

Trump in brake mode



Donald Trump

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The President of the United States is learning in these last days that his power is not absolute and, whether he wants it or not, there are other agencies of this nation that still have the ability to stop some of his crazy decisions because of the serious national and international consequences they represent.

Thus, in the last few hours, the Supreme Court of Justice, the highest court of power in North America, rejected the executive order of the White House to freeze two billion dollars to be paid to foreign aid organizations.

This is the first ruling against a measure of the tycoon and throws a lifeline to the U.S. Agency for International Development, the controversial USAID, which offers humanitarian aid and intervenes in the internal affairs of other peoples.

The lawsuit was filed by supposedly non-profit organizations and companies that worked for the agency and are waiting to be paid for their services.

But this is not the only setback for Trump, who also announced that the additional tariffs imposed on Mexico would wait until April to be applied.

The Trump said that he had backed down in this sense after a conversation with his Mexican counterpart, Claudia Sheinbaum, but in reality, there were other interests that pressured him, and they were within the United States itself.

The first to protest against the 25% tax on imports from its southern neighbor was the automotive sector, which is not exactly Mexican, but American.

Let us recall that one of the effects of the original North American Free Trade Agreement was to encourage many U.S. manufacturers to move their industries to Mexico, where they pay lower taxes and very low wages compared to those established in their country of origin.

Cars and other equipment crossed the border as imports, but the fabulous profits from that sector went directly into accounts in U.S. financial institutions, so Trump's tariffs were a shot in the foot for their own industry.

The same goes for Big Pharma and other companies that "outsource" or hire companies in other countries to do what they would do in the U.S. and cut their costs significantly.

No wonder the stock markets on Wall Street were the first to fall when Trump's tariff war began. Curious, isn't it?

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