

[Trump threatens to use emergency power to build wall, end shutdown](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to use emergency powers to bypass Congress to pay for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

[Fed's Powell again stresses patience as U.S. economy's 'narrative' unfolds](#)

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell stressed again that the U.S. central bank can be patient in approving any further rate increases as officials gauge whether the U.S. economy will slow this year, as some in financial markets worry, or continue motoring ahead as the Fed itself expects.

[Fed Chairman Powell says he is 'very worried' about growing amount of U.S. debt](#)

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell is concerned about the ballooning amount of United States debt. Total U.S. debt is about \$21.9 trillion, of which \$16 trillion is owed by the public. The sustained annual U.S. deficit is now believed to be more than \$1 trillion.

[Fed's No. 2 says U.S. policy would react if 'crosswinds' persist](#)

Fed Vice Chairman Richard Clarida reinforced that the Federal Reserve should be prepared to adjust its policy to protect the U.S. economy from any sustained pressure from a global economic slowdown and volatility in financial markets.

[Trump says U.S. is having tremendous success with China on trade](#)

President Donald Trump said on Thursday the United States was having tremendous success in its trade negotiations with China, a day after U.S. and Chinese officials concluded three days of talks in Beijing.

[U.S. expects China's top trade negotiator to visit 'most likely' this month](#)

U.S. officials expect China's top trade negotiator may visit Washington this month, trying to hammer out a deal to end a tit-for-tat tariff war.

[Fed wouldn't wait too long responding to overseas slowdown -Clarida](#)

The Federal Reserve would not want to wait too long before responding to a persistent slowdown in global growth before adjusting its U.S. monetary policy to offset that, Fed Vice Chair Richard Clarida said.

[After meeting May, Japan's Abe says world does not want no-deal Brexit](#)

Japan's Shinzo Abe said the world did not want to see a disorderly Brexit and that he fully supported British Prime Minister Theresa May's withdrawal deal from the European Union now facing defeat in parliament.

[UPDATE 2-Japan's Nov household spending falls for 3rd straight month](#)

Japan's household spending fell 0.6% from a year earlier, more than a median market forecast for a 0.1% drop, marking the third straight month of year-on-year declines.

[Japan says South Korean president's remarks on forced labor issue 'regrettable'](#)

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said that remarks by South Korean President Moon Jae-in on the issue of forced wartime labor were "extremely regrettable" and that he was trying to shift Seoul's responsibility to Japan.

[Opposition leader Corbyn calls for election to break Brexit impasse](#)

British Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn called on lawmakers to help his opposition party "break the deadlock" over Brexit and support his call for a motion of no confidence in the government to trigger an election.

[UK ex-defence chiefs warn May's Brexit deal threatens national security](#)

Former Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service Richard Dearlove and the former Chief of Defence Staff Charles Guthrie warned Prime Minister Theresa May's European Union withdrawal agreement will threaten national security if it is passed by members of parliament next week.

[Taiwan to appoint new premier after incumbent, Cabinet quit over poll defeats](#)

Taiwan will appoint the ruling pro-independence party's former chairman as premier. President Tsai Ing-wen will appoint Su Tseng-chang, the former chairman of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for two terms, the official Central News Agency reported early on Friday.

[Australia shoppers boost Nov retail sales to 5-month highs](#)

Australia retail sales turnover lifted to 0.4% in November coming in higher than forecasts. Household goods retailing led the rises at 1.2%, while there was also a 1.5% rise in clothing, footwear and personal accessories.

[Ford, Jaguar slash thousands of jobs across Europe](#)

Tata-owned JLR said it will cut 4,500 out of 42,500 jobs, while Ford said it will slash “thousands” of jobs as part of an overhaul that could result in plant closures and the discontinuation of some models.

[Bitcoin stumbles below \\$4,000 in sudden overnight drop](#)

Bitcoin suddenly dropped 9% on Thursday to a low of \$3,570.29. The sudden and sharp drop brings bitcoin’s one-year losses to more than 70%.

[Two years to investigate abuse against China’s national anthem under proposed Hong Kong law is too much time, top lawyers say](#)

Former deputy director of public prosecutions John Reading and veteran criminal lawyer Stephen Hung Wan-shun said two years to investigate abuse against China’s national anthem under proposed Hong Kong law is too much time.

[Warming oceans likely to raise sea levels 30cm by end of century – study](#)

The report, published on Thursday in the journal Science, showed that the warming of the oceans was accelerating at a faster rate than previously estimated, raising fresh concerns over the rapid progress of climate change.

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