

Elon Musk's Starlink Reports Service Outage, Internet Down For Users

Elon Musk's satellite internet service Starlink is experiencing a service outage, according to a message on its website on Monday.

"Starlink is currently experiencing a service outage. Our team is investigating," the notice said, without providing further details.

Outage tracking website Downdetector reported that more than 43,000 users in the United States were affected as of 12:35 a.m. ET (0435 GMT).

Starlink, operated by Musk's SpaceX, provides internet services via a constellation of low-Earth orbit satellites and is used in remote areas and conflict zones globally.

SpaceX did not immediately respond to a Reuters' request for comment.

Nuclear-Armed State Status Permanently Enshrined, Irreversible: North Korea

SOUTH KOREA: North Korea said its status as a nuclear-armed state is "permanently enshrined" in its law and "irreversible", state media reported Monday, condemning the United States for demanding its denuclearisation.

"Recently, at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors, the US once again committed a grave political provocation by branding our possession of nuclear weapons as illegal and clamouring about denuclearisation," the North's UN mission said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

The status of North Korea "as a nuclear-armed state, enshrined permanently in the nation's supreme and fundamental law, has become irreversible", the statement said, noting the country has not had "official relations" with the nuclear watchdog for more than 30 years.

The IAEA has "neither the legal authority nor the moral justification to interfere in the internal affairs of a nuclear-armed state that exists outside the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty", it said.

North Korea withdrew from the IAEA in 1994 after a standoff over nuclear inspections, claiming the agency was being used by Washington to infringe on its sovereignty.

Pyongyang will "firmly oppose and reject any attempt to alter the current status of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and, as a responsible nuclear-armed state", the statement added, using the official name of North Korea.

The statement follows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's visit to weapons research facilities last week, where he said Pyongyang "would put forward the policy of simultaneously pushing forward the building of nuclear forces and conventional armed forces."

Since a failed summit with the United States in 2019 on denuclearisation, North Korea has repeatedly said it will never give up its nuclear weapons.

UN Nuclear Watchdog Urges Implementation Of New Deal With Iran

The UN atomic watchdog's chief called Monday for the implementation of a cooperation framework it struck last week with Iran, saying it was essential to "restore confidence" after the agency's work was halted. Iran agreed to the deal with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Cairo, after it suspended cooperation following its war with Israel in June. The 12-day war saw Israeli and US strikes on key Iranian nuclear facilities, which IAEA inspectors have not been able to access since. Addressing the opening day of the agency's annual General Conference, IAEA chief Rafael Grossi said it was now to implement the deal "to restore confidence" and allow the agency "to continue our work in spite of all these difficulties".

New York Governor Endorses Zohran Mamdani In Mayoral Race



New York Governor Kathy Hochul has endorsed Democratic nominee Zohran Mamdani for mayor of New York City, a key affirmation for the 33-year-old frontrunner whose candidacy hasn't yet been fully embraced by members of his own party.

"Tonight I am endorsing Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani," Hochul wrote in an opinion piece published by the New York Times on Sunday.

"Zohran Mamdani and I will both be fearless in confronting the president's extreme agenda - with urgency, conviction, and the defiance that defines New York," she wrote.

The decision is a blow to incumbent Mayor Eric Adams and former Governor Andrew Cuomo, both of whom are running against Mamdani - a democratic socialist - in the general election on independent ballot lines. Bloomberg has reported that Adams is weighing the future of his campaign as polls show him

consistently in fourth place behind Mamdani, Cuomo and Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa.

Mamdani shocked the city's establishment by rising from relative obscurity to defeat Cuomo in the Democratic primary. He campaigned on sweeping affordability measures, including freezing rents for millions of New Yorkers, offering free child care and establishing city-run grocery stores.

His bold platform has unnerved Wall Street and business leaders, however, because he plans to raise corporate and wealth taxes to help fund it. But any increases in taxes or debt would require state approval, and Hochul has said she doesn't want to raise levies. President Donald Trump has frequently disparaged Mamdani, once calling him a "communist lunatic."

Hochul said in her piece Sunday that she and Mamdani have had their "disagreements" and that

she has emphasized to him the importance of ensuring strong leadership at the helm of the New York Police Department and that officers get whatever resources they need to keep the city safe. She also discussed with him the need to combat antisemitism urgently.

"I'm grateful to the Governor for her support in unifying our party," Mamdani said in a statement Sunday. "I look forward to fighting alongside her to continue her track record of putting money back in New Yorkers' pockets," he said.

Mamdani's candidacy has been met with a tepid reception from several top figures in his own party beyond Hochul. Neither of the New York's Senate Democrats, Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, nor House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, who represents a district in New York City, have publicly endorsed him.

"I didn't leave my conversations with him aligned on every issue," Hochul wrote. "But I am confident that he has the courage, urgency and optimism New York City needs to lead it through the challenges of this moment."

Republican lawmaker Elise Stefanik, who is weighing her own bid for New York governor, blasted Hochul's decision to endorse Mamdani.

"India Sells Everything To Us But Won't Buy Our Corn": Top US Official

N E W YORK/WASHINGTON: India brags about having 1.4 billion people but won't buy even a small amount of American corn, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has said, asserting that New Delhi must bring down its tariffs or face a "tough time" doing business with the US.

Lutnick made the comments during an interview on Saturday when he was asked whether the US is mismanaging "very valuable relationships" with "important allies" like India, Canada and Brazil with the tariffs imposed on these countries. "The relationship is one way, they sell to us and take advantage of us. They block us from their economy, and they sell to us while we are wide open for them to come in (and) take advantage," Lutnick said. "The president says, 'fair and reciprocal trade,' he added. "India brags that they have 1.4 billion people. Why won't 1.4 billion people buy one bushel of US corn? Doesn't that rub you the wrong way that they sell everything to us and they won't buy our corn. They put tariffs on everything," Lutnick said.

He added that President Donald Trump has said "bring down your tariffs, treat us the way we treat you". The commerce secretary further said "we've got to right years of wrong so we want a tariff going the other way until we fix this".

100 Days Later, US Federal Workers Navigate Wreckage From Musk's DOGE

UNITED STATES: Roughly 100 days after Elon Musk's dramatic departure from the Trump White House, federal workers are still grappling with the lasting damage from his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

The consequences of this unprecedented assault on the federal bureaucracy are expected to reverberate for years.

From his modest office in the executive building adjacent to the White House, Musk orchestrated an aggressive takeover of major government branches. His strategy was surgical yet devastating: deploy small teams of tech experts to systematically dismantle and disrupt the nation's more than 2 million-strong civil service.

The shock-and-awe campaign succeeded beyond expectations.

According to the Partnership for Public Service, a nonpartisan Washington-based NGO, nearly 200,000 civil servants have left the federal workforce so far.

For many of these workers -- including numerous military veterans -- the experience proved profoundly traumatic, with decades-long careers abruptly terminated and their life's work dismissed as meaningless waste.

Following Musk's very



public falling-out with President Trump this spring, DOGE has been largely dismantled. "Not much" remains of the original operation, explained Max Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service. "It's a little bit like Godzilla having flattened the city and left," Stier told AFP. "Godzilla is gone, but there's still a flattened city."

Musk himself now declares the US government "basically unfixable," having concluded that lawmakers from both parties will resist spending cuts that could alienate voters and donors. Most of DOGE's leadership followed Musk's exit, including Steve Davis, Musk's trusted lieutenant who led the teams that infiltrated government offices and computer systems to implement budget cuts.

However, some operatives remain embedded throughout the federal gov-

ernment, working as regular employees while continuing to exert influence: making their activities harder to monitor. "Don't misunderstand the lack of the loud face that was Elon Musk to think they have disappeared," warned one Pentagon worker, speaking anonymously to avoid retaliation. "DOGE is still alive and causing a ruckus." Several prominent Musk allies maintain significant positions. Joe Gebbia, Airbnb co-founder and Tesla board member, now oversees the redesign of government websites. Aram Moghaddassi serves as chief information officer at the Social Security Administration, though a whistleblower has accused his team of uploading a critical database to a vulnerable cloud server, potentially exposing hundreds of millions of Americans' personal information to hackers.

"Radicalised Online": Utah Authorities Say Charlie Kirk's Killer Not Cooperating

WASHINGTON: Family and friends of the 22-year-old accused of fatally shooting conservative activist Charlie Kirk described his politics as veering left in recent years as he spent large amounts of time scrolling the "dark corners of the internet," Utah Governor Spencer Cox said Sunday.

Investigators were still piecing together information about the suspect, Tyler Robinson, and were not yet ready to discuss a potential motive. But Cox noted that Robinson, who is not cooperating with law enforcement, disliked Kirk and may have been "radicalised" online.

Kirk founded Turning Point USA to bring more young, conservative evangelical Christians into politics as effective activists, and he was a confidant of President Donald Trump, leading to a flood of tributes that included a vigil Sunday night at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

Kirk, a 31-year-old father of two, became prominent in part through his speaking tours, and he was shot Wednesday while speaking



at Utah Valley University.

"There clearly was a leftist ideology," Cox said on NBC's "Meet the Press," citing interviews with Robinson's relatives and acquaintances. "Friends have confirmed that there was kind of that deep, dark internet, the Reddit culture, and these other dark places of the internet where this person was going deep."

He pointed to references found engraved on the ammunition used to kill Kirk, which included anti-fascist and meme-culture language. Court records show that one bullet casing had the message, "Hey, fascist! Catch!"

A Republican who has called on all partisans to tone down their rhetoric follow-

ing the attack, the governor added, "I really don't have a dog in this fight. If this was a radicalised MAGA person, I'd be saying that as well."

Cox stressed on several Sunday morning news shows that investigators are still trying to pin down a motive for the attack on Kirk, a Trump confidant. The governor said more information may come out once Robinson appears in court on Tuesday.

Cox said the suspect's partner was transgender, which some politicians have pointed to as a sign Robinson was targeting Kirk for his anti-transgender views. But authorities have not said whether it is relevant as they investigate Robinson's motive.

"The roommate was a romantic partner, a male transitioning to female," Cox said. "I can say that he has been incredibly cooperative, this partner has been very cooperative, had no idea that this was happening."

Investigators have spoken to Robinson's relatives and carried out a search warrant at his family's home in Washington, Utah, about 240 miles (390 kilometres) southwest of Utah Valley University. State records show Robinson is registered to vote but not affiliated with a political party and is listed as inactive, meaning he did not vote in the two most recent general elections. His parents are registered Republicans.

Robinson grew up around St. George, in the southwestern corner of Utah, between Las Vegas and natural landmarks including Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, known widely as the Mormon church, at a young age, church spokesperson Doug Andersen said.

US Backs "Constructive Role" By Qatar In Mediating In Gaza: Rubio To Israel

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told Israel on Monday that the United States backed the "constructive role" by Qatar in mediating in Gaza, after an Israeli strike on the Gulf state against Hamas.

President Donald Trump and Rubio have both said they opposed the attack last week on Qatar, which is home to the largest US air base in the Middle East.

Asked what he told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Rubio said, "We are focused on what happens now, what happens next, what role can Qatar play possibly in reaching an outcome" to end the Gaza war.

"We're going to continue to encourage Qatar to play a constructive role in that regard," Rubio told a joint news conference with Netanyahu.

Netanyahu defended the Israeli strike against Hamas, which carried out the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel.

"We assume full responsibility for it because we believe that terrorists should not be given a haven and the people who planned the worst massacre of the Jewish people since the Holocaust cannot have immunity," Netanyahu said.

He compared the strike to how the US military acted "very boldly" after the September 11, 2001, with its war on Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and the 2011 raid



into Pakistan that killed attack mastermind Osama bin Laden.

"Those countries that are condemning Israel today did not come and say, well, what a terrible thing was done, the sovereignty of Pakistan was violated, the sovereignty of Afghanistan was violated," Netanyahu said.

"You don't have such a sovereignty when you are effectively giving a base to terrorists," he said.

Before the October 7 attack, Israel as well as the United States reportedly had quietly encouraged Qatar's role including its transfer of millions of dollars to Hamas in hopes of maintaining stability in Gaza.

Israel and the United States also viewed Qatar, with its close relationship with Washington, as a better place to keep an eye on Hamas and prevent the militants from basing themselves in Iran, whose clerical state openly backs the group.

Donald Trump And King Charles: Heads Of State With Opposing Personalities

United Kingdom: Donald Trump may adore Britain's royal family but the brash US leader could not be more different from King Charles III, a passionate environmentalist who is always strait-laced in public.

The monarch is 76 years old, the president 79. They are both wealthy, previously divorced and love Scotland, where Trump's mother was born and Charles spends many holidays.

But there the similarities appear to end, making for strange bedfellows when the king hosts Trump in Britain this week for an unprecedented second state visit.

Trump, a Republican, has described himself as "a big fan" of the politically neutral royal family, including Charles's son and heir to the throne Prince William, and his wife Catherine.

"I've got to know a lot of the family members. They are really great people," Trump said during a visit to his two golf resorts in Scotland in July.

He has acknowledged that he and Charles "have different views" but that they still "get along".

"I think he's a really wonderful guy, we get along, he was a little bit more into environmental restriction than I am," Trump told the right-wing TV channel GB

News last year.

The environment, for which the king has long been a keen advocate, is not the only issue where they have diverged.

Charles received Volodymyr Zelensky at his Sandringham country retreat in early March, just days after the Ukrainian president's humiliating dressing-down by Trump at the White House.

It was seen as a symbolic show of support for Zelensky.

The king also subtly defended the sovereignty of Canada, of which he is head of state, after Trump raised the prospect of making the United States's neighbour the 51st state.

"Democracy, pluralism, the rule of law, self-determination and freedom are values which Canadians hold dear, and ones which the government is determined to protect," Charles said during a speech opening the Canadian parliament in May.

He made the 24-hour trip despite still receiving treatment for cancer.

The king is the head of the Church of England, the mother church of global Anglicanism, but sees it as his "duty" to protect religious diversity across the United Kingdom.

"Don't Want Them To Buy Russian Oil": Trump Asks Europe To Sanction Moscow



WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has accused Europe of buying Russian oil and said the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies were going soft on Moscow, despite the ongoing war in Ukraine.

He urged the European allies to "toughen up their sanctions" on Russia, along with the United States.

"Europe is buying oil from Russia. I don't want them to buy oil - and the sanctions that they're putting on are not tough enough," Trump told reporters.

The US President stressed that Washington was willing to impose tougher sanctions on

Moscow, only if Europe acts in a way 'commensurate' with the United States.

"I'm willing to do sanctions, but they're going to have to toughen up their sanctions commensurate with what I'm doing," he said.

"Just to clarify, you wouldn't move ahead until NATO moves ahead. Well, I'm ready to move ahead, but they have to do it. But right now they're talking and they're not doing. Look, they're buying oil from Russia. We're not buying oil from Russia. They're buying a lot of oil from Russia. That's not the deal."

Trump's Sanction Threat

Trump has repeatedly threatened Russia with additional sanctions --

including last weekend after the Kremlin unleashed its biggest-ever aerial barrage against Ukraine -- as a way to hit revenue Moscow needs for its grinding war. But so far, he has failed to follow through, frustrating Kyiv.

The Republican leader, who met his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, last month at a summit in Alaska, has branded NATO nations' purchase of Russian oil "shocking" and said it weakens their bargaining power over Moscow.

"Anyway, I am ready to 'go' when you are. Just say when," he said last week.

Trump also raised the prospect of NATO imposing tariffs on China, which is believed to have boosted strategic cooperation with Moscow and held a high-profile summit with Putin recently in Beijing.

"I believe that (NATO sanctions on Russia), plus NATO, as a group, placing 50% to 100% TARIFFS ON CHINA, to be fully withdrawn after the WAR with Russia and Ukraine is ended, will also be of great help in ENDING this deadly, but RIDICULOUS, WAR," Trump said.

2 Utah Men Arrested For "Threat Of Terrorism" Days After Charlie Kirk Shooting

Washington: The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has detained two men after an explosive device was found under a news media vehicle in Utah's Salt Lake City. Adeb Nasir, 58, and Adil Justice Ahme Nasir, 31, allegedly planted a bomb underneath the news van, sparking a massive evacuation and federal probe.

The incident came days after conservative political activist Charlie Kirk was fatally shot while at an event at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

The bomb squad reportedly responded to a suspicious device placed under the media vehicle parked next to an occupied building in Magna on Friday. They determined it to be a real explosive device, which was lit but "failed to function as designed," CBS reported, citing the arrest affidavit.

The type of device used and its location near a high footfall area prompted the FBI to take over the jurisdiction of the case, as it was considered a significant threat to public safety, according to a report by Fox 13.

In less than two days,

federal authorities traced the threat back to the Nasirs, who were arrested at their home in Magna. They were charged with offences of manufacturing or possessing a weapon of mass destruction, threat of terrorism, attempted aggravated arson, and possessing or removing incendiary items and their parts.

During a search of their residence, authorities uncovered several hoax weapons of mass destruction, illegal drugs and two firearms, which Nasirs weren't permitted to own as restricted persons with known narcotics use, according to arrest documents.

During questioning, the suspects asserted that the weapons found in their house were real, prompting a speedy evacuation of the neighbourhood, while law enforcement authorities on site worked to properly dispose of the devices. However, later, the items were determined to be fake.

According to the Salt Lake City Police Department, both men had protective orders that prohibit them from possessing firearms.