liberal groups trying to derail the nomination. He said it was clear that many Democrats “didn’t care who the nominee was at all. Whoever President Trump put up they were opposed to.”

Chuck Schumer, the Senate’s Democratic leader, said his party’s lawmakers did indeed care who the nominee was — and what his views were on such thorny issues as abortion and Trump himself.

Trump “did exactly what he said he would do on the campaign trail — nominate someone who will overturn women’s reproductive rights,” the New York senator said.

He also argued that the president chose the man he thought would best protect him from the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller into Russian interference in the 2016 election. Kavanaugh has written about a need to free the executive branch from intrusive criminal investigations.

“Not only did Mr. Kavanaugh say that a president should not be subpoenaed, he said a president shouldn’t be investigated,” Schumer said.

The confirmation marathon is expected to drag on for months, and no date has yet been set for hearings. GOP leaders, with a slim majority in the Senate, are anxious to have Kavanaugh in place for the start of the court’s session in October — and before the November congressional elections.

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TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings
WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												JULY 11	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Shark Tank		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Shark Tank		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Jeopardy!	America's Got Talent	Hopeful stars display their talents.			Reverie "Pas de Deux" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		TKO: Total Knock Out (P) (N)		Code Black (N)		News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		TKO: Total Knock Out (P) (N)		Code Black (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent	Hopeful stars display their talents.			Reverie "Pas de Deux" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Outpost "One Is the Loneliest Number"	The Originals (N)			News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys Japan (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Natural "Surviving the Extreme" (SP) (N)	Kingdoms Sky "The Rockies" (P) (N)			Nova		El Cap Report	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Chef "A Gordon Ramsay Wedding" (N)	Hell & Back "Sherman's Restaurant" (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)			Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "A Gordon Ramsay Wedding" (N)	Hell & Back "Sherman's Restaurant" (N)			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory			Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan (N)	
29	KZJO	(29) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family			Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball Texas vs Boston (L)		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	Two and a Half
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NBA Basketball Summer League (L)		NBA Basketball Summer League Round 1 (L)		Poker World Series Final Table (L)						MLB Baseball Texas vs Boston	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare		★★ Legally Blonde '01, Com) Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Reese Witherspoon.	Friends		Friends	(3:55) Friends
32	DISN	(32) Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Raven's Home		Stuck in Middle	Big City Greens	Bizaardvark	Andi Mack	Bunk'd
34	FAM	(34) ★★★ Ace Ventura: Pet Detective '94		Courteney Cox, Sean Young, Jim Carrey.		YoungHungry (N)	YoungHungry (N)		★★★ Beauty and the Beast '91	Voices of Richard White, Paige O'Hara.		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Twilight Saga: Eclipse		(20) ★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010, Drama) Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Kristen Stewart.		(40) FXM Presents			★★ Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse	Tye Sheridan.		(50) FXM Presents	
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "When I Grow Up"		Little Women "Welcome to Solvang"	Little Women "Sideways in Solvang" (N)	Women "Kicking and Screaming" (N)			(05) Psychic (P) (N)	(35) Psychic (N)	(05) Psychic	(35) Psychic	
39	ROOT	(39) In Depth	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)		Post-game			MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels				
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) FIFA Soccer World Cup		FIFA World Cup Tonight (L)		MLB Whiparound (L)			TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		FIFA Soccer	
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:30) ★★★ Titanic (1997, Drama) Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio.								Yellowstone "No Good Horses" (N)		Rocky IV '85, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.	
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
45	HIST	(45) Truck Wars				Speed Demons	Speed Demons			SIX "Fubar" (N)		SIX "Fubar" (N)	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Fatal Mistake"		OzzyandJack "Kelly of the Beast"		OzzyandJack "New Kid on the Block"	OzzyandJack "Kelly Makes Three" (N)			Wahlburgers		(05) OzzyandJack "Aloha, Osbournes"	
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Doug" Pt. 1 of 2		(55) My 600-lb Life "Doug" Pt. 2 of 2		600-lb Life "Nicole and Ashley D." (N)	My 600-lb Life			(05) Dr. Pimple "The Lipoma Whisperer"		(10) 600-lb Life "Nicole and Ashley D."	
48	DISC	(48) Misfit "A Jurassic Sized Adventure"		Misfit Garage: Fired "Smoke Alarm"		To Be Announced				Misfit Garage "Orange You Glad" (N)		Sticker "Mythbusted and Rusted" (N)	
49	NGEO	(49) Drugs, Inc. "Manic Molly"		Drugs, Inc. "Big Apple Coke"		Drugs, Inc. "Snitch Cities"				Drugs, Inc. "The Fix "Miami or Bust" (N)		Drugs, Inc. "Meth"	
50	TNT	(50) NCIS: New Orleans "It Happened Last Night"		NCIS: New Orleans "Master of Horror"		★★ The Hangover Part II '11, Com) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.				(15) ★★ The Hangover Part III '13) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.			
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★ The Day the Earth Stood Still '08		Jennifer Connelly, Keanu Reeves.		Snitch (2013, Action) Jon Bernthal, Susan Sarandon, Dwayne Johnson.				Snitch (2013, Action) Jon Bernthal, Dwayne Johnson.			
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Page Not Found"		NCIS "Semper Fortis"		NCIS "Exit Strategy"				Colony "Disposable Heroes" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Game "One Shop Showdown"		Guy's Game "Triple G A La No Cart"		Guy's Game "No-Stop Showdown"	Guy's Game "Sibling Duos" (N)			Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game "Culinary Saved My Life 2"	
54	HGTV	(54) Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property "Striking the Right Chord"	Buying "Small Budget, Big Sacrifices" (N)			House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Flip Virgins "Flipping in the Pink" (N)	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) ★★ Battleship (2012, Sci-Fi) Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.		Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014, Action) Nicola Peltz, Jack Reynor, Mark Wahlberg.									Movie
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360			Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight			Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Deed "It's a Family Affair" (N)		Shark Tank	Shark Tank			The Deed "It's a Family Affair"		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Wives "Faux Weddings and a Funeral"		Wives "Every Mayflower Has Its Thorn"		Housewives "Arrest and Relaxation"	The Real Housewives (N)			The Real Housewives		Watch What	Real Housewives
64	TCM	(64) Movie		Sons of the Desert (33) Stan Laurel.		(45) ★★★ Monkey Business '31) Groucho Marx.				(15) ★★ At War With the Army '50, Com) Jerry Lewis, Mike Kellin, Dean Martin.		Beer and Pretzels	Movie
65	SYFY	(65) ★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra '09		Christopher Eccleston, Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje.		★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Adrienne Palicki, Channing Tatum.						Face Off "Divine Dryads"	
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch		Cowboy Moments	W. Rodeo (N)	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	ReMastered	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase

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