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Global economy already feeling drag from Trump tariffs

US President Donald Trump's tariffs are increasingly clogging up the wheels of a world economy which for decades were greased by predictable and relatively free trade. Big-name multinationals right down to niche e-commerce players last week cut sales targets, warned of job cuts and reviewed their business plans, while major economies revised down growth prospects amid bleak data read-outs. (www.reuters.com 05/05/25)

Global food prices edge up in April amid new US tariff policies: FAO

Global food prices edged higher in April, driven in part by new import tariff policies in the US, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reported Friday [02/05]. It said, prices increased for grains and cereals, dairy products, and meat, pushing its benchmark Food Price Index up by 1% compared to March. (www.xinhuanet.com 02/05/25)

The deep budget cuts trump seeks as his second term takes shape

President Trump envisioned a drastic remaking of the US government in his budget request, dramatically curtailing domestic agencies, while boosting the military and border protection. The White House's fiscal year 2026 preliminary budget would cut discretionary spending by more than a quarter in five cabinet departments. (www.bloomberg.com 03/05/25)

Trump says he wants a fair-trade deal with China

US President Trump on Sunday [04/05] said the US was meeting with many countries, including China, on trade deals, and his main priority with China was to secure a fair-trade deal. Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One that he had no plans to speak with Chinese President Xi Jinping this week. (www.reuters.com 05/05/25)

China's financial salvo gains speed to shore up economic growth

China's stepped-up fiscal policies are emerging as a pillar in its efforts to stabilize the economy, offering much-needed support to sectors under financial strain and helping the world's second-largest economy weather persistent global uncertainty. In 2025, the country pledged to intensify counter-cyclical adjustments, raising the deficit-to-GDP ratio to 4% and setting the government deficit at CN¥5.66tr (about \$786bn). (www.xinhuanet.com 04/05/25)

BoE raises expectations for climate risk analysis by firms

The Bank of England is toughening its expectations for how banks and insurers manage climate risks, executive director David Bailey said on April 30. Bailey was speaking as the bank's Prudential Regulation Authority launched a consultation on its updated approach to supervising climate risks. (www.centralbanking.com 02/05/25)

Japan's Kato walks back talk of treasuries sale in trade talks

Japan's Finance Minister Katsunobu Kato said the country won't use the sale of its US Treasury holdings in trade talks with Washington, clarifying his previous remarks that suggested they could be used as a negotiating tool. (www.bloomberg.com 05/05/25)

Russian factory sector sees slight improvement in April, PMI shows

The Russian manufacturing sector saw a slight easing in its downturn in April, with contractions in both output and new orders slowing to a marginal pace, S&P Global reported today. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for Russia's manufacturing sector rose to 49.3 last month from 48.2 in March, marking a second consecutive monthly decline but at a slower rate. (www.reuters.com 05/05/25)

EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3283	(1.3340)	1.3285	(1.3341)
+USD/EUR	1.1327	(1.1351)	1.1328	(1.1351)
*GHS/USD	13.8931	(14.1429)	13.9070	(14.1571)
*GHS/GBP	18.4541	(18.8667)	18.4754	(18.8870)
*GHS/EUR	15.7378	(16.0567)	15.7519	(16.0713)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 05/05/25 (Rates for 02/05/25 in brackets)

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Turkey inflation eases to 37.86%, lowest in 40 months

Turkey's consumer price inflation eased further in April to the lowest in more than three years, figures from the Turkish Statistical Institute showed today. Consumer price inflation softened to 37.86% in April from 38.10% in March. This was the lowest rate since Dec. 2021, when prices had risen 36.08%. (www.rttnews.com 05/05/25)

Dollar's decline is fueling dislocations across Asian FX

Asian currencies ripped higher against the US dollar Monday, extending a move that's hurting exporters, weighing on equities and forcing central banks to intervene in the market to curb excessive gains. Taiwan's dollar surged the most since 1988, sending the nation's benchmark stock index to its steepest slide in nearly a month. (www.bloomberg.com 05/05/25)

Indonesian economic growth eases to 4.87%

Indonesia's economy continued to expand strongly in the first quarter, though at the weakest pace in more than three years, official data revealed today. GDP posted an annual growth of 4.87 % in the first quarter, slower than the 5.02% expansion seen in the preceding period, Statistics Indonesia said. (www.rttnews.com 05/05/25)

Vietnam keeps growth target at 8% despite tariff challenges

Vietnam's prime minister said the nation's economic growth target remains unchanged this year despite the many challenges it faces, as the threat of US tariffs creates uncertainty for both exporters and businesses. (www.bloomberg.com 05/05/25)

Swiss consumer prices remain stagnant in April

Switzerland's consumer prices showed a flat change in April, the Federal Statistical Office reported today. The CPI showed no variations compared to last year, following a stable increase of 0.3% in March. Further, this was the lowest level since March 2021, when prices were down by 0.2%. (www.rttnews.com 05/05/25)

Oil Sinks as OPEC+ supply surge threatens to swamp global market

Oil slipped after OPEC+ agreed to another bumper output increase, raising concern that additional supply could lead to a global glut just as demand looks to be under threat from the trade war. Brent futures tumbled as much as 4.6% toward \$58 a barrel, before paring losses. OPEC and its allies agreed to continue loosening supply constraints as the group's leaders seek to punish overproducing members. (www.bloomberg.com 05/05/25)

South Africa's gold fields to buy Australia's gold road for \$2.4bn

South Africa's Gold Fields opens new tab will acquire Gold Road Resources, opens new tab in a sweetened deal valuing the Australian miner's equity at A\$3.7bn, as sky-high bullion prices drive a wave of tie-ups. Gold Road's shares rallied at as much as 12% on the offer, which was pitched at a 14.5% premium to the company's last closing price. (www.reuters.com 05/05/25)

Nigerian banks are seeing their earnings decline, and it could get worse

Nigerian banks have begun releasing their Q1 2025 results, and while many are still posting billions in profit, the era of runaway earnings growth may be ending. For years now, Nigeria's biggest banks, popularly referred to as the FUGAZ, have normalized quarterly pre-tax profits above N150bn. (www.norvanreports.com 03/05/25)

IMF team to visit Angola this week

A team of officials from the IMF will visit Angola this week as the country edges closer to a new loan deal with the lender due to pressure following the slide in crude oil prices. (www.reuters.com 05/05/25)

Ghana: Matilda Asante-Asiedu sworn in as Second Deputy BoG Governor

BoG has announced that Matilda Asante-Asiedu has been officially sworn in as the institution's Second Deputy Governor. The ceremony took place on Thursday, [01/05] and was officiated by President John Dramani Mahama. (www.myjoyonline.com 05/05/25)

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