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## TRUMP URGES ALLIES TO BOYCOTT RUSSIAN OIL



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President Donald Trump speaks with reporters on the South Lawn as he departs the White House on Thursday in Washington.

### President also calls for NATO countries to levy tariffs on China

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BASKING RIDGE, N.J. — President Donald Trump said Saturday he believes the Russia-Ukraine war would end if all NATO countries stopped buying oil from Russia and placed tariffs on China of 50% to 100% for its purchases of Russian petroleum. Meanwhile, Polish and allied aircraft were deployed in a “preventive” operation in Poland’s airspace because of a threat of drone strikes in neighboring areas of Ukraine, and the airport in the eastern Polish city of Lublin was closed, authorities said. The alert lasted about two hours. It came after multiple Russian drones crossed into Poland on Wednesday, prompting NATO to send fighter jets to

shoot them down and underlining long-held concerns about the expansion of Russia’s more than three-year war in Ukraine. Trump played down the severity of the incursion and Russia’s motives by saying it “could have been a mistake.” U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Saturday that the drone incursion was “unacceptable and unfortunate and dangerous” as he judged NATO’s response so far to be appropriate. Still, he said it was unclear if the drones were intentionally sent to Poland. “The question is whether the drones were targeted to go into Poland specifically,” Rubio said. “If that’s the case, that the evidence leads us there, then obviously that would be a highly escalatory move.”

Trump posted Saturday on his social media site that NATO’s commitment to winning the war “has been far less than 100%” and the purchase of Russian oil by some members of the alliance is “shocking.” As if speaking with NATO members, he said: “It greatly weakens your negotiating position, and bargaining power, over Russia.” Since 2023, NATO member Turkey is the third-largest buyer of Russian oil, after China and India, according to the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air. Other members of the 32-state alliance involved in purchasing Russian oil include Hungary and Slovakia.

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## HBCUs issue lockdown orders, cancel classes after receiving threats

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BATON ROUGE, Louisiana — A series of reported threats toward historically Black colleges and universities across the U.S. on Thursday led to lockdown orders, canceled classes and heightened security. Authorities did not elaborate on the type of threats that were made and no injuries have been reported. The FBI told The Associated Press that they are taking the “hoax threat calls” seriously and that there is “no information to indicate a credible threat.” Although lockdowns have since been lifted, schools that received the threats continue to act with an abundance of caution. In an era of mass shootings — and following a wave of violence Wednesday and a spate of hoax calls about active shooters at the start of the school year — some universities opted to call off classes for the rest of the week and send students home. U.S. Rep. Troy Carter, a Louisiana Dem-

ocrat, called the threats “reprehensible attacks” and said that any threat made against HBCUs is “a threat against us all.” “These attacks cannot be tolerated, minimized, or ignored,” he said. “They must be met with swift and decisive action.” Southern University in Louisiana, which reported a “potential threat to campus safety” on the 8,200-student campus and put students under lockdown for about an hour. At Alabama State University, which sits near downtown Montgomery and has an enrollment of about 3,500, students were ordered to shelter-in-place as police searched each building on campus. About two hours later, the university said that it had received the “all-clear” from police. However, the school said that while the “immediate threat has been resolved” students were asked to shelter in place in their dorms and classes were canceled for



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The campus of Clark Atlanta University is seen April 21, 2019, in Atlanta.