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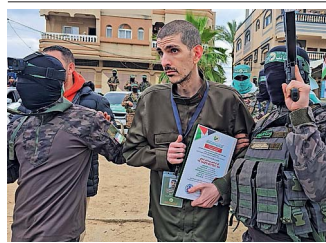
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On the cover Donald Trump's abrupt decision
to negotiate directly with Russia's Vladimir
Putin over a peace settlement in Ukraine caused
shockwaves enough through Europe. But a
speech in Munich by JD Vance, the US vice-
president, may come to be seen as the moment
the world order dominated by Nato and the
transatlantic alliance fell apart altogether.

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