



## Mexico vows retaliation to Trump tariffs without detailing targets



Trump says the tariffs against Mexico are due to the country's failure to stop fentanyl, a deadly opioid, from getting into the US. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum on Saturday ordered retaliatory tariffs in response to the US decision to slap 25 percent tariffs on all goods coming from Mexico, as a trade war broke out between the two neighbours.

In a lengthy post on X, Sheinbaum said her government sought dialogue rather than confrontation with its top trade partner to the north, but that Mexico had been forced to respond in kind.

"I've instructed my economy minister to implement the plan B we've been working on, which includes tariff and non-tariff measures in defense of Mexico's interests," Sheinbaum posted, without specifying what US goods her government will target.

Plan B is underway," Ebrard said. "We will win!"

US exports to Mexico accounted for more than \$322 billion in 2023, Census Bureau data showed, while the US imported more than \$475 billion worth of Mexican products.

Almost a third of Mexico's gross domestic product depends directly on exports to the United States, Grupo Financiero BASE's economic analysis director, Gabriela Siller, said on X.

With a universal tariff of 25 percent, it is estimated that exports could fall by around 12 percent. With this, Mexico's GDP could fall by 4 percent in 2025, if the tariff is maintained all year round," Siller said.

In her post, Sheinbaum also rejected as "slander" the White House's allegation that drug cartels have an alliance with the Mexican government, a point Trump's administration used to justify the tariffs.

Trump said the tariffs against Mexico were due to the country's failure to stop fentanyl, a deadly opioid, from getting into the United States, as well as what he called uncontrolled migration.

Sheinbaum touted her government's record since she took office in October - seizing 20 million doses of fentanyl, in addition to detaining over 10,000 people tied to drug trafficking.

The US measures were "one of the heaviest attacks Mexico has received in its independent history," Mexico's ruling party congressional leader Ricardo Monreal told broadcaster Milenio.