

Xi Showcases China's strength, aligns with Putin and Kim



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Beijing, September 2, 2025 – China's President Xi Jinping took center stage during a grand military parade in Tiananmen Square, demonstrating Beijing's growing global influence and reinforcing ties with Russia and North Korea.

Xi welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un with a symbolic handshake and seated them by his side. The rare gathering of the three leaders sent a

clear message of defiance against the U.S.-led world order. U.S. President Donald Trump responded on social media, accusing them of conspiring against America.

The parade marked 80 years since China's victory over Japan and featured precision drills, patriotic songs, and a display of advanced weapons, including nuclear-capable missiles, hypersonic anti-ship missiles, drones, and laser systems. Xi declared that the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is unstoppable and emphasized that China will not be intimidated by foreign powers.

Analysts said the event signaled a new phase of China's diplomacy. Xi, previously cautious in keeping distance from Moscow and Pyongyang, now appears to openly align with both neighbors. For Putin, Xi's support provided legitimacy, while for Kim it reinforced his survival strategy amid international sanctions.

The parade also boosted nationalist sentiment at home. Crowds in Beijing expressed confidence in China's rise, with some predicting the reunification of Taiwan. Western observers expressed concern over China's growing naval capabilities and its willingness to showcase force.

Despite economic challenges including a slowing economy, youth unemployment, and local debt, the parade highlighted Xi's determination to project power abroad while rallying confidence domestically. The ceremony concluded with balloons and doves released into the skies over

Beijing, signaling that China is positioning itself as a major contender for global leadership.