

Donald Trump tells Boris Johnson that U.S. and UK will have major trade deal



Paris, August 25 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump says that the United States will have a major trade agreement with Brexit Britain. Trump made the remarks in a meeting with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Sunday a few hours after the premier had asked the U.S. president to lower trade barriers.

In a phone call to Trump prior to a G-7 summit in the French resort of Biarritz, Johnson said: "There is a massive opportunity for Britain but we must understand that it is not all going to be plain sailing." He added: "There remain very considerable barriers in the US to British businesses which are not widely understood."

Speaking with reporters, Trump said Johnson, who is facing a delicate task now keeping European allies on side while not angering the U.S. president at the summit, was the right man to lead Brexit. "He needs no advice he is the right man for the job," Trump said when asked by reporters what his advice was for Brexit.

Boris Johnson, who won the leadership of the Tories to replace Theresa May last month, had said he would “get Brexit done” this October with or without a deal.

Meanwhile, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives warned earlier this month that Congress would not approve a US-UK trade deal, if Brexit undermines the Northern Ireland peace accord. Nancy Pelosi said the UK’s exit from the EU could not be allowed to risk the Good Friday agreement between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. She called it “the bedrock of peace in Northern Ireland” and “a beacon of hope for the entire world.” The Good Friday Agreement was approved in 1998, ending decades of bloodshed between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Pelosi’s comments came after the U.S. national security adviser had said Britain would be at the front of the trade queue with Washington after Brexit. John Bolton made the remark after meeting Johnson in London on August 12. Bolton also said Washington supported a no-deal Brexit.

Bolton said if Johnson were to opt for a no-deal Brexit, the U.S. would "enthusiastically" support the move.

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