Trump says he will not allow Israel to annex the West Bank

WASHINGTON (AP) President Donald Trump said Thursday that he will not allow Israel to annex the West Bank.

"There's been enough," Trump, apparently referring to Israel, told reporters in the Oval Office while signing executive orders unrelated to Middle East policy. He added, "It's time to stop now."

Trump has long bragged about his close relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but the president has faced pressure from Arab leaders, who have publicly expressed concerns about the Israeli military acting to annex more territory.

Unlike Gaza, where Israel's war with Hamas continues, the West Bank is governed by the Palestinian Authority.

Ten countries, including Britain, France, Canada and Australia, recognized Palestinian statehood this week, hoping to revive the long-moribund peace process, a move that the U.S. and Israel have vehemently rejected. Germany, one of Israel's closest allies, has not joined the calls for a ceasefire or the push for Palestinian statehood, but has halted some military

Western countries are outraged by Israel's intensifying offensive in Gaza, and several have recognized Palestinian statehood.

The European Union is weighing tariffs and sanctions. The prospect of sports and cultural boycotts is growing, and Israeli tourists have been made to feel unwelcome in some countries.

Trump hosts Turkey's Erdogan

dent Donald Trump held talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the White House on Thursday and signaled that the United States might soon lift its hold on sales of advanced fighter jets to Ankara.

During Trump's first term, the U.S. removed Turkey, a NATO ally, from its flagship F-35 fighter jet program after Turkey purchased an air defense system from Russia. U.S. officials worried that Turkey's use of Russia's S-400 surface-to-air missile system could be used to gather data on the capabilities of the F-35 and that the information could end up in Russian hands.

Trump started his twohour meeting with Erdogan by offering hope that a resolution to the matter could be found during the leaders' talks.

"He needs certain things, and we need certain things, and we're going to come to a conclusion. You'll know by the end of the day," Trump said. The president added to Erdogan, "And I think you'll be successful with buying the things" you would "like to buy."

The president, in a brief exchange with reporters as he bid farewell to Erdogan, called it a "good meeting" but did not offer further details. Trump later called the meeting "very conclusive on so many different things" and said



President Donald Trump, right, shakes the hand of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during a meeting in the Oval Office of the White House Thursday.

announcements from both countries about the discussions would be coming out later.

It was Erdogan's first trip to the White House since 2019. The two leaders forged what Trump has described as a "very good relationship" during his first White House term.

Over the years, U.S. officials have cited concerns about Turkey's human rights record under Erdogan and the country's ties with Russia. Tensions between Turkey and Israel, another important American ally, over Gaza and Syria have made relations difficult with Turkey at

Trump, in remarks before reporters, focused his concerns on Turkey's continued economic relationship with Russia. Turkey has been one of the biggest buyers of Russian fossil

fuel since the European Union announced in early 2023 it would boycott most Russian seaborne oil.

Since January 2023, Ankara has purchased more than \$90 billion in Russian oil, coal and natural gas. Only China and India have bought more from Russia in that period.

"The best thing he could do is not buy oil and gas from Russia," Trump said of Erdogan.

After their meeting, the U.S. president said he believed that Erdogan would stop buying oil from Russia — not that Turkey's leader had directly committed to doing so during their discussion.

"I don't want to say that" Erdogan agreed to stop the purchases, "but if I want him to, he will," Trump Tom Barrack, the U.S.

ambassador to Turkey and

Trump's envoy to Syria, said the presidents discussed all the major issues in the U.S.-Turkev relationship, including Russia and the F-35 program, "with

paths forward." Asked if Turkey is amenable to cutting off its substantial oil purchases from Russia, Barrack replied, "You have to ask

Trump added that Erdogan is respected by both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

"I think he could have a big influence if he wants to," Trump said.

The push on Erdogan to become more engaged in pressuring Putin comes after Trump earlier this week said he believed Ukraine could win back all territory lost to Russia in the war. It was a dramatic shift from Trump's repeated calls for Kyiv to make

concessions to end the war. Erdogan has made clear he is eager to see the hold on F-35s lifted, telling Trump that he came prepared to "thoroughly discuss" the issue.

The Turkish president was even blunter in a television interview this week. "I don't think it's very becoming of strategic partnership, and I don't think it's the right way to go," Erdogan said in an interview this week on Fox News Channel's "Special Report with Bret Baier."

A pilot program is helping W.Va. workers with child care

BY TRE SPENCER

MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT

Heather Clark has juggled working full-time at an insurance agency and caring for her young daughter for the past five years.

"When you have a kid at home, you can't answer the phones, and you can't have that personal interaction," said Clark, who often works from home. "And my job requires that.'

In July, Clark became one of the first of 28 parents to join West Virginia's new pilot program that subsidizes child care by allowing employers and the state to cover

some of the costs. But the program is small compared to the

size of West Virginia's child care crisis, and it won't survive if lawmakers don't step up with more money. Clark is now saving

\$80 a week on three days of child care for her five-year-old daughter, "It just helps ease

the gap between making bills and getting to save," she said. Clark isn't alone.

Finding affordable child care is one of the biggest hurdles for West Virginia families finding and keeping jobs, business leaders say.

West Virginia suffers from a lack of providers, low pay for child care workers and insufficient funding subsidies to help low-income families. More than 25,000 West Virginia children don't have care because providers don't have enough slots.

And lawmakers haven't done much to help families or child care providers, other than implementing new tax credits for employers and families.

The program is helping parents like Clark afford child care, but it's only available in eight counties and is expected to end in August 2026 or sooner, if the number of parents participating exceeds the limited bud-

That leaves lawmakers with a choice: expand the program or let it fizzle out and go back to the drawing board

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for West Virginia's child care crisis.

A new model for child care

The new approach asks employers to pay a portion of an employee's child care costs. Depending on parents' income, the state matches the employer's contribution by as little as 50% up to 100%. Parents pay the rest.

Wonderschool, a child care company, is spearheading West Virginia's program, launched earlier this year in collaboration with the state's small business development agency.

The program is funded by a two-year, \$1.9 million grant from the Appalachian Region-

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00432

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Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on August 29,

2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public

auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County

Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on Friday, October 17,

2025, at **11:05 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety

and collateral for a bidder's bond, a down payment of ten-

the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid

balance with interest at the rate of **6.25% per annum** will be

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Address of Property: 5020 Blackburn Avenue, Ashland

due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

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of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. IF al Commission and \$495,000 from the state Department of Economic Development.

So far, the program has enrolled 14 employers and 17 child care providers in eight counties: Putnam, Wirt, Lincoln, Boone, Kanawha, Jackson, Roane and Mason. There are about 40 new employees in the process of enrolling.

Jason Moss, director of government affairs for Wonderschool, said the model can help small and medium-sized employers that can't afford to provide child care on their own.

"Just this week, I've had several CEOs call me who are not in the eight counties saying, 'Hey, what's it going to take to bring this to our county?" he said.

One participant, Hospice Care of West Virginia, has five employees enrolled so far. The company puts in \$100 per month per employee to cover a portion of child care costs.

Ashley King, director of human resources and volunteer services for Hospice, said the program could help in the health care industry, where turnover is high.

'We look at it as a retention tool. We've had employees in the past, cut hours or step back

in the summer because of child care costs," she

'We've got to start to reform child care

in West Virginia' The model isn't

unique to West Virginia. Michigan officials piloted the program four years ago. After serving over 250 employers and saving the families \$8 million a year in child care costs, the program was launched statewide with permanent state

funding. Lawmakers in West Virginia put several bills on the back burner during this year's legislative session, after years of working groups and debates at the state capitol. One bill would've created a subsidy program for child care workers, and another would have increased rates paid to providers.

Child care is a major issue for three-quarters of the state Chamber of Commerce's members and their ability to attract and retain workers, Brian Dayton, vice president of policy and advocacy, said.

'We are last in workforce participation in the United States," he said. "We've got to start to reform child care in West Virginia."

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Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on August 29, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on Friday, October 17, **2025**, at **11:10 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond, a down payment of tenpercent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of 3.5% per

annum will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Address of Property: 3142 May Street, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 749, Page 43, Boyd County

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the Catlettsburg Elementary School, 3348 Court Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Board will meet at 12:00 p.m. EST, November 7, 2025, at the Paul Sawyier Public Library, 319 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. The meeting is open to the public. A copy of the nomination is available at the local library and at www.heritage.ky.gov by October 8. Written comments can be addressed to Craig Potts, SHPO, Kentucky Heritage Council, 410 High Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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