

China adopts highly responsible approach in managing US ties: expert 'China, US will continue to maintain communication' as Trump delays visit

By Wang Qi

"Head-of-state diplomacy plays an irreplaceable role in providing strategic guidance to bilateral relations. China and the US will continue to maintain communication on President Trump's visit to China," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said at a regular press conference on Wednesday, in response to a media inquiry on China's response to US President Donald Trump confirming the delay of his trip to Beijing.

NBC News reported earlier that Trump told reporters on Tuesday local time "we're resetting the meeting, and it looks like it'll take place in about five weeks." Later he said five or six weeks.

One day earlier, during a press briefing on Tuesday, spokesperson Lin addressed multiple inquiries regarding time of US leader's China visit, saying that China and the US remain in communication on Trump's visit to China, including the dates.

On Monday, the US President told media that he had requested a delay of about a month [for the visit] because of the demands of the war in the Middle

East, per the Associated Press (AP) report.

Previously, in an interview with the Financial Times on Sunday, Trump said he could delay the US-China leaders' summit in Beijing as he presses China to help unlock the Strait of Hormuz. However, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told media on Monday that any changes to the schedule would be because of logistics, not because Washington was trying to pressure Beijing.

International media have paid close attention to Trump's planned visit to China. The BBC suggested the war in Middle East was the reason of postponement, saying that "the war against Iran has eclipsed most of Trump's other foreign policy priorities." Al Jazeera also mentioned Trump's remarks as the war against Iran extends into its third week and the Strait of Hormuz remains closed to almost all global shipping.

Meanwhile, some US media outlets have been amplifying an atmosphere of friction between China and the US, speculating that President Trump's postponement of his visit to China could turn out to be advantageous for China.

Regarding the delay of the visit, a

New York Times report claimed that it could be in China's interests. And "if the war drags on, added pressure on Washington could mean more leverage for China." Bloomberg views the postponement as "a likely welcome development for Beijing, even as it threatens to inject new uncertainty into ties between the world's two largest economies."

The Chinese Foreign Ministry's recent remarks reflect a highly responsible, constructive and strategically oriented stance in managing US ties, Li Haidong, a professor at China Foreign Affairs University, told the Global Times.

The delay stems primarily from uncertainties on the US, rather than any issue originating from China. The so-called "in China's interests" narrative is, to a large extent, more a form of sarcasm directed at the White House, Li said.

Furthermore, such description reveals a zero-sum mindset prevalent in some US media coverage, which tends to amplify friction between China and the US while ignoring areas of cooperation, according to Li. "Such interpretations are one-sided, unconstructive, and do not accurately reflect the reality of China-US relations," Li said.

Iran revenges fiercely following killing of top security chief as Middle East crisis deepens

By Fan Anqi and Li Yu

Iran lashed out following the killing of Ali Larijani, the country's top security chief, with attacks on Israel on Wednesday, using some of its latest missiles to evade air defenses and killing two near Tel Aviv as the war in the Middle East showed no signs of slowing.

The Iranian government on Tuesday confirmed the killing of Larijani. Iran's Supreme National Security Council, which Larijani led as secretary, said Larijani's son and his deputy were also killed in the Israeli attack on Monday night, according to Reuters. On Wednesday, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian confirmed Israeli killing of Intelligence Minister Esmaeil Khatib.

Following the death of Larijani, Pezeshkian issued a strongly worded message, vowing retaliation and describing the loss as deeply painful. He warned that those responsible would face severe consequences.

Liu Zhongmin, a professor at the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai International Studies University, told the Global Times on Wednesday that a distinctive new feature of the US-Israeli war on Iran is the continuous strikes against Iran's military and political leaders. This approach will further inflame Iranians' resistance, compressing the space for diplomatic negotiations even more.

Liu said that more radical political forces may gain greater room to maneuver, even prompting Iran to intensify its counterattacks against the US and Israel, making a political resolution to the conflict increasingly difficult.

In a statement shared by Iran's Tasnim news agency on Wednesday, Iranian authorities said five facilities in Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar "will be targeted in the coming hours," per Al Jazeera.

Marking a collective effort to contain the fallout and chart a path toward de-escalation before the crisis deepens further, Saudi Arabia is hosting an emergency gathering of Arab and Islamic foreign ministers in Riyadh on Wednesday to discuss ways of bolstering regional security and stability, reported the Arab News, noting that the joint US-Israeli strike on Iran and Tehran's waves of missile and drone attacks targeting Gulf states have plunged the Middle East into its deepest security crisis in years.

Mercosur-EU cooperation

Brazilian Vice President Geraldo Alckmin greets Senate President Davi Alcolumbre, alongside Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira, during a session of the National Congress in Brasilia, Brazil, on March 17, 2026. The Brazilian Congress enacted the legislative decree ratifying the free trade agreement between Mercosur and the EU, signed on January 17 in Asuncion, Paraguay, by the governments of the two blocs after more than two decades of negotiations. Photo: VCC



US tech firms seek curbs on Chinese robot makers over alleged 'security risks'; experts slam claims

By GT staff reporters

Confronted with China's remarkable advances in humanoid robot technology, American tech executives are seemingly on edge. Instead of engaging in fair competition, they resort to their old trick of smearing Chinese products.

US artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics firms have pushed lawmakers to take action

against Chinese robot manufacturers – singling out Unitree Robotics – using excuse of rising competition and so-called national security concerns, according to media reports and a congressional hearing record released Tuesday local time.

The participants, including executives from Scale AI and Boston Dynamics, called on the government to take steps such as examining alleged "na-

tional security risks" linked to Chinese robot manufacturers, extending export controls to AI inference chips, and potentially restricting federal agencies from procuring certain Chinese AI and robotics technologies, per the record.

Ma Jihua, a veteran industrial analyst, told the Global Times that remarks from the US industry players reflect anxiety, envy and a defensive

mindset, as well as abuse of national security claims to target Chinese firms. "Some industry players are invoking so-called security concerns as a means to attack competitors amid declining competitiveness, rather than enhancing their own capabilities," he said.

Zhou Mi, a senior researcher at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, told the

Global Times that US concerns stem from both a lack of confidence in its domestic robotics industry and the perception of China's rapid advances in robotics as a threat to their competitiveness, as well as efforts to safeguard its profits and technological leadership.

