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Xi calls China-Russia ties 'precious' in current international context



Chinese President Xi Jinping said Wednesday that the stability and certainty of **China-Russia relations** are particularly "precious" in the face of an international landscape intertwined with change and chaos.

During a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Beijing, Xi said the strong vitality and exemplary significance of the **friendship treaty** between the two countries stand out even more under such a backdrop.

Xi said China and Russia need to use closer and stronger strategic collaboration to defend the legitimate interests of both nations and safeguard the unity of Global South countries, the state broadcaster CCTV reported.

He also called for two countries to showcase the responsibility and commitment of major powers and permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, the report said.

"Firmly uphold and practice multilateralism, work together to revitalize the authority and vitality of the United Nations," he was quoted as saying. "Promote the development of the international order in a more just and reasonable direction."

Xi touted the value of the two nations' ties, but he did not specify what he referred to as chaos and changes in the international context.

His remarks came as uncertainty still lingers about how long the Iran war would last.

In clips from an interview with the Fox Business Network, U.S. President Donald Trump said Tuesday the war was "**close to over**." Trump has repeatedly declared a U.S. victory in Iran after the war started — even as the reality on the ground has been far more complicated.

Strengthening strategic communication

Relations between China and Russia have

deepened in recent years, particularly following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in early 2022.

Trump's unorthodox approach to the **war in Ukraine** has added a twist to the relationship but doesn't appear to have fundamentally changed it.

When Putin visited China in September, Xi welcomed his counterpart as an "**old friend**." Putin also addressed Xi as "dear friend."

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Xi on Wednesday said foreign ministries from both countries would need to fully implement the consensus reached between him and Russian President Vladimir Putin, calling for strengthening strategic communication and close diplomatic coordination.

He also urged them to promote the comprehensive strategic partnership between Beijing and Moscow to "stand higher, walk more steadily and go further."

CCTV reported that Lavrov said Russian-Chinese relations demonstrated high resilience in a complex external environment, pointing to good momentum in trade and investment cooperation and close coordination in the U.N and other multilateral platforms.

He said Russia is willing to work with China to uphold international fairness and justice, push their ties to achieve greater development and make greater contributions to world peace, among other goals, CCTV said.

Lavrov arrived in China on Tuesday for a two-day trip at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi.