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## Trump live news: President calls for 'termination' of Federal Reserve chair



US President Donald Trump speaks during a prayer service and dinner on April 16 [Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters]

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- United States President Donald Trump has lashed out at Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, saying the economic leader's "termination cannot come fast enough".
- Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni is scheduled to meet with Trump at the White House, a day after the US president met with a delegation from Japan.

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### Trump defends tariff policies, attacks Federal Reserve chair

Just a day earlier, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell offered remarks warning that Trump's global tariffs could present difficulty for the US central bank: "We may find ourselves in the challenging scenario."

This morning, Trump has replied by calling for Powell's removal.

Powell, he wrote on Truth Social, "is always TOO LATE AND WRONG". The US president also called the banking leader's latest report "another, and typical, complete 'mess!'"

"Powell's termination cannot come fast enough!" Trump added.

During his first term in 2018, Trump elevated Powell to his current status as Federal Reserve chair, and his successor Joe Biden kept Powell in the role for a second four-year term.

Trump and Powell, however, have had a tumultuous relationship, with the US president pushing for lower interest rates and other economic policies.

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- US President Donald Trump continues to escalate his feud with Harvard University, after the Ivy League school refused a list of his demands: He is pushing for the institution to be stripped of its tax-exempt status, and his Department of Homeland Security is threatening to end its admission of foreign students.
- After Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the central bank's outlook was "challenging", Trump took to Truth Social to call for his "termination".
- The latest international leader to make a pilgrimage to the White House is Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, dubbed the "Trump whisperer".
- US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and US special envoy Steve Witkoff have met with French President Emmanuel Macron for talks about ending Russia's war in Ukraine.
- Texas has advanced a plan to dedicate \$1bn in taxpayer funds to a voucher programme that critics say would siphon money away from public schools and towards private institutions and charter schools.
- With the US Congress in recess, some lawmakers are confronting backlash to Trump's policies at town halls in their home districts.

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