

"Have A Buyer For TikTok," Says Trump But He Won't Divulge Name

President Donald Trump said he has identified a buyer for the US operations of TikTok, the social media app owned by Chinese company ByteDance Ltd., but he won't provide details for two weeks.

"We have a buyer for Tiktok, by the way. I think I'll need probably China approval and I think President Xi will probably do it," he said, referring to Chinese leader Xi Jinping, in an interview on Fox News's Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo. "It's a group of very wealthy people." The interview, which aired Sunday, was taped on Friday.

Trump earlier said he would extend for the third time a deadline for ByteDance to sell the US portions of TikTok, which would give the company 90 days beyond June 19.

Congress passed a law last year requiring the divestiture, citing national security concerns. Under the law, the president was allowed to invoke one extension.

Movement on a deal has largely stalled with US-China trade relations swept up in larger tensions over tariff negotiations.

Before Trump announced widespread tariffs in April, a deal was reportedly close, advanced by a consortium of US investors including Oracle Corp., Blackstone Inc. and venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz.

The White House didn't respond to a request for more details on Trump's latest remarks.

"Ready To Ship Inmates": El Salvador President Slams Paris Fashion Show Over Prison Tribute

El Salvador President Nayib Bukele on Sunday (Jun 29), criticised a Paris Fashion Week show that reportedly made references to inmates at the country's mega prison. Mr Bukele said his government was ready to ship all the inmates from Terrorism Confinement Centre (CECOT) to Paris as soon as they received the green light.

The El Salvador president was responding to a post that showed models wearing white T-shirts and shorts while walking down the ramp for Mexican-American designer Willy Chavarria, which resembled the uniforms worn by inmates at CECOT.

"We're ready to ship them all to Paris whenever we get the green light from the French government," wrote Mr Bukele to the post that read: "A designer at Paris Fashion Week made a political statement by turning his runway into tribute to illegals and violent criminals who that are being held at CECOT in El Salvador."

The Salvadorian president continued his attack on France by quoting a video where a woman could be seen crying after being harassed multiple times in Paris.

"This is the result of glorifying criminals in Paris. He who spares the wolf sacrifices the sheep," said Mr Bukele, whose statement was quote posted by Elon Musk as well.

After running his presidential campaign on the promise of detaining criminals and gang members, Mr Bukele had the maximum-security prison built to fight against organised crime. With a capacity of 40,000 inmates, CECOT is touted by Mr Bukele as the largest prison in the Americas, intended to house members of notorious gangs such as MS-13 and Barrio 18.

However, in recent months, the prison's function has changed to accommodate migrants, including 238 Venezuelans sent from the US, with the Trump administration paying the Bukele government millions.

Since Mr Bukele imposed a state of exception in 2022, the country has seen an unprecedented crackdown on crime, with over 85,000 people detained. While gang violence has plummeted and public approval of the president remains high, human rights organisations warn of widespread abuses.

Canada To Bring New Permanent Residency Route: What We Know So Far



OTTAWA: In a move to strengthen its economic immigration framework, Canada is planning to launch a new permanent pathway to residency in 2025, building on the success of the existing Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP). The programme aims to offer a stable route to skilled refugees and displaced individuals to live and work in the country, according to a report by CIC News.

The announcement about the launch of the new programme was part of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC) annual plan for 2025-2026. The Mark Carney government has said the new programme will be launched before the EMPP expires on December 31, 2025, but has not announced the programme structure or the

eligibility criteria.

The EMPP was launched in 2018, and to date, nearly 970 individuals have settled in Canada under this initiative, according to official data as of March 2025.

Other Initiatives Under IRCC's 2015-26 Programme

IRCC said Canada is also planning to create a new foreign labour stream and a type of work permit for the agriculture and fish processing sector.

In a good move for students, including Indians, seeking to study in Canada, IRCC is planning to establish a framework for updating the field of study requirements for post-graduation work permits (PGWPs).

Canada also wants to change the eligibility requirements for spousal open work permits (SOWPs) issued to spouses

of foreign workers and international students. The details regarding the new requirements are not known yet.

The IRCC also reaffirmed its commitment to prioritise permanent residency for healthcare workers, trades workers, education workers, and French speakers under Express Entry's category-based selection.

Priority will also be given to temporary residents already in Canada for PR admissions, with an aim of at least 40 per cent of PR admissions coming from temporary residents (TRs) already in Canada.

Canada also plans to speed up the processing of family sponsorship applications for family members living outside Canada.

Indian In Canada

India was the leading source country for temporary residence in Canada in the first three months of 2025. Per IRCC's latest data, in the first quarter of 2025, Ottawa approved 834,010 temporary resident applications and extensions, including study permits, work permits, and visitor visas.

Of these, Indians accounted for 382,055 or 45.8 per cent of total approvals, driven by students and skilled workers seeking opportunities in Canada's tech and health-care sectors.

Warren Buffett Donates \$6 Billion To Gates Foundation, 4 Family Charities

UNITED STATES: At least two people were killed Sunday when firefighters tackling a blaze were ambushed by an unknown number of gunmen in an ongoing standoff in the northwestern US state of Idaho, the local sheriff said. A blaze was still raging on the mountainside in Kootenai County, a popular park and hiking area, as law enforcement exchanged gunfire with the shooter or shooters, Sheriff Robert Norris told reporters. "We now have two deaths. We have an unknown amount of casualties. We still have civilians that are coming off of that mountain.... We are actively taking sniper fire as we speak," he said at a press conference. The attack was carried out with high-powered rifles, the sheriff said, stressing that the goal of law enforcement was to track the assailant or assailants down and shoot on sight.

The shooter showed "no evidence of wanting to surrender," he continued, adding: "As soon as somebody has a clear shot, I encourage them to take that shot to neutralize the threat." He said authorities believed the two people who were killed were firemen. Norris said authorities did not believe the suspects were barricaded inside a building, but were in "heavy brush" and were "blending in with their surroundings."

Severe Heat Waves Hit Southern Europe, Greece On High Wildfire Alert

ROME: Major heat waves across Southern Europe have pushed temperatures above 40 C (104 F) in countries including Italy, Spain and Greece, as local authorities issued fresh warnings against the risk of wildfires.

Experts link the rising frequency and intensity of these heatwaves to climate change, warning that such extreme weather events are becoming increasingly common across Europe's southern region.

Severe heat waves were recorded in Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal before the weekend, with locals and tourists alike taking shelter from the sweltering conditions.

Two-thirds of Portugal were on high alert on Sunday for extreme heat and wildfires, with temperatures expected to top 42 C (107 F) in Lisbon.

In Italy, a few regions - Lazio, Tuscany, Calabria, Puglia and Umbria - were planning to ban some outdoor work activities during the hottest hours of the day in response to the record-high temperatures. Italian



trade unions pushed the government to expand such measures at a national level.

On Sunday, the Italian Health Ministry placed 21 out of 27 monitored cities under its highest heat alert, including top holiday destinations like Rome, Milan and Naples.

In Rome, tourists tried to seek shade near popular spots like the Colosseum and the Trevi Fountain, using umbrellas and drinking from public water fountains to stay cool.

Similar scenes were reported in Milan and Naples, where street vendors sold lemonade to tourists and residents to offer some refreshment from the heat.

Greece was again on high

wildfire alert because of extreme weather, with the first summer heat wave expected to continue throughout the weekend.

A large wildfire broke out south of Athens on Thursday, forcing evacuations and road closures near the ancient Temple of Poseidon. Strong winds spread the flames, damaging homes and sending smoke across the sky.

Greek authorities deployed 130 firefighters, 12 planes and 12 helicopters to battle the blaze, while police evacuated 40 people, with five areas under evacuation orders.

In Spain, locals and tourists were desperately trying to keep cool this weekend, as the country siz-

zled in temperatures as high as 42 C (107 F) in the southern city of Seville along with other locations in southern and central parts of the country.

Southern regions of Spain recorded temperatures above seasonal averages, prompting health alerts and safety recommendations from authorities. The country's national meteorological service Aemet has said that June is set to break yet another record, becoming the hottest such month since records started.

Experts warned that intense heat can affect daily life, especially for vulnerable populations such as the elderly and children.

Local authorities advised against physical activity during the hottest hours of the day, and recommended drinking plenty of fluids.

A Lancet Public Health study published last year highlighted the increasing risk of heat-related deaths because of climate change. The study predicted that heat-related deaths could more than quadruple by mid-century under current climate policies.

Trump Says US Doesn't Plan To Extend Tariff Pause, Would Rather Do This

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has indicated that he is not planning to extend a 90-day pause on tariffs on most nations beyond the July 9 deadline, when the negotiating period he previously set would expire. The Republican said that instead of extending the deadline, his administration would rather send countries a letter, laying out the trade penalties they face, unless they make deals with the United States.

The US President had previously talked about sending similar letters in May and earlier this month, though negotiations continued.

"I don't think I'll need to because, I could-there's no big deal," Trump said in an interview on Fox News on Sunday when asked if the pause would not be extended.

He further clarified his stance on the July 9 deadline, saying, "I'm gonna send letters. That's the end of the trade deal."

"I'd rather just send them a letter, a very fair letter, saying 'Congratulations, we're going to allow you to trade in the United States of America. You're gonna pay a 25 per cent tariff, or 20 per cent or 40 or 50 per cent. I would rather do that,'" he said.

Trump further stated that the letters sent out by his



administration would explain tariff rates set by the US--citing the trade deficits with each country and how they treat America--suggesting that negotiations won't be required in some cases.

"Some countries, we don't care. We'll, you know, we'll just send a high number out. But we're going to be sending letters out starting pretty soon. No, we don't have to meet. We understand. We have all the numbers," he said.

He also singled out Japan to give a hypothetical example of a letter, saying, "I could send one to Japan. 'Dear Mr. Japan, here's the story: you're going to pay a 25 per cent tariff on your cars.'"

Earlier on Friday, Trump played down the deadline at a White House news

conference, saying it would be difficult to work out separate deals with each nation.

The Trump administration had set a goal of reaching 90 trade deals in 90 days. Negotiations continued, but "there are 200 countries, you can't talk to all of them," Trump said in the interview.

India-US Trade India's trade team has extended its stay in Washington to iron out differences as the two sides look to clinch a deal before a July 9 deadline when higher US tariffs are set to kick in, according to a report by Bloomberg.

US President Donald Trump last week said "a very big" deal with India was likely soon amid a hardening stance of both nations.

Pakistan, China Working On New Regional Bloc With Potential To Replace SAARC: Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China are working on a proposal to establish a new regional organisation that could potentially replace the now-defunct South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), according to a media report on Monday.

Quoting diplomatic sources familiar with the development, the Express Tribune newspaper reported that talks between Islamabad and Beijing are now at an advanced stage as both sides are convinced that a new organisation is essential for regional integration and connectivity.

Citing sources, the paper said that this new organisation could potentially replace the regional bloc SAARC, which comprises India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

A recent trilateral meeting between Pakistan, China and Bangladesh in Kunming, China, was part of those diplomatic manoeuvres, they said, adding that its goal was to invite other South Asian countries, which were part of SAARC, to join the new grouping.

However, Bangladesh's interim government had dismissed the idea of any emerging alliance between Dhaka, Beijing and Islamabad, saying the meeting was not "political". "We are not forming any alliance," foreign affairs adviser M Touhid



Hossain had said.

According to sources, India would be invited to the new proposed forum, while countries like Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Afghanistan are expected to be part of the grouping.

The main purpose of the new organisation is to seek greater regional engagement through enhanced trade and connectivity, the newspaper said. It added that if the proposal is materialised, it would replace the SAARC, which has been suspended for a long time due to the India-Pakistan conflict.

Its biennial summits have not taken place since the last one in Kathmandu in 2014. The 2016 SAARC Summit was to be held in Islamabad. But after the terrorist attack on an Indian Army camp in Uri in Jammu and Kashmir on September 18 that year, India expressed its inability to participate in the summit due to "prevailing circumstances".

The summit was called off after Bangladesh, Bhutan and Afghanistan also declined to participate in the Islamabad meet.

"Everybody's Shot Up Here": Police Radio Reveals Horror Of Idaho Shooting

At least two firefighters, responding to a brush fire in Idaho's Kootenai County, were killed on Sunday after being ambushed by an unknown gunman. Authorities said a third firefighter was undergoing surgery, and the number of wounded remained unclear. The suspected shooter was later found dead. A chilling audio clip from the scene has now surfaced.

"Right now there's an active shooter zone," an officer is heard shouting on police radio. "Everybody's shot up here." He yells, "Stop, get out of the way."

The firefight occurred in the Canfield Mountain Natural Area near Coeur d'Alene.

Law enforcement exchanged gunfire with what officials initially believed to be one or more suspects hidden in dense brush, as per AFP.

Hours later, a SWAT team discovered a dead man near a firearm on Canfield Mountain. Authorities later confirmed it was the shooter and that he acted alone.

"Based on preliminary information we believe that was the only shooter," Kootenai County Sheriff Richard Norris told a news

conference, adding "there is no threat to the community at this time."

The shelter-in-place order for the area was later lifted and the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office said more information would be released later.

"We now have two deaths. We have an unknown amount of casualties. We still have civilians that are coming off of that mountain... We are actively taking sniper fire as we speak," Sheriff Robert Norris said earlier in the day.

He described the gunman as "well-prepared" and hidden in "heavy brush," armed with high-powered rifles. Officers had been instructed to neutralise the suspect if possible. "As soon as somebody has a clear shot, I encourage them to take that shot," the sheriff said.

The fire that initially drew the responders is still burning. Officials have warned nearby residents to remain alert in case further action is needed.

Local reporter Alexandra Duggan, speaking to CNN, said a procession is being prepared to transport the fallen firefighters from Coeur d'Alene to Spokane. "They were local," she said.

To Sam Altman's "Poaching" OpenAI Talent Charge, Meta CTO's "Dishonest" Reply



Meta has hit back at OpenAI CEO Sam Altman for alleging that the Mark Zuckerberg-led company is offering \$100 million compensation packages to poach AI researchers.

During an all-hands company meeting last week, Meta CTO Andrew Bosworth debunked Mr Altman's claim that Meta was paying "\$100 million signing bonuses" and "more than that" in compensation to recruit OpenAI workers on its AI superintelligence team, according to The Verge.

"Sam is just being dishonest here," Mr Bosworth, 43, claimed during the meeting. "He implies we are doing this action for everyone. You see, the market is booming. It's not really hot."

Mr Altman recently expressed his happiness that none of OpenAI's "best people" decided to join Meta. During an appearance on the Uncapped podcast last week, Mr Altman further stoked controversy, claiming Meta "started making giant offers to a lot of people on our team."

"You know, like \$100 million signing bonuses, more than that (in) compensation per year," he claimed.

Three leading OpenAI researchers - Xiaohua Zhai, Alexander Kolesnikov, and Lucas Beyer - each denied receiving a \$100 million bonus for joining Meta, claiming it was "fake news" on X (formerly Twitter).

"Sam is known to exaggerate, and I know exactly why he is doing it, which is because we are succeeding at getting talent from OpenAI," Mr Bosworth said. The ChatGPT creator is engaged in a fierce battle with Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, to create cutting-edge artificial intelligence.

Mark Zuckerberg, 41, has recently intensified his efforts to develop superintelligence-AI that is more intelligent than humans in terms of knowledge, memory, and reasoning. The company reportedly invested \$14.3 billion in Scale AI and established a new AI lab aimed at obtaining "superintelligence."

Meta has acquired the services of former GitHub CEO Nat Friedman and Daniel Gross, the CEO of Safe Superintelligence, a \$32 billion AI business.

Trapit Bansal, a key AI researcher who has worked with OpenAI since 2022 and helped develop the company's initial AI reasoning model, reportedly departed the company for Meta on Thursday, according to TechCrunch.

Australian Reality Star Charged With Murder After Boyfriend's Headless Body Found

Tamika Sueann-Rose Chesser, a 34-year-old former Australian reality TV star, has been charged with murdering her 39-year-old boyfriend, Julian Story. According to a report by The Telegraph, authorities discovered Mr Story's headless body at their South Australia home in Port Lincoln on June 19, following a report of a small fire. The investigation led to Chesser's arrest and murder charge after his dismembered remains were found at the apartment. Police are still searching for Mr Story's severed head.

"It was a confronting scene for police and emergency services personnel as Julian's body had been dismembered."

Julian's head had been removed during the dismemberment and, despite extensive searches, has not yet been located," South Australia Police said in a statement Friday.

Police believe he was killed around midnight on Tuesday, June 17.

A witness reported seeing smoke coming from the apartment and approached Chesser, who claimed she was doing nothing. She then took her dogs for a walk and locked the door. Police released surveillance footage showing a woman,

believed to be Chesser, dressed in black and walking with three dogs, just hours after the alleged murder on June 17, around midnight.

Police are urging residents to review their surveillance or dashcam footage to aid in the ongoing investigation.

"I can only imagine, and I want you to imagine, the grief this news is causing Julian's family. Recovering Julian's head to return it to his family so they can have a peaceful outcome, have a funeral and lay him to rest is a really important aspect for us," Detective Superintendent Darren Fielke added.

She was taken into custody after police found her in a catatonic and unresponsive state in the backyard of the crime scene, according to court documents. Mr Fielke said there was no obvious motive at this stage, and Chesser was cooperative at the time of the arrest, the ABC reported.

A spokesperson for Mr Story's family said they were "navigating an unimaginable loss" as they thanked police and first responders for their "compassion and professionalism during this devastating time".