



The US Bumpy Trade Relations with China-VIII

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<p>Trump says US and China to resume trade talks BBC News</p>	<p>"China called last night... said let's get back to the table. So we'll be getting back to the table," Trump said. China said it was unaware of any recent telephone call with the US on trade.</p>
<p>Donald Trump on US-China trade: 'Sorry, it's the way I negotiate' Money Control</p>	<p>President Donald Trump on August 26 defended the way he is trying to squeeze a trade deal out of China, saying it's what worked for him in business. Trump was challenged on a negotiating style in which he praises Chinese President Xi Jinping one day and castigates him the next.</p>
<p>US-China trade war escalation seen moving global recession risk closer to tipping point South China Morning Post</p>	<p>The latest tit-for-tat trade tariff increases by China and the US on Friday are a further sign that a near-term resolution of the trade war is unlikely, pushing the global economy closer to tipping into a severe slowdown, with a recession in America and a sharper-than-expected slowdown in the mainland.</p>
<p>US investment in China rises despite trade war, says consultancy Financial Times</p>	<p>US companies invested \$6.8bn into China in the first half of the year, up 1.5 per cent from the average during the same period over the past two years, according to the Rhodium Group, a consultancy. Most of that total went into greenfield projects (PayWall), such as electric vehicle maker Tesla's factory in Shanghai, which will be the first wholly foreign-owned auto plant in China.</p>
<p>Mnuchin: If China agreed to a fair relationship, we'd sign that deal 'in a second' CNBC</p>	<p>"We do not have free trade with them," American Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Sunday on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting in France. "It's a one way street: They have free entrance into our markets, our investments, our companies and we do not have the same thing there. That's the only reason why we are in this situation with China. If China would agree to a fair and balanced relationship, we would sign that deal in a second," he added.</p>
<p>Us-China Trade War: Trump asks American Companies to look for an alternative to China First Post</p>	<p>Trump fired off on Twitter, declaring American companies "are hereby ordered to immediately start looking for an alternative to China." He later clarified that he was threatening to make use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act in the trade war.</p>

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<p>Latest Round in Trade War Set to Hit U.S. Vehicles, Agriculture The Wall Street Journal</p>	<p>Major car companies will be hit particularly hard by the increase in tariffs, particularly Tesla Inc. and Ford Motor Co., as well as Germany's BMW AG and Daimler AG 's Mercedes-Benz. These companies build a significant number of vehicles in the U.S. for export to China.</p> <p>"For American farmers, every week the trade-war pain gets compounded," said a statement from Farmers for Free Trade, a coalition of agriculture producers. "This latest escalation means even higher barriers into a market that not long ago was our second-largest ag export destination."</p>
<p>China's Yuan Hits 11-Year Low Amid Trade Tensions NDTV</p>	<p>China's currency on Monday slid to its lowest point in more than 11 years as concerns over the US trade war and the potential for global recession weighed on markets. The onshore yuan fell to 7.1487 to the US dollar, its weakest point since early 2008, in Asian trading.</p>
<p>US President Trump hits China with \$250 billion of new tariffs as trade war escalates CNBC</p>	<p>"Starting on October 1st, the 250 BILLION (US) DOLLARS of goods and products from China, currently being taxed at 25 percent, will be taxed at 30 percent," Trump said in a statement to the White House press corp. "Additionally, the remaining 300 BILLION (US) DOLLARS of goods and products from China, that was being taxed from September 1st at 10 percent, will now be taxed at 15 per cent.</p>