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US trade deal will fuel EU's 'deindustrialization' – Lavrov

The agreement has dealt a “very hard blow” to a number of business sectors in the bloc, the Russian foreign minister has said



FILE PHOTO: Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. © Sputnik / Alexey Maishev

The new US-EU trade agreement threatens to accelerate “*deindustrialization*” in Europe by redirecting investment to the US and increasing the bloc’s dependency on American energy exports, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has said.

On Sunday, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and US President Donald Trump **finalized** a controversial deal that allowed the EU and US to avert a full-scale trade war.

Under the deal, the US has reduced its proposed 30% tariffs to a flat 15% on most European exports. The EU has committed to purchasing \$750 billion worth of US energy, primarily liquefied natural gas and nuclear fuel, and agreed to invest around \$600 billion into US industries. The bloc has also

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undertaken to increase imports of US-made weapons.

Speaking at the 'Territory of Meanings' forum on Monday, Lavrov described the arrangement as *"clearly leading to further deindustrialization of Europe and capital flight."* He added that rising energy prices and investment outflows will strike a *"very hard blow"* to European industrial and agricultural sectors.

According to Lavrov, von der Leyen was apparently *"boasting"* about the EU's willingness to carry additional costs. *"People like Ursula von der Leyen literally take pride in this path: yes, we will be forced to spend more money, yes, we will probably have fewer resources to address social problems, but we are obliged to defeat Russia."*

He stressed that the trade deal is *"obviously damaging for the Old Continent – it doesn't even need to be analyzed."*

Lavrov's stance was echoed by several EU politicians and the business community. Marine Le Pen, a key figure in France's right-wing National Rally party, denounced the agreement as a *"political, economic, and moral fiasco"* detrimental to the EU's sovereignty. French Prime Minister Francois Bayrou concurred, calling it a *"dark day"* for the EU.

German business leaders also voiced alarm. Wolfgang Niedermark, a member of the executive board of the Federation of German Industries (BDI), said the EU had sent a *"fatal signal"* by accepting high tariffs. *"Even a tariff rate of 15% will have immense negative effects on the export-oriented German industry,"* he warned.

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A touch of the «laughing policeman».

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 - A André GRZESIAK** 7/29/2025 at 8:08 AM -2

This is a personal view of RT. Mr. Lavrov has to work on a peace deal with the USA otherwise the dismantling of the Federation of Russia. All the Free states of Russia are waiting this time and will become independent. The Russian country will be very small.

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 - G GeorgeBMac** 7/29/2025 at 10:44 AM 0

They tried that. It failed. But after van Der Lion sold out the EU, it is more likely the EU will be breaking up and going their separate ways — especially when the effects of Trump's tariffs and buying weapons for their war in Ukraine begin to bite.

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 - Richard Castle** 7/29/2025 at 11:25 AM 0


You clearly don't understand the Russian Psych

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As the people of Europe start to feel the effects of their leaders selling them out to the US — funding the US war in Ukraine, paying for expensive US energy, and transferring their industries and jobs to the US, they might just realize who their real enemy is.

they might just cause more than they're getting...

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Only Zionist paid puppets want to defeat Russia.
Who will benefit?

Only war criminal Israel in their pursuit of a Greater Israhell and world domination.

If slimy, slithering, scaly Israel did not have 300 nukes and the protection of compromised American politicians it would be a burned pile of putrid excrement.


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Putin has a rabbi you know.


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Vladimir Putin has a close relationship with Rabbi Berel Lazar, who is one of the Chief Rabbis of Russia. Rabbi Lazar, a Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidic rabbi, has served in Russia since 1990 and became a Chief Rabbi in 2000. He also heads the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia and the Federation of Jewish Communities of the CIS. Due to his close ties with Putin, Rabbi Lazar is sometimes referred to as «Putin's rabbi»


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It is not Israel — it's the same who are leading Israel: the NeoCons and their Democratic shells and Christian Zionists.

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Leave the EU while you can, Germany. Ally with Russia and China.

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