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Shenzhou-20 crew unpacks new spacesuits

After three months in orbit, the Shenzhou-20 crew reported progress on Monday, including unpacking new spacesuits from the Tianzhou-9 cargo mission **4**

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NEVs provide driving force for robust July auto export growth

China's automobile exports hit 575,000 units in July, with new-energy vehicles (NEVs) driving the growth, data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) showed on Monday **11**

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China's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Fu Cong speaks at a United Nations Security Council meeting on the situation in the Middle East at United Nations Headquarters in New York on August 10, 2025. Photo: VCG

► China puts forward four 'musts' at UNSC meeting

Israel's Gaza City takeover plan slammed as risking calamity

By Wang Qi

The UN Security Council (UNSC) held an emergency meeting on Israel's plan for its security forces to take control of Gaza City, according to the UN's website, following the approval of the Israeli security cabinet's plan to take over Gaza City on August 8. Despite the US' constant support for Israel,

China, Russia, and an increasing number of countries have publicly condemned Israel's military operations in the Gaza Strip.

Analysts said on Monday that Israel's military plan for Gaza seriously threatens the foundation of peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, namely the two-State solution. Additionally, the deteriorating

living conditions of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the escalating humanitarian crisis are subjecting Israel to growing diplomatic and public opinion pressure.

At the UNSC emergency meeting held on Sunday local time, Fu Cong, Chinese ambassador to the UN, said the conflict in Gaza is an "unprecedented humanitarian disaster," warning that the situation continues to develop in an even more dangerous direction.

Fu put forward four "musts" on resolving the conflict: Israel's attempt to occupy Gaza must be firmly opposed; the fallacy of believing in the primacy of force must be abandoned; the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza must be al-

leviated; and the international community must take effective measures to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza.

Nvidia, AMD reportedly to pay 15% of China chip revenues to US

By Zhang Weilan

Nvidia and AMD have reportedly agreed to share a portion of their sales revenue from China of certain chips as part of an unusual arrangement with the US administration in order to obtain export licenses to the Chinese market, the Financial Times (FT) reported on Monday.

This arrangement is considered "unprecedented," as export control experts have never seen US companies agree to pay a portion of their income to secure export licenses, according to the FT report. According to sources including a US official, Nvidia has agreed to share 15 percent of its revenue from sales of its H20 chips in China, with AMD doing the same for its MI308 chips.

Asked to comment on reports that Nvidia and AMD have agreed to give the US government 15 percent of their revenues from chip sales in China, Lin Jian, a spokesperson from the Chinese Foreign Ministry, said on Monday that China has made its position clear more than once on the US export of chips to China.

In a separate question about US export controls on high-bandwidth memory (HBM) chips, Lin said that "China's position on opposing the politicization and weaponization of tech and trade issues, and on malicious blockade and suppression against China, is consistent and clear. Such practices disrupt the stability of global industrial and supply chains and are in no one's interests."

Washington initially barred chip sales to China in the name of so-called "national security," but according to the FT

► Hukou water marvel



Tourists enjoy the magnificent wonder of Hukou Waterfall on the Yellow River on August 11, 2025, in Yichuan county, Yan'an of Northwest China's Shaanxi Province. The water, carrying mud and sand, roared and churned, creating a sky full of mist and an awe-inspiring spectacle. Photo: VCG

Divisions grow between US, Europe over conflict: expert

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leviated; and the prospect of the two-state solution must be revived.

Fu said China is concerned with Israel's security cabinet approval of a plan to take over Gaza City and urges Israel to immediately stop such dangerous actions. "Gaza belongs to the Palestinian people and is an inseparable part of Palestinian territory. Any attempt to alter the population or territorial structure of Gaza must be resolutely rejected," Fu said.

Growing criticism

The UK, Denmark, France, Greece and Slovenia issued a joint statement asking Israel "to urgently reverse this decision and not to implement" the plan, saying it violates international law, Al Jazeera reported.

In a separate statement, Spain, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Portugal and Slovenia warned that Israel seizing Gaza would be "a major obstacle to implementing the two-state solution, the only path toward a comprehensive, just and lasting peace."

Germany said it could not actively support Israel's plan to expand military operations in Gaza and displace of Palestinians.

The plan to seize Gaza City has also drawn criticism at home, with opposition leader Yair Lapid calling it a politically motivated disaster that endangers lives and undermines Israel's security, according to Anadolu Ajansi's report on August 8.

Israel's Gaza plan seeks to undermine the Palestinian Authority's effective control over the Gaza Strip and the West Bank by maintaining a prolonged occupation of Gaza City,

thereby impeding the establishment of a Palestinian State, Liu Zhongmin, a professor at the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai International Studies University, told the Global Times on Monday.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Monday announced that his country will move to formally recognize the state of Palestine at the United Nations General Assembly next month, in unison with France, the UK and Canada.

On the other hand, Wang Jin, an associate professor at the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies at Northwest University in Xi'an, believes that in the medium to long term, the Palestinian Authority is poised to secure broader international recognition, which will bolster the global consensus on the Palestinian-Israeli issue and reinforce principled support for the two-state solution.

Among the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, the US continues to endorse Israel alone.

Dorothy Shea, the US envoy to the UN, said UN members "have taken advantage of today's meeting" to accuse Israel of genocide, "an allegation she insists is 'demonstrably false,'" the BBC reported.

While the US aims to alleviate its strategic burdens in the Middle East and capitalize on the region's strategic benefits, its permissive approach toward Israel negatively impacts efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Wang said.

"There are increasing divisions between Europe and the US on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the US approach would significantly damage its international reputation," Liu noted.

More attacks

Casualties are increasing as the military offensive progresses. Medics say Israeli forces have killed at least 52 other Palestinians in attacks across the Gaza Strip on Sunday, says Al Jazeera. Al Jazeera on Monday also confirmed that its journalist Anas al-Sharif was killed alongside four colleagues in a targeted Israeli strike on a tent housing journalists in Gaza City. The media network said that it "condemns in the strongest terms the targeted assassination of its correspondents."

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) later said it had killed Anas al-Sharif in Gaza City in a strike, claiming that he was affiliated with Hamas, according to Xinhua. However, in a statement, the Committee to Protect Journalists, which in July urged the international community to protect al-Sharif, said Israel had provided no evidence to support its allegations against him, Reuters reported.

The media office in Gaza has said that the deliberate killing of five Al Jazeera employees has brought the total number of journalists killed by Israel since the war began to 237.

Asked to comment on the Israel's operation, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said on Monday that we mourn for the correspondents who tragically lost their lives in the conflict.

China opposes all moves that harm civilians and condemn violent moves targeting correspondents. China urges Israel to stop its military operation in Gaza at once, fully resume access to humanitarian supplies, avoid humanitarian crisis of a greater scale, and cool down the situation as soon as possible, Lin said.

Move aims to pressure chip makers through economic leverage: expert

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report it will now pocket 15 percent of sales revenues on Nvidia and AMD's China shipments. If the report is confirmed, it shows the US ban has quietly morphed into a tollbooth: pay up and you may pass, Ma Jihua, a veteran telecom industry observer, told the Global Times on Monday.

This approach means that the US is now pressuring US chip makers to secure export licenses to China through economic leverage. It can be seen that the US permits these exports solely to serve its own interests, Ma said.

This tactic not only undermines the core principles of free trade, but also unbalances the traditional relationship between government and business, the expert said.

The H2O chip was developed by Nvidia specifically for the Chinese market following strict export controls imposed by the Biden administration on more advanced chips used in AI. The company's resumption of its H2O shipments reversed a previous ban on H2O sales that was placed in April by the Trump administration.

The revenue deal has sparked concerns among some US officials and experts. Lisa Tobin, a former China expert who served on the National Security Council in the first Trump administration, criticized the decision, suggesting that it turns export licenses into a source of income for Washington and questioning what might come next, according to the FT report on Monday.

Irreplaceable importance of Chinese market

While the US continues to seek to maintain its technological edge through restrictions, China's market and innovation capabilities remain a powerful force that cannot be overlooked. For American tech companies, navigating this landscape requires striking a delicate balance between compliance with US government's rules or policies and seizing the opportunities presented by China's vast and growing market, according to Xiang Ligang, a Chinese telecom industry expert.

The US imposition of export restrictions on high-tech products to China puts American tech companies in a dilemma. On one hand, they face limitations; on the other, they cannot ignore the immense importance and attractiveness of the Chinese market, Xiang said on Monday.

The unusual 15 percent arrangement highlights the significance of the Chinese market for US chip manufacturers, said Ma, adding that China's semiconductor market is poised for further growth, driven by sustained market demand, ongoing technological innovation, supportive policies and enhancements in domestic capacity.

Even under the shadow of the US export restrictions, Nvidia founder and CEO Jensen Huang visited China for a third time in July. Huang announced that the company had obtained US approval to resume exporting H2O chips to Chinese customers. The company will begin shipments soon, Huang said.

"The Chinese market is massive, dynamic, and highly innovative, and it's also home to many AI researchers," Huang said, according to China Central Television (CCTV). "Therefore, it is indeed crucial for American companies to establish roots in the Chinese market."

Although policy uncertainty continues, Nvidia's moves underscored the company's eagerness to maintain its market share in China amid US government restrictions and rising competition, and indicated the irreplaceability of the China market to Nvidia, Xiang said.

