Trump hopes India, Pakistan stop after going 'tit for tat'

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump said on Wednesday Washington's partner India and US ally Pakistan have 'gone tit-for-tat', and that he hoped the two nuclear-armed Asian neighbours could stop further escalations.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio separately discussed efforts to de-escalate tensions between India and Pakistan with his Saudi Arabian counterpart in a Wednesday call, the State department said.

"They've gone tit-for-tat, so hopefully they can stop now," Trump said at the White House on Wednesday, adding he knew both sides 'very well' and wanted "to see them work it out."

He added: "And if I can do anything to help, I will be there."

Trump has termed the rising tensions a shame.

India hit Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir with missiles on Wednesday and Pakistan said it shot down some Indian aircraft and vowed to retaliate, in their worst clash in more than two decades. ***Reuters***



US President Donald Trump.