

No choice but to spend more on defence, Trump tells Nato allies

LONDON: US President Donald Trump said Nato allies had no choice but to increase their military spending, repeating his demand that all those in the alliance meet the target of spending 2% of GDP a year on defence.

“The prime minister and I agree that our Nato allies must increase their defence spending - we’ve both been working very hard to that end,” Trump told reporters on Tuesday after a meeting with Britain’s Theresa May in London.

He added: “We expect a growing number of nations to meet the minimum 2% of GDP requirement. To address today’s challenges, all members of the alliance must fulfill their obligations. They have no choice.”

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