China-US Trade War: A New Turn

The China-US trade war has taken a new turn. Both countries are ready to attack each other's companies. Recently, a major news came out when China announced that it will no longer take Boeing jet deliveries.

This is not a small matter, but a very expensive aircraft. The suspension of this delivery could have a major impact between the two countries. China has taken this step in response to the tariffs imposed by the United States.







China's Decision: Reasons and Background



Trump's Tariffs

Trump has imposed heavy tariffs of up to 145% on Chinese goods. He believes this will shift manufacturing from China to the US and reduce dependence on Chinese supply.



Suspension of Boeing Deliveries

China has directed all its airlines to suspend taking delivery of Boeing aircraft.
This is a significant moment in the trade war that could have major consequences.



Strategic Move

China's move is a major gambit to economically impact the US. It shows that China wants to dictate the terms of its trade relations with the US.



Impacted Boeing Deliveries

45+

35+

Air China

China Eastern

Air China was to receive more than 45 Boeing aircraft

China Eastern Airlines was to receive more than 35 aircraft

50+

10+

China Southern

Hainan Airlines

China Southern Airlines was to receive more than 50

Boeing aircraft

Hainan Airlines was to receive more than 10 Boeing aircraft

China has directed all airlines to not take any deliveries. However, final stage deliveries may be approved on a case-by-case basis. It remains to be seen what will actually happen.



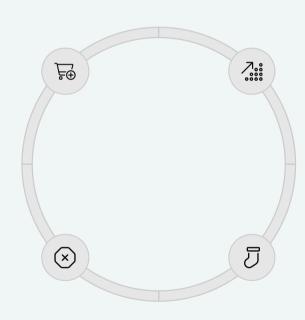
Economic Impact on Boeing

Global Market Share

Boeing's global commercial market share is 15% in China alone, making this decision a major impact on Boeing's business.

Existing Issues

Boeing was already grappling with delays, safety checks, legal investigations, and labor strikes in the 737 Max and 787 Dreamliner.



Loss of Growth

China's market was expected to grow by nearly 20% by 2040, which will also impact Boeing's future business.

Drop in Share Price

After this news, Boeing's share price dropped by around 6%, which could be further impacted in the long run.





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Airbus and the Impact on Europe







Order Diversion

China may now divert aircraft orders from Boeing to Airbus, benefiting the European company.

Airbus Presence in China

Airbus already operates the final assembly line for the A320 in Tianjin, China and is expanding its A350 footprint in Asia.

Europe-China Alliance

China may try to woo Europe, allowing Europe and China to come together against Trump.



Benefit to China's Domestic Aviation Industry

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Leveraging the Opportunity

China's COMAC (Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China) could benefit greatly in the long run from this situation.



Domestic Aircraft Development

While COMAC has not yet achieved the quality of Boeing and Airbus, it will try to take advantage of this opportunity.



Towards Self-Reliance

The Chinese government wants to become self-reliant in the aerospace sector in the long run, so that it does not have to rely on foreign countries for aircraft delivery.





Weaponization of Trade

Aircraft orders are not just commercial, China is using them as strategic leverage and bargaining chips.

Economic Impact

China received 60
aircraft deliveries in
2023, and was
expected to receive
around 150 aircraft
deliveries in the next
2-3 years, worth
around \$40 billion.

Trade Deficit

Trump wanted to reduce the trade deficit with China, but China not purchasing aircraft could increase the trade deficit.







China's Response and Additional Steps

Imposing Tariffs

China has responded by imposing a 125% tariff on American goods.

Restricting Export of Critical Minerals

China has also restricted the export of critical minerals and magnets important to the US.



Restricting Strategic Materials

The US requires rare earth elements, metals, and magnets for weapons, electronics, automakers, and aerospace manufacturing.



Widespread Impact

These restrictions will impact the manufacturing of semiconductors, electric motors, electric cars, drones, robots, and missiles.





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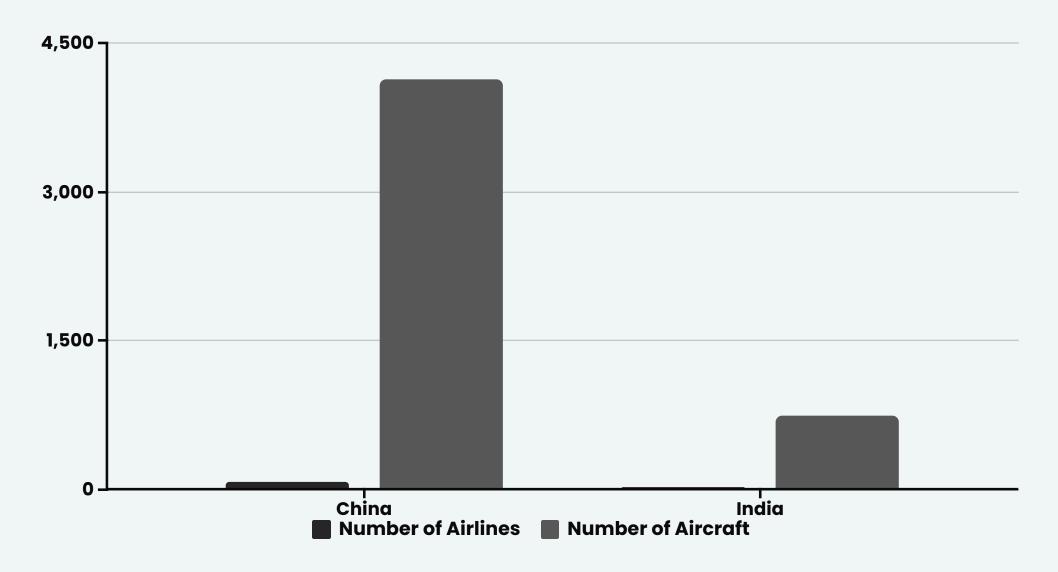
Future Possibilities



Boeing will try to resume tariff adjustments and aircraft deliveries by lobbying the Trump administration. Additionally, Boeing will shift its focus to India, the Middle East, and Latin America. China will redirect its orders to Airbus and its own company COMAC, allowing it to move towards greater self-reliance.



Opportunities for India



There is a significant difference in the aviation sector between China and India. China has 67 airlines, while India has only 22. The difference in the number of aircraft is even greater - China has 4,128 operational aircraft, while India has only 740, which is a five-fold difference.



Orders of Indian Airlines





Air India has recently placed a large order for aircraft to expand its fleet. This expansion indicates the growth of the Indian aviation sector and will help increase India's presence on international routes.



Large Order by IndiGo

IndiGo has placed an order for 506 aircraft, which is one of the largest orders in the history of Indian aviation. This order will strengthen IndiGo's position in the domestic and international aviation market in India.



Possibility of Delivery

If China cancels its order, the aircraft ordered by Indian airlines may be delivered to them sooner. This could accelerate the development of the Indian aviation sector and help Indian airlines increase their capacity.



Conclusion: The Future of the Trade War

Increasing Tensions

Tensions are rising in the China-US trade war, further deteriorating the relationship between the two countries. The suspension of Boeing's deliveries is a major indicator of this tension.

Global Impact

The impact of this trade war is not limited to China and the US, but is also affecting Europe, India, and other countries. The aviation industry has become a significant part of this.

New Opportunities

This situation is creating new opportunities for some countries and companies. Countries like India, which are expanding their aviation sector, can benefit from this.



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