

Kim Jong-Un will truly regret threats to US and allies: Trump

WASHINGTON, AUG 12/--/US President Donald Trump has again issued a stern warning to North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un, saying he will "truly regret" any hostile acts against any American territory or ally.

He warned that the US will take action against Kim's regime "if the threat becomes a threat, in the form of an overt threat which, by the way, he has been uttering for years, and his family has been uttering for years".

The warning comes after Kim threatened the US this week to fire missiles at Guam after the US sponsored a resolution imposing new economic sanctions on Pyongyang over its missile and nuclear weapons programmes.

Trump also said that if Kim does anything with respect to Guam, or any place else that's an American territory or an American ally, he will "truly regret it and he will regret it fast".

Earlier in the day, the US President said military solutions against the nuclear-armed North Korean regime were "locked and loaded" for use if Pyongyang acted "unwisely". "Military solutions are now fully in place, locked and loaded, should North Korea act unwisely. Hopefully (North Korean leader) Kim Jong Un will find another path," he tweeted.

Pentagon officials were quoted by Fox News as saying that the US military stands ready to "fight to-night" on the Korean Peninsula.

Trump also met with his national security team and told reporters he's still hoping for a



U.S. President Donald Trump speaks to reporters after meeting with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson (L), U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley (2nd R) and National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster (R) at Trump's golf estate in Bedminster, New Jersey—REUTERS

"peaceful solution". "Hopefully it will all work out," he said. "Nobody loves a peaceful solution better than President Trump, that I can tell you". The president made the comments after meeting with UN ambassador Nikki Haley, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and national security adviser H.R. McMaster.

Trump defended his stand against North Korea and claimed that Americans are happy with his remarks.

"Hopefully they (North Korea) will understand exactly what I said and the meaning of those words.

Those words are very, very easy to understand," the president said.

He said he does not want to talk about back channel talks with North Koreans as being reported by some media outlets.

"We don't want to talk about progress, we don't want to talk about backchannels. We want to talk about a country that has misbehaved for many many years, decades actually, through numerous administrations and they didn't want to take on the issue and I had no choice but to take it on, and I'm taking it on," he said. Tillerson said

that the President prefers a diplomatic solution. "I think it takes a combined message there for everyone to get effective movement out of the regime in North Korea. I think what the president's doing is trying to support our efforts by making sure North Korea understands what the stakes are," he said.

Trump said he is returning to Washington on Monday for an important meeting and a press conference.

Responding to a question, Trump said he has not heard the North Korean leader say anything in the last three days.

ISIS 'outsources' terror attacks to Pak-based outfits: UN report

UNITED NATIONS, AUG 12/--/The Islamic State terror group enlists "partners of convenience" in Afghanistan and "outsources" terror attacks to Pakistan-based outfits like the Lashkar-i-Jhangvi and Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, according to a UN report. The 20th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team was submitted to the UN Security Council Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee here.

It said that in South Asian and Afghanistan, the group continues to compete with the Islamic State, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), for dominance over terrorist groups in the region. The report said the current leader of al-Qaeda, alman al-Zawahiri "is still assumed" to be in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region. "ISIL in Afghanistan tends to enlist partners of convenience and 'outsources' terrorist attacks to other groups such as Lashkar-i-Jhangvi, and Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan splinter group," the report said.

It said that the al-Qaeda core and its regional affiliates continue to actively cooperate with the Afghan Taliban in return for sanctuary and operating space. "By embedding

itself within the Taliban movement, the Al-Qaeda core also aims to maintain local bases of influence as a part of the wider Afghan insurgency and receives operational support from the Taliban for its regional affiliate, Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS)," the report said. It cited a UN Member state, which informed the committee that AQIS comprises around 200 fighters, who operate as advisers and trainers of the Taliban in southern Afghanistan. Individuals associated with the Al-Qaeda core are active in Pakista, Pakiya, Khost, Kunar and Nuristan provinces of Afghanistan, the report said. It said that the ISIS core continues to fund the group in Afghanistan, noting that while sometimes the financial flows are robust, other times they run dry. "In the assessment of one Member State, ISIL in Afghanistan would not exist without support from the ISIL core. However, the ISIL core has instructed its affiliate in Afghanistan to begin to develop its own internal funding sources," the report said. Further, the Taliban, through the al-Qaeda core, continues to wield substantial influence over regional Al-Qaeda affiliates.

"Many Al-Qaeda-affiliated fighters from the Afghanistan-Pakistan border area have integrated into the Taliban, leading to a marked increase in the military capabilities of the movement," the report said, adding that currently more than 7,000 foreign terrorist fighters are fighting in Afghanistan for the Taliban and Al-Qaeda affiliates.

However, the report notes that under the order of the al-Qaeda core, several of the group's second-tier leaders had left South Asia for Syria "in line with the continued ambition of the Al-Qaeda core to play a more direct role in that ongoing conflict and use it to further its agenda". The report noted that in a video released in April this year, al-Zawahiri tried to inject Al-Qaeda ideology into the ongoing fight, with the aim of expanding its support base and rebuilding its regional network in the aftermath of a potential collapse of ISIL in Iraq and Syria. In the video, he directly addressed fighters in Syria, painting the Syrian conflict as part of the global fight against the "crusader enemy" and urging them to reject nationalist sentiment and wage a protracted guerrilla war against the Syrian government. (PTI)

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ARIES
If you are in the mood to be alone, go ahead and indulge, says Ganesha. No need for friends and no need for music. Push to the outskirts and mingle with nature. If you deal in money matters, says Ganesha, there may be some money coming your way.

TAURUS
You will notice significant development in your business

DEALINGS, PREDICTS GANESHA.
Your progress may slow down in the afternoon. Later in the day, financial opportunities will knock at your door. You will also make worthwhile progress in relationship matters, predicts Ganesha.

GEMINI
Today, you are likely to get some attractive offers on buying a new house, says Ganesha. The afternoon will be all about setting details, which will go on smoothly. You can be sure of success in joint ventures, but not if they include robbing a bank! You may attend classes in classical music or another such art form in the evening.

CANCER
Today, you will efficiently divide your time between business and pleasure, predicts Ganesha. You are looking forward to sealing big business deals and start new projects. If, indeed, you will raise your voice against discrimination and injustice.

LEO
Since when was a day complete without a little bit of a scruff and a small squabble? These are the same little situations that remind you just how better the alternative is. Ganesha portends a day in which you are fixated

GOOD LUCK

with a propensity for quarrels. So, it's advisable to shun any open confrontational work. Big good during the day because Ganesha foresees a particularly enjoyable evening in store for you. A new romance, perhaps? Or maybe even a run-in with a highly motivational soul mate. Either way, it's a deck of cards stacked only with joy and serene diplomatic surprises.

VIRGO
A roof, a cloth and two square meals a day is what you obviously provide for your family, but today, your thoughts will be burdened by how you can deliver the luxury too. Think on a new line at work today. You

may host your loved ones to a fabulous dinner in the evening, says Ganesha.

LIBRA
Ganesha sure hopes that you packed your kit right and are ready to take on anything, as today promises to be an action-packed day. Most of this action might concentrate around your family members. Towards the afternoon, you may begin to feel weighed down by household responsibilities. But on the upshot, look forward to a new relationship that might develop in the evening, says Ganesha.

SCORPIO
You shall be engaged with relationships

today. Wave your wand and rebuild bridges, says Ganesha. You might even be involved in some cloak-and-dagger stuff. You are likely to be cavalier and bold in all the moves you make. Ganesha sees you blazing a trail and winning your path to glory.

SAGITTARIUS
If games and sports are your choices, you may emerge a winner today, predicts Ganesha. You may come across few obstacles during the first part of the day. However, it does not bother you much. You're lucky enough to get cooperative colleagues as they may lend you a

helping hand in times of crisis.

CAPRICORN
Socialising on the cards, and with increasing the number of acquaintances will be the increase of your social out, says Ganesha. Later in the day, you will take to reading, and will find solace in holy places, where you would strive to improve your concentration power.

AQUARIUS
A romantic encounter may leave you breathless! Naturally, your whole day is tingled with hues of love. You will be in

no mood to work or study, but you just have to go along with the world. It's a bit of a waste of experience, and you may as well enjoy it, says Ganesha. You may want to be alone in the evening, and that's perfectly okay.

PISCES
You will need to be as scheming as the proverbial fox if you hope to wriggle out of the tricky situations that you are likely to find yourself embroiled in today. Keep your temper in check; things don't go your way initially, for the answers to your troubles will come sooner rather than later, says Ganesha.

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