



FAMILY GUY: Vice President JD Vance was joined by Second Lady Usha Vance and their kids to visit Indian

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WASHINGTON — Vice President JD Vance and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Monday they agreed on a “roadmap” for negotiations over a trade deal to avert looming “reciprocal” tariffs — while President Trump insisted at the White House that talks with top US trading partners were going “very well.”

Little is publicly known about how negotiations with countries like Japan, South Korea, Australia, Vietnam and the United Kingdom are actually going —

with a source close to the administration also telling The Post Monday that “the spin is out of control” and that this person “can’t tell what is cope and what is optimism.”

However, Trump officials repeatedly insisted a “tailor-made” deal with the New Delhi government is among the most likely to be reached soon, alongside agreements with Japan, South Korea and Vietnam.

Vance and Modi “welcomed significant progress in the negotiations for a US-India Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and formally announced the finalization of the Terms of Reference for the

negotiations, laying down a roadmap for further discussions about our shared economic priorities,” according to a joint release.

No sense of timing

Second lady Usha Vance, whose parents immigrated to the US from southern India in the 1970s, and the couple’s three young children joined the trip.

Usha Vance is the first Hindu spouse of a US president or vice president.

The Vance family visited Delhi’s Akshardham Temple (above) before continuing on Monday evening to Jaipur, well-



'Roadmap' to a US-India trade deal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi (top right) at his New Delhi residence.

known for its opulent pink-hued architecture. The family will then visit Agra to see the Taj Mahal.

The White House statement provided no sense of timing on concluding trade negotiations.

"The BTA presents an opportunity to negotiate a new and modern trade agreement focused on promoting job creation and citizen well-being in both countries, with the goal of enhancing bilateral trade and supply-chain integration in a balanced and mutually beneficial manner," the release said.

If talks are unsuccessful, India would face a tariff rate of 26% on imports beginning in early July.

A Japanese delegation left Washington Wednesday without announcing a final deal to avert that nation's possible 24% rate — instead broadcasting plans for a second round of discussions later this month.

Trump told reporters at the White House Easter Egg Roll he was confident that multiple deals would be reached.

"I think they're going very well," he told reporters. "We're going to make a lot of money. We're already [levying] 25% on cars and aluminum and steel. Taking in a lot of money, more money than this country's seen. And that's just the beginning."