

TRUMP TO IMPOSE
25% TAX ON CARS
SHIPPED INTO U.S.

PRICES LIKELY TO CLIMB

Auto Parts to Be Hit, Too
— His Goal Is More
Domestic Plants

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President Trump said on Wednesday that he would impose a 25 percent tariff on cars and car parts that were imported into the United States, a move that could encourage U.S. auto production over the longer run but is likely to throw global supply chains into disarray and raise prices for Americans who buy an automobile.

The tariffs will go into effect next Thursday and apply both to finished cars and trucks that are shipped into the United States and to imported parts that are included in cars assembled at American auto plants. Those tariffs will hit foreign brands as well as American ones, like Ford Motor and General Motors, which assemble some automobiles outside the



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The president's tariffs are set to take effect next Thursday.

country, including in Canada or Mexico. Nearly half of all vehicles sold in the United States are imported, as are nearly 60 percent of the parts in vehicles assembled in the United States. That means the tariffs could push up car prices significantly when inflation has already made cars and trucks more expensive for American consumers.

During remarks at the White House, Mr. Trump said the tariffs would encourage auto companies and their suppliers to set up shop in the United States.

“Anybody who has plants in the United States, it’s going to be good for,” he said.

But the auto industry is global and has been built up around trade agreements that allow factories in different countries to specialize in certain parts or types of cars, with the expectation that

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Court Upholds
Rule Limiting
‘Ghost Guns’

Rare Finding in Favor
of Arms Regulation

By ABBIE VANSICKLE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld federal restrictions aimed at curtailing access to kits that can be easily assembled into homemade, nearly untraceable firearms, a rare move by a court that has taken an expansive view of gun rights.

In a 7-to-2 decision, written by Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, one of the court’s conservatives, the justices left in place requirements enacted during the Biden administration as part of a broader effort to combat gun violence by placing restrictions on so-called ghost guns.

Justice Gorsuch included photographs, unusual in court opinions, to illustrate how one of the gun kits, Polymer80’s “Buy Build Shoot,” came with “all of the necessary components to build” a Glock-style semiautomatic weapon. He wrote that it was “so easy to assemble” that it could be put together in about 20 minutes.

“Plainly, the finished ‘Buy Build Shoot’ kit is an instrument of combat,” Justice Gorsuch wrote, adding that no one would confuse the pistol “with a tool or a toy.”

The ruling in favor of gun regulations is a departure for the court, which has shown itself to be skeptical of them — and of administrative agency power. Justices Samuel A. Alito Jr. and Clarence Thomas, both conservatives, filed dissents.

The “weapon-parts kits themselves do not meet the statutory definition of ‘firearm,’” Justice Thomas wrote, important because Congress in 1968 agreed the government could legally impose some regulations on firearms. “That should end the case.”

Legal experts said the decision was a victory for those advocating more gun regulations.

“Although this is not a Second Amendment ruling, it shows that the justices are not uniformly hostile to gun regulation,” said Adam Winkler, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. “Ghost guns have been found in increasing numbers at crime scenes, and today’s decision should help the problem.”

The Biden administration in 2022 enacted rules tightening access to the weapon kits, after law enforcement agencies reported that ghost guns were exploding in popularity and being used to commit serious crimes.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives estimated that use of the gun components and kits in crime increased tenfold in the six years before the rules were adopted.

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The Leaked Signal Chat

Excerpts from a Signal chat published Monday and updated Wednesday by The Atlantic provide a rare and revealing look at the private conversations of top Trump administration officials as they weighed plans for U.S. strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen. Below is a screenshot of a portion, with analysis from Times reporters. More coverage, Page A14.

Houthi PC small group

19 members

Pete Hegseth

TEAM UPDATE:

TIME NOW (1144et): Weather is FAVORABLE. Just CONFIRMED w/ CENTCOM we are a GO for mission launch.

1215et: F-18s LAUNCH (1st strike package)

1345: “Trigger Based” F-18 1st Strike Window Starts (Target Terrorist is @ his Known Location so SHOULD BE ON TIME) — also, Strike Drones Launch (MQ-9s)

1410: More F-18s LAUNCH (2nd strike package)

1415: Strike Drones on Target (THIS IS WHEN THE FIRST BOMBS WILL DEFINITELY DROP, pending earlier “Trigger Based” targets)

1536: F-18 2nd Strike Starts — also, first sea-based Tomahawks launched.

MORE TO FOLLOW (per timeline)

We are currently clean on OPSEC.

Godspeed to our Warriors.

JD Vance

I will say a prayer for victory

12:13 PM

SCREENSHOT VIA THE ATLANTIC

Launch times are closely guarded pieces of information. Had this information leaked out, the people the U.S. was targeting in Yemen would have had time to escape.

Mr. Hegseth described airstrikes by Navy F/A-18F Super Hornets launched from an aircraft carrier in the Red Sea, and MQ-9 Reaper drones flying from land bases in the Middle East.

The target described is an unidentified Houthi commander in a part of Yemen controlled by the Iran-backed militant group.

Mr. Hegseth’s reference to OPSEC — operational security — meant he was aware of the need for secrecy.

Rivals Pounced on Law Firm After Trump Order

This article is by Matthew Goldstein, Michael S. Schmidt, Jessica Silver-Greenberg, Lauren Hirsch, Rob Copeland and Ben Protess.

President Trump’s executive order attacking Paul Weiss and severely restricting that law firm’s ability to represent its clients was widely seen by lawyers as a dangerous affront to the nation’s legal system.

To rivals of Paul Weiss, it was an opportunity.

Within days of Mr. Trump’s March 14 order, some of the biggest competitors were calling top

Saw a Chance to Poach
Lawyers and Clients

lawyers at the beleaguered law firm — one of the nation’s most prestigious — asking if they wanted to jump ship along with their lucrative clients.

Several firms, including Sullivan & Cromwell and Kirkland & Ellis, were looking to exploit the moment, according to five lawyers with direct knowledge of the poaching. All the lawyers inter-

viewed for this article spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to talk about discussions that were supposed to remain private.

The competitors took a soft approach with Paul Weiss’s rainmakers, saying that they sympathized with the lawyers’ plight but that if they wanted out of the turmoil they could name their price. Lawyers at another major law firm, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, also mulled whether to try to lure partners away from Paul Weiss, four of the people said.

The outreach from other firms

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Day 2 of Anti-Hamas Demonstrations in Gaza

Protests, a rare show of dissent, spread amid frustration at the collapse of a cease-fire. Page A6.

Soviet Agent, Western Mole and Global Rescuer

By CLAY RISEN

Oleg Gordievsky, who was the top K.G.B. agent in London until he defected to the West in 1985 and revealed himself as a longtime double agent for British intelligence — making him one of the most highly placed Western spies during the Cold War — was found dead at his home in Godalming, southwest of London, on March 4. He was 86.

The local police, who discovered his body, said that they did not believe foul play was involved but that an investigation was ongoing.

The British foreign intelligence agency, MI6, first recruited Mr. Gordievsky in 1974, when he was based in Copenhagen. In 1982 he moved to London, where the

OLEG GORDIEVSKY, 1938-2025



POOL PHOTO BY FIONA HANSON

Oleg Gordievsky in 2007.

K.G.B. tasked him with seeding disinformation about Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher before the next year’s general election.

In practice he helped the British root out secret operatives and in-

formants working for the Soviet Union. He kept up enough of a front to please his K.G.B. bosses in Moscow, who soon promoted him to resident, or head agent, in Britain.

He also played a crucial role in preventing what could have become World War III.

By the early 1980s, the Soviets were convinced that the United States was planning a first-strike nuclear attack under the guise of a major NATO exercise, a suspicion underlined by President Ronald Reagan’s bellicose rhetoric.

As NATO carried out the exercise, known as Able Archer 83, the Soviets and their Warsaw Pact allies moved onto a war footing. Historians consider this to have been the closest moment to world war since the Cuban Missile

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Brazil’s Supreme Court ruled that the former president will be tried over his role in a vast plot to cling to power after his 2022 election loss. PAGE A9

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The Trump administration plans to end funding for thousands of foreign aid projects. Key grants for tuberculosis and H.I.V. drugs will be spared. PAGE A10

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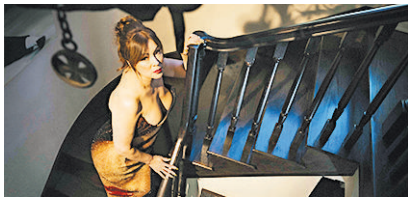
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