

# World War I Commemoration: Macron Blasts Trump's "America First", Putin and Trump Shake Hands, Putin and Netanyahu Meet "Unofficially", Netanyahu Orders Gaza Strikes

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*Russia's President Vladimir Putin confirms that President Macron had "specifically asked him not to hold one-on-one meetings with US President Donald Trump..." during the Commemoration.*

*Putin agreed "not violate the schedule of the host party here [France]: At their request, we will not organize any meetings here," (RT, [Interfax news agency](#))*

*The two men nonetheless "shook hands" and, according to unconfirmed reports, there was an informal Trump-Putin chat at the Elysee Palace. See the 16 seconds video below.*

Visibly, Trump was the odd man out. He did not like President Emmanuel Macron's rebuttal of his "America First" brand of nationalism which was compared "to the forces that plunged Europe into conflict in the early 20th Century".




Macron, however, was careful not to mention the name of the country or the name of its president:

*"Patriotism is the exact opposite of nationalism... nationalism is a betrayal of patriotism. By saying our interests first [aka America First], who cares about the others, we erase what a nation holds dearest, what gives it life, what makes it great and what is essential: its moral values."*


Moreover, upon his return from Paris, Trump complained (see his tweets below) that America had not been "treated fairly" despite the rain of US threats and trade sanctions directed against dozens of countries including several of America's staunchest allies:


President Trump lashed out at European leaders after French President Emmanuel Macron denounced his 'America First' brand of nationalism and called for the creation of a European army, independent from the US.




*"Just returned from France where much was accomplished in my meetings with World Leaders,"* Trump tweeted on Monday. *"Never easy bringing up the fact that the US must be treated fairly, which it hasn't, on both Military and Trade. We pay for LARGE portions of other countries military protection, hundreds of billions of dollars, for the great privilege of losing hundreds of billions of dollars with these same countries on trade."*

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.....hundreds of billions of dollars, for the great privilege of losing hundreds of billions of dollars with these same countries on trade. I told them that this situation cannot continue - It is, and always has been, ridiculously unfair to the United States. Massive amounts.....


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.....of money spent on protecting other countries, and we get nothing but Trade Deficits and Losses. It is time that these very rich countries either pay the United States for its great military protection, or protect themselves...and Trade must be made FREE and FAIR!

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Trump's tirade came just one day after French President Emmanuel Macron – once regarded as a close confidant of the US president – rebuked Trump's 'America First' brand of nationalism, comparing it to the forces that plunged Europe into conflict in the early 20th Century.

Speaking at an Armistice Day commemoration in Paris, Macron did not address Trump by name, but warned that *"Patriotism is the exact opposite of nationalism...nationalism is a betrayal of patriotism. By saying our interests first, who cares about the others, we erase what a nation holds dearest, what gives it life, what makes it great and what is essential: its moral values."*

## The Putin-Netanyahu Meeting

The Kremlin cancelled the “formal” meeting between Putin and Netanyahu in Paris.

The Russian President and the Prime Minister of Israel did however meet at the Elysee Palace on the sidelines of the Paris Commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.



Putin meets Netanyahu, Elysée Palace, with translator: Jerusalem Post, November 12, 2018

According to the Jerusalem Post (November 12, 2018),

Netanyahu told reporters that the “conversation was very good and to the point; I would say it was very important.” He refused to elaborate any further on the conversation.

Netanyahu was invited to a lunch at the Elysee Palace, where he sat next to the leaders of Italy and Australia. At the sidelines of meal, he had conversations with Putin and Trump, as well as with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other leaders from across the globe.

“Many of them — almost all — are interested in strengthening ties with Israel,” he said.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks with US President Donald Trump following a lunch at the Elysee Palace in Paris on November 11, 2018. (Courtesy)

Times of Israel, November 11, 2018

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And on the same day as well as on the day following the Paris Commemoration, “Israeli fighter jets strike dozens of Gaza targets after 200 rockets rain down on towns” (RT, November 11, 2018)

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