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PDT TRUMP UPSET & MACRON REMOVES AMBIGUITIES AT NATO MEETING IN LONDON

MARKING 70th ANNIVERSARY 3 Dec

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USPA NEWS - NATO Leaders are meeting in London on December 3-4, to commemorate the 70TH anniversary, of the North Alliance Treaty Organisation. The summit kicked off in a tense atmosphere, as US President Trump came upset about what French President Macron comparing NATO to a sick organization « going brain dead ». President Macron answered straight forward to the journalists at the press conference : « I know that my statements created some reaction. I do stand by them." President Trump, expressed his anger, and used tough word vis a vis France, during a first press conference, on Tuesday 3 Dec morning. He announced a new threat new tax tariffs against French products to be exported to the USA, in reaction to the GAFA tax, installed after the G7 in Biarritz, and intuited by French President Macron. President Trump also complained about the US's defense contribution that is far higher than the other members, (about 2/3 of the total budget)

PRESIDENT TRUMP CHALLENGES STOLTENBERG ON MACRON'S STATEMENT SAYING THAT NATO IS « BRAIN DEAD »-----

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"You can't just go around making statements like that about NATO. It's very disrespectful." "It's a very tough statement to make when you have such difficulty in France," he added. Trump added that "nobody needs NATO more than France," without specifying why, and said "the one that benefits the least is the US."-----

During NATO joint press conference in London on Tuesday, US President Donald Trump challenged Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg by asking him what he thought of the statement by President Macron comparing NATO in the state of « brain death" as he stated arguing that the statement was "insulting" and "very, very nasty statement."?-----

SG Jens Stoltenberg answered President Trump : stated that "disagreements will always attract more attention" but that it is the nature of democratic nations. « Well, I "" that's not the case because, actually, NATO is active. NATO is agile. NATO is adapting. And we have just implemented the largest reinforcement of collective defense since the end of the Cold War, with high readiness of troops. For the first time in our history, we have combat-ready troops in the eastern part of the Alliance. European allies and Canada are investing more also in high-end capabilities, and we are stepping up the fight against terrorism. And we are, as an Alliance, for the first time also addressing the security implications of the rise of China. So the reality is that this Alliance has proven, once again, to be able to adapt, to change, responding to a changing world. So that's the reason why we are a success: the ability to change when the world is changing. »

PRESIDENT MACRON SAID THE REPORTERS « I STAND WITH MY STATEMENTS ABOUT NATO »AND REMOVED AMBIGUITIES WITH THE ALLIES-----

NATO's 70th-anniversary summit, coincides this year global leaders meeting, coincides with this tension between, French and US president, in one with respective statements, ahead of the meeting, to be held in Watford, a few miles in the countryside, away from London. In a joint press conference with Trump later on Tuesday, Macron told reporters, from CNN,"I know that my statements created some reaction. I do stand by " (My statements about NATO). Other world leaders have attacked Macron for the interview (Statement about NATO), with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan who used extremely rough words towards President Macron: "You should check whether you are brain-dead first. » During that interview by The Economist, October 21st telling the Journalist that the defense alliance was experiencing a "brain death."

(See : <https://www.economist.com/europe/2019/11/07/emmanuel-macron-in-his-own-words-french>)

His comments came while discussing Trump's withdrawal of US troops from northeastern Syria in October, which paved the way for Turkey "" a NATO member "" to invade to fight Kurdish forces. Macron also slammed Trump for not warning NATO of his troop

pullout. ," President Macron said on Twitter, adding that on Wednesday he would "defend the interests of France and Europe."If we invest money and risk our soldiers' lives... we should be clear on NATO's fundamentals. »

On Wednesday, afternoon, 3:45 pm , President macron, answered the Reporters during his final Press conference that he had clarified and « removed the ambiguities » with other NATO allies, including President Trump and President Erdogan.

At the same time, President Trump announced via twitter that he'd abruptly canceled his final press conference at NATO, scheduled at 4:30 pm, jus after Macron's conference. This press conference was scheduled to cap a contentious trip to London, for the NATO's meeting to mark 70th anniversary. "When today's meetings are over, I will be heading back to Washington," President Trump said in a series of tweets. "We won't be doing a press conference at the close of NATO because we did so many over the past two days. Safe travels to all!" Trump said.

US PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOWED HOW AND WHY HE IS UPSET DURING NATO'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY IN LONDON-WATFORD-----

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Indeed, two-thirds of the NATO budget is borne by the USA, despite the contributions of the EU and Canada, which have increased since 2014. In 2014, the US is involved in 72.5% of the budget \$ 696 billion, compared to 27.5% for the EU + Canada share, or 27.5%. In 2019, the US share is 69% (\$ 685 billion versus 31% for EU + Canada, which represents \$ 302 billion. To conclude, Trump insisted he still had a good relationship with Macron, whom he repeatedly called "Emmanuel." But his remarks indicate their rapport has deteriorated dramatically since the two leaders shared lengthy handshakes and Trump picked dandruff Macron's shoulder to prepare Macron for a photo, accordingly to CNN reporter. After a formal handshaking ceremony, SG, of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg had hailed "the most successful alliance in history."

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