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France Assails Trade Bargain As ‘Dark Day’

Macron Quiet, but His Cabinet Speaks Out

By LIZ ALDERMAN

PARIS — A day after the European Union and United States struck a trade deal on Sunday, the French government came out swinging against the agreement, calling instead for tariff retaliation and warning that Europe would be politically weakened if it didn’t hit back.

“It is a dark day when an alliance of free peoples, gathered to affirm their values and defend their interests, resolves to submit,” Prime Minister François Bayrou wrote about the deal, which imposes 15 percent tariffs on European imports to the United States but lowers barriers in European countries for American imports.

France had been leading a charge in Europe to retaliate against the United States ahead of the deal, after an earlier threat by President Trump to impose a punishing 30 percent tariff on the Europeans. Mr. Trump’s on-again, off-again tariff threats had galvanized President Emmanuel Macron in particular, who said the European Union had no choice but to present a show of force.

Mr. Macron had yet to comment on the recent deal, but the sharpened attacks by a phalanx of his closest cabinet members were in line with his increasingly confrontational position toward Mr. Trump. Last week, Mr. Macron said his government would recognize a Palestinian state, setting France apart from the United States and most of its close allies, and risking friction with Mr. Trump.

With the outlines of a trade deal now clearer, Mr. Macron’s government has doubled down. Benjamin Haddad, France’s minister in charge of European affairs, suggested that Mr. Trump’s trade deal amounted to a predatory tactic and called for Europe to activate its powers to tax U.S. digital services, or to exclude American tech companies from public contracts in Europe.

“The free trade that has brought shared prosperity to both sides of the Atlantic since the end of the Second World War is now being rejected by the United States, which has opted for economic coercion and complete disregard for W.T.O. rules,” Mr. Haddad wrote on Monday. “We must quickly draw the necessary conclusions or risk being wiped out.”

Mr. Trump and Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, focused on the scale of the trade deal on Sunday when they met at one of Mr. Trump’s golf courses in Scotland. The United States and the Euro-

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Prime Minister Keir Starmer of Britain said he had discussed Gazans’ plight with President Trump.

Trump Acknowledges ‘Real Starvation’ in Gaza

By LUKE BROADWATER and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

EDINBURGH — President Trump on Monday acknowledged starvation in Gaza after largely deflecting on the issue, even as world leaders and humanitarian organizations warned that more than 20 months of Israeli bombardment and aid restrictions had left nearly two million Palestinians in a hunger crisis.

Speaking to reporters in Scotland during a 75-minute question-and-answer session with Prime Minister Keir Starmer of Britain, Mr. Trump offered a vague promise to open new food sites in Gaza but said nothing about how the

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United States would get the aid into the largely demolished enclave.

“We’re giving money and things,” Mr. Trump said, adding that he would tell Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to ensure that food gets to people who need it. “I want to make sure they get the food, every ounce of food.”

For Mr. Trump, who boasts about his transactional approach to deal-making on the world stage,

the starvation unfolding in Gaza is a test of whether an “America first” foreign policy can confront one of the biggest humanitarian catastrophes of the 21st century.

When he landed in Scotland for five days of golf and global diplomacy, Mr. Trump’s main concerns about Gaza appeared to be that he had not been thanked enough for providing U.S. aid and that other countries should do more to help the starving children there.

“Nobody said, ‘Gee, thank you

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PUTIN WARNED President Trump shortened a deadline for Russia to end its war in Ukraine. **PAGE A11**

Israel’s Return to War Yields Little but Misery

Criticism Around Globe as Gazans Starve

By PATRICK KINGSLEY

JERUSALEM — When Israel broke its cease-fire with Hamas in March and returned to all-out war in Gaza, the country’s leaders said that the new military campaign and blockade on food would force Hamas to release more Israeli hostages in exchange for fewer Israeli concessions.

Four months later, that campaign is now increasingly perceived, in Israel and beyond, as a strategic, diplomatic and humanitarian failure, especially as starvation rises in Gaza.

In the last four months, Israeli troops have advanced farther into Gaza, mostly recapturing areas they relinquished earlier in the war. They recovered the bodies of eight slain hostages; killed more Hamas leaders, including the group’s top military commander, Muhammad Sinwar; and destroyed more of Hamas’s underground tunnel network.

The move has come at great cost, first and foremost to Palestinian civilians, but also to Israel’s standing in the world — without a breakthrough either in the negotiations with Hamas or on the battlefield. Hamas has refused to surrender, continuing to inflict deadly attacks on Israeli soldiers.

“I have to use these words: total failure,” said Michael Milstein, an Israeli analyst and former military intelligence officer. “We are no closer to achieving our main war goal — to erase the military and the governmental capacities of Hamas — and Hamas has not become more flexible. We find ourselves right now in a total disaster.”

One American-Israeli hostage has been returned alive since the war resumed, but only through a side deal between Hamas and the United States. Hamas remains in control of key urban areas in Gaza, and has not compromised on its core demands. Mr. Sinwar was replaced by another hard-liner, Izz al-Din al-Haddad, who has maintained Hamas’s position, just as Mr. Sinwar had maintained the stance of his own predecessors.

Israel’s blockade on food from March until May led to a rise in hunger across the territory. Since ending some restrictions in late May, Israel largely reconstituted the way that food is distributed. In doing so, Israel made it more dangerous for Palestinians to get that food. Hundreds have been shot and killed by Israeli soldiers along the routes to new distribution sites.

The outcome has resulted in a rare level of censure from Israel’s allies. Key partners like Britain and Germany called for the war

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Effort to Flatter Trump Lacked Key Ingredient

By DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD and BEN PROTESS

Like most appliances, the Instant Pot used to keep quiet about its politics.

But recently, it went all-in for President Trump.

In June, a lobbyist for the countertop cooker announced a new line of devices emblazoned with Mr. Trump’s slogan “Make America Great Again.” The lobbyist said other manufacturers owned by the same private equity firm would also make Trump-themed products: snow globes, dinner plates, flatware, bedsheets. The companies would donate all proceeds to the fund to build Mr. Trump’s presidential library.

It looked like a page out of a new political playbook.

The New York-based private equity firm, Centre Lane Partners, wanted the Trump administration’s help with tariffs and a looming antitrust inquiry, according to lobbying filings and interviews with people on Capitol Hill. To get it, the firm’s lobbyist augmented the usual backroom meetings with newly popular tactics in Mr. Trump’s second term: over-the-top public flattery of the president and gifts to his cause.

In this case, it backfired.

The lobbyist announced the merchandise — complete with mock-ups of a wee Mr. Trump inside a snow globe — without seeking the Trump Organization’s permission to use its trademarks or offering to give the president’s company a cut.

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Harvard Open To a Settlement Of \$500 Million

This article is by Michael C. Bender, Alan Blinder and Michael S. Schmidt.

Harvard University has signaled a willingness to meet the Trump administration’s demand to spend as much as \$500 million to end its dispute with the White House as talks between the two sides intensify, four people familiar with the negotiations said.

According to one of the people, Harvard is reluctant to directly pay the federal government, but negotiators are still discussing the exact financial terms.

The sum sought by the government, which recently accused Harvard of civil rights violations, is more than twice as much as the \$200 million fine that Columbia University said it would pay when it settled antisemitism claims with the White House last week. Neither Harvard nor the government has publicly detailed potential terms for a settlement and what allegations the money would be intended to resolve.

President Trump has privately demanded that Harvard pay far more than Columbia. The people who described the talks and the dynamics surrounding them spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss confidential negotiations.

Although the two sides have made progress toward a deal, Harvard is also skeptical of Columbia’s agreement to allow an outside monitor to oversee its sweeping arrangement with the government. Harvard officials have signaled that such a require-

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Engineering a Perfect Peanut, With Benefits Beyond M&Ms

By KIM SEVERSON

ATHENS, Ga. — The Peanut M&M was in trouble. It was the early 2000s, and complaints about rancid nuts were piling up at Mars headquarters in McLean, Va., so fast they had outpaced the combined consumer complaints about Snickers, Twix and even the company’s extensive dog food line.

So the world’s largest confectionary company went hunting for a new peanut to solve the problem.

Plant breeders had discovered a genetic mutation that produced peanuts with plenty of monounsaturated fat, like the kind found in olive oil. That meant they were healthier and less likely to turn rancid. It was a start, but Mars — a company that refers to the

peanut as its “hero ingredient” — needed more.

Mars wanted a peanut that was perfectly symmetrical with sweet, roasted notes. It had to stay crunchy inside a ball of chocolate, and have a skin that kept it from splitting and was a touch bitter to balance the sweetness. It had to grow so well in the Southern peanut belt that farmers would be willing to switch out their tried-and-true seeds for something new.

Peanut researchers at the University of Georgia got to work and created the Georgia-09B, a runner peanut that did everything the candy maker wanted. By 2017, Mars was using nothing but high-

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Wild peanut samples. The world’s peanut supply has been threatened by a rapidly changing climate, disease and pests.

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