
CHINA'S XI URGES STRONGER TRADE TIES WITH VIETNAM AMID US TARIFF TENSIONS

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Chinese President Xi Jinping on April 14 called for stronger ties with Vietnam on trade and supply chains amid disruptions caused by US tariffs, as he kicked off a three-nation trip to South-east Asia in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

The visit, planned for weeks, comes as Beijing faces 145 per cent in US duties, while Vietnam is negotiating a reduction of threatened US tariffs of 46 per cent that would otherwise apply in July after a global moratorium expires.

The two sides should strengthen cooperation in production and supply chains, Mr Xi said in an article in Nhandan, the newspaper of Vietnams Communist Party, posted ahead of his arrival on April 14.

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