

From allies to enemies: The cost of a Musk-Trump split

AFP, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES: The bitter clash between Elon Musk and Donald Trump has drawn a spotlight on the South African-born tycoon's businesses.

Here is a look at his affairs as their White House partnership turns toxic, with billions of dollars in market value and government contracts hanging in the balance.

The Tesla car company is the cornerstone of Musk's business empire and has suffered considerably since the entrepreneur dove into politics. The electric vehicle giant's stock has plummeted more than 20 percent



The fallout between Trump and Musk has been marked by escalating tensions and public disputes

since the start of the year, reflecting investor anxiety about Musk's increasingly polarizing public persona.

The damage reached a fever pitch on Thursday when the Musk-Trump feud

erupted out in the open. In a matter of hours, Tesla shed more than \$150 billion in market capitalization, wiping \$34 billion from Musk's personal fortune.

The alliance with Trump

was supposed to have been Tesla's golden ticket, even if the administration was going to scrap tax credits that had helped it become an automobile juggernaut.

More importantly, Musk could count on Trump's blessing for his ultimate vision: putting fully autonomous vehicles on American roads.

This ambition has been stymied by government regulation over the years, with authorities slowing efforts due to worries that the technology is not ready to hit the road at mass scale.

The Trump administration was expected to lift these regulatory constraints – a promise now in

serious jeopardy.

"Musk needs Trump because of the regulatory environment, and you can't have Trump go from friend to foe," said analyst Dan Ives of Wedbush Securities.

The administration also regulates vehicle design and would influence the mass production of robotaxis that Musk intends to launch in a pilot program in Austin, Texas, this month.

Musk's hard-right political pivot has alienated the very customers Tesla needs most: environmentally conscious and liberal-leaning buyers who once saw the brand as aligned with their values.

Trump promised to welcome more foreign students, now, they feel targeted on all fronts

AP, WASHINGTON: To attract the brightest minds to America, President Donald Trump proposed a novel idea while campaigning: If elected, he would grant green cards to all foreign students who graduate from US colleges.

"It's so sad when we lose people from Harvard, MIT, from the greatest schools," Trump said during a podcast interview last June. "That is going to end on Day One."

That promise never came to pass. Trump's stance on welcoming foreign students has shifted dramatically. International students have found

themselves at the centre of an escalating campaign to kick them out or keep them from coming as his administration merges a crackdown on immigration with an effort to reshape higher education.

An avalanche of policies from the Trump administration – such as terminating students' ability to study in the US, halting all new student visa interviews and moving to block foreign enrolment at Harvard – have triggered lawsuits, countersuits and confusion. Foreign students say they feel targeted on multiple fronts.

Late Wednesday, Trump himself took the latest action against international students, signing a proclamation barring nearly all foreigners from entering the country to attend Harvard. A federal judge temporarily blocked the order the following day.

In interviews, students from around the world described how it feels to be an international student today in America.

Markuss Saule, a freshman at Brigham Young University-Idaho, took a recent trip home to Latvia and spent the entire flight back to the US in a state of panic.

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AT 7, THIS MARGAO KID IS A CHAMP OF THE 64 SQUARES

Tagging along to Joshua's tournaments, Evan admired the trophies and asked to be taught the game. That spark turned into a roaring passion.

"My mother saw I was serious," Evan recalls. "She enrolled me with Joshua's coach—and he's still my coach today."

That coach has guided Evan through two back-to-back Goa State U-7 Championship wins (2024 and 2025), and most recently, to an undefeated run at the national championship, where he scored an astounding 8.5 points out of 9 against India's top U-7 talent. Among his toughest challengers were three FIDE-rated players, all State champions from West Bengal, Rajasthan, and Telangana.

When asked what he loves most about chess, Evan answers without hesitation: "You can play it anytime, anywhere—and the trophies!" His voice lights up again when talking about his favourite chess legend: "Mikhail Tal! I also like watching Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura on YouTube."

But chess isn't everything for Evan. Like many kids his age, he finds joy on the football field. "When I'm not playing chess, I'm playing football," he says. He's even part of his school's football team, balancing his time between pawns and penalties.

Despite his young age, Evan already understands the discipline the game demands. "The hardest part is the pressure. Everyone expects you to win, so you have to keep practicing and sometimes miss fun things. But I love it—it's worth it."

His ultimate goal? "To become a Grandmaster," he says firmly. "I want to make India proud."

LOW HATCHING RATE OF OLIVE RIDLEY EGGS AT MORJIM A CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Marine enthusiasts in North Goa think the problem starts with the lackadaisical approach of government officials. "Morjim must be one of the few places in the world where shacks are allowed within metres of the hatchery. Apart from shacks located close by, sun beds are placed almost touching the shore," laments Albert Fernandes.

"Shacks in Morjim are always demarcated in the presence of the forest officials and they have never complained. If the places to set up shacks were wrong, they should have informed us," retorted Rajesh Kale, Deputy Director of Tourism (North).

RFO Gauns, however, thinks the Tourism Department is trying to pull wool over the eyes of the public. "We have never been invited when shacks are being marked. In fact, there have been instances when the Tourism Department has been intimidated of the proximity of shacks to turtle nesting sites," explained Gauns.

O Herald accessed a letter by Range Forest Officer Khare which reads: "No beach beds to be set up in the intertidal zone. The existing practice in Morjim is to lay beach beds very close to the waterline leaving little space for the turtles to move up."

"The Forest Department needs to start maintaining data of eggs that are not hatched as the number of over 4,000 is high. Factors that are sometimes not correctly replicated in hatcheries, where translocation takes place, also contribute to unsuccessful hatching even in fertile eggs," maintains herpetologist Aaron Fernandes from Siolim.

"There are improper nest site replications in terms of temperature and nest depth to name a few," adds Fernandes.

"The hatchery needs to be guarded," laments local Alfredo Fernandes. "Whenever we visit the hatchery at night, there is no one around keeping an eye on the nests when the place is full of boys from the North for whom turtle eggs are a delicacy. Last year there were allegations that eggs were stolen (see O Herald dated June 17, 2024), and what guarantee is there that the same has not happened now?" wonders Fernandes.

It may be noted that in 2024, from 7,869 eggs nested at Morjim, 2,090 were written as "stolen" in the register maintained by the turtle guards in Mor-

jim - a copy of which was accessed by O Herald.

Then Deputy Conservator of Forest Prem Kumar (IFS) claimed that, "the documents were not official" and provided the official figures on a blank sheet of paper.

BENGALURU STAMPEDE: HC SEEKS GOVT REPLY ON 9 KEY QUESTIONS

The questioning questions focused on the State's preparedness and response, like: What measures were taken to control traffic around the venue? What arrangements were made to manage the crowd? What medical and emergency facilities were available on-site? Was there an estimate made of the number of attendees beforehand?

Also, were the injured given prompt medical aid at the venue? If not, why?, and how much time elapsed before the injured were transported to hospitals?

BUDGET PROBLEM: VATICAN DONATIONS PLUNGING

The other main source of annual donations is more well-known to ordinary Catholics: Peter's Pence, a special collection usually taken on the last Sunday of June.

From 2021-2023, individual Catholics in the US gave an average USD 27 million (23.7 million Euros) to Peter's Pence, more than half the global total.

American generosity hasn't prevented overall Peter's Pence contributions from cratering. After

hitting a high of USD 101 million (88.6 million Euros) in 2006, contributions hovered around USD 75 million (66.8 million Euros) during the 2010's then tanked to USD 47 million (41.2 million Euros) during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many churches were closed.

Donations remained low in the following years, amid revelations of the Vatican's bungled investment in a London property, a former Harrod's warehouse that it hoped to develop into luxury apartments.

The scandal and ensuing trial confirmed that the vast majority of Peter's Pence contributions had funded the Holy See's budgetary shortfalls, not papal charity initiatives as many parishioners had been led to believe.

Peter's Pence donations rose slightly in 2023 and Vatican officials expect more growth going forward, in part because there has traditionally been a bump immediately after papal elections.

RETURNED TO THE LORD



Born: 02-10-1942 Died: 07-06-2025

ANGELO A.F.E DA COSTA

VELSAO / MAJORDA

Beloved husband of **Lurdina (Lourdes)**, Father/Father-in-law of **Josh/ Jenecia Travasso (Navelim)**, **Joshline/ Sebastiao Noronha (Arpora)**, Grandfather of **Liam & Leah, Nicole & Natalie**. Loving brother/ brother-in-law of **Late Albertina/ Late Teodoro Alphonso, Alfred/ Late Maria Da Costa, Late Antoneta / Late Refugio Gomes, Late Angela / Late Agnel Valles, Afra/ Jude Trindade, Jacinto/ Elvira Azavedo**.

Died peacefully. **Funeral will leave his residence on Monday 9th June at 4 p.m to Mother of God Church, Majorda followed by burial.**

Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



BORN: 19-06-1945 DIED: 12-06-2024

Pascoal Antonio Anes

Eucharistic celebration will be held **tomorrow 9th June 2025 at 07.15 am** at **Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz**, followed by blessing of the grave.

Offered by his sorrowing wife
Albina
and sons
Michel & Thierry

MEMORIAL SERVICE

THERESA PEREIRA È GONSALVES

(DONGORIM-NAVELIM)

Sadly passed away on 29th May 2025 surrounded by family

Cherished Wife of:
ANTHONY ROSARIO GONSALVES

Adored Mother/Mother In Law of:
FRENZY/HAMILTON, KEVIN/HAZEL, ALTON.

Darling Grandma of:
FAYNE JERICHO HOLLY



Family and Friends are warmly invited to attend **THERESA'S Memorial Service** at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim on **Monday 9 JUNE 2025** commencing at **8:15 am**

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Gone Too Soon, But Forever in Our Hearts

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Hazel

(Moira / Mapusa)

With profound sorrow and heavy hearts, we mourn the untimely passing of our dearest friend, Hazel.

Hazel was a radiant soul—full of life, laughter, and warmth. Her joyful spirit touched everyone she met, forming friendships across all ages and continents with a natural ease and boundless kindness. She had a rare gift for making others feel seen, heard, and truly valued. Always ready to help, always ready to smile.

We treasure the unforgettable memories we shared—especially the golden days of school, higher secondary, and college—where her presence lit up every room and every heart. Hazel was not just a friend; she was family to us in every way that mattered.

Her sudden departure has left a deep void in each of our lives, one that can never truly be filled.
We will miss you more than words can express, Hazel. Your spirit will live on in our hearts—forever.

From:

Darryl Fernandes	Dipika Halarnkar
Peter Pires	Minakshi Salgaonkar
Godfrey Fernandes	Antonesia Mendes
Ashwin D'Souza	Leann Fernandes
Myron Fernandes	Peter Rodrigues
Colisha D'Silva	Shannon Lobo
Jesuina Monteiro	Roque Fernandes
Conrad Lobo	Jean D'Souza
Anett Albuquerque	Valonia Gonsalves
Miloni Rodrigues	Elvira Dias
Lester Pinto	Ruaysha Fernandes