

London mayor fires back, calling Donald Trump 'poster-boy' for far-right



London, June 5 (RHC)-- The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has fired back at U.S. President Donald Trump for his insults prior to landing in Great Britain for his three-day visit. Khan called the U.S. President the 'poster-boy' for the far-right, pointing out that Trump has a large support base among the Alt-Right.

"Surely we should be saying: 'Listen, you know, you do realize you're a poster-boy for the far-right movement around the world,'" he told Sky News in an interview, citing Trump's policies on Muslims and immigration centers.

Both Trump and Khan have traded jabs over the last few days, but the feud actually dates back several months when the U.S. president took offense to the London Mayor's comments.

Feted by Queen Elizabeth on the first day of his state visit to Britain, Donald Trump turned to politics on Tuesday, potentially meeting candidates vying to succeed May and a discussion about the role China's Huawei should have in building 5G networks.

Even before Air Force One landed on British soil, Trump praised the main leaders of Brexit --Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage -- and his advisers called on Britain's next leader to block Huawei from the next generation mobile phone technology.

"We'll have a very, very substantial trade deal, it'll be a very fair deal, and I think it's something we both want to do," Trump told May at a meeting in St James's Palace, a 500-year-old official residence of the monarch.

"I don't know exactly what your timing is, but stick around. Let's do this deal," Trump said. May is due to resign as Conservative Party leader on Friday, but will remain as prime minister while a contest is held to replace her. May said Britain and the United States should work together to keep markets free, fair and open.

The state visit, promised by May back in January 2017 when she became the first foreign leader to meet him after he took office, is cast as a chance to celebrate Britain's "special relationship" with the United States, boost trade links and reaffirm security cooperation.

But the collapse of May's premiership over Brexit and Trump's penchant for ignoring the conventions of modern diplomacy have made the trip one of the most unconventional state visits in recent British history.

Ahead of the visit, Trump praised Johnson, the former foreign secretary and leading Brexit campaigner, and advised a sharp exit from the European Union on Oct. 31 with or without a deal.

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