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Global bond rout deepens, pushes US Treasury yields to 24-year peak

Global bonds came under selling pressure again on Thursday [02/10], sending borrowing costs from the United States to France and Japan to multi-decade highs and underscoring mounting concerns for policymakers. Bargain hunters stepped in during the late US morning, however, helping the market stabilize. The US benchmark yield retreated to around 5.26%, as Treasury yields across the curve declined. (www.reuters.com 02/10/26)

Fuel subsidies may top \$1tr as Iran war drags, UN says

Governments around the world are running out of room to shield consumers from higher energy prices resulting from the Iran war and other crises, with fuel subsidies potentially costing more than \$1tr this year, a United Nations study found. Global policy interventions to cushion the impact of rising food and energy prices will become more difficult to sustain because of higher borrowing costs. (www.bloomberg.com 02/10/26)

ECB's Lagarde says Europe must develop its own AI capabilities

Europe risks leaving itself vulnerable if it relies on artificial intelligence models developed elsewhere, ECB President Christine Lagarde said. "Europe needs to develop AI capabilities of its own and be an indispensable part of the supply chain that ultimately produces AI. (www.bloomberg.com 01/10/26)

US job growth expected to slow in Sept; unemployment rate likely steady

US job growth likely slowed in Sept. and the unemployment rate is forecast to have been 4.1% for a third straight month, suggesting the labor market remained stable heading into Q4. The anticipated moderation would follow a surprise jump in nonfarm payrolls in Aug. (www.reuters.com 02/10/26)

Fed policymakers lean against Oct rate hike

Two of the Federal Reserve's top policymakers this week staked out an unusually clear case for taking in more data before deciding about another interest-rate hike, driving investors to largely abandon bets on an interest rate increase at the central bank's next policy meeting, in late Oct. (www.reuters.com 02/10/26)

AI boom could trigger market shocks, Bank of England boss warns

Artificial intelligence (AI) could trigger financial market shocks and the UK needs to be prepared for them, the governor of the Bank of England has warned. Andrew Bailey said the central bank is watching the huge amounts of money being invested in AI "very carefully" and cautioned that "not everybody always wins". (www.bbc.com 01/10/26)

Japan's jobless rate ticks up to 2.5% in August

Japan's unemployment rate climbed to 2.5% in Aug. from 2.4% in July, marking the first deterioration in 5 months, government data shows today. The number of people with jobs rose by 30,000 from the previous month to a seasonally adjusted 68.34m, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said. Of those out of work, 810,000 quit their jobs voluntarily, typically in pursuit of better working conditions. (www.xinhuanet.com 02/10/26)

France's budget watchdog warns economic scenario is 'optimistic'

France's fiscal watchdog warned the economic assumptions enshrined in the 2027 draft budget are "optimistic," raising risks for plans to reduce a bloated deficit. The government presented a finance bill to cabinet on Thursday [01/10] based on an acceleration of economic growth to 1% from 0.5% in 2026 and a target to reduce the fiscal shortfall to 5% of annual output from 5.4%. (www.bloomberg.com 01/10/26)

EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3190	(1.3262)	1.3190	(1.3262)
+USD/EUR	1.1224	(1.1339)	1.1225	(1.1339)
*GHS/USD	11.7091	(11.7041)	11.7209	(11.7159)
*GHS/GBP	15.4444	(15.5220)	15.4598	(15.5376)
*GHS/EUR	13.1441	(13.2724)	13.1550	(13.2845)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 02/10/26 (Rates for 01/09/26 in brackets)

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Canada fights stigma over standing liquidity facility

The Bank of Canada (BoC) and the country's Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions are attempting to fight the stigma around lenders using the central bank's standing liquidity facility (SLF). (www.centralbanking.com 01/10/26)

India manufacturing growth strongest in 7 months

India's manufacturing activity expanded at the quickest pace in seven months in Sept. amid strong demand conditions, final survey data from S&P Global showed on Thursday [01/10]. The HSBC manufacturing purchasing managers' index rose to 55.1 in Sept. from 52.8 in Aug. The flash score was 55.7. A reading above 50 indicates expansion in the sector. (www.rttnews.com 01/10/26)

ADB plans up to \$1.3bn financing for Mongolia by 2027

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said it plans to invest \$1.3bn in Mongolia by 2027, to strengthen the country's education, health and disaster preparedness, according to a press release on Thursday [01/10]. As part of the effort, ADB signed three loan agreements this week totaling \$455m to strengthen provincial health services. (www.xinhuanet.com 01/10/26)

World Bank approves \$110m for cyclone-hit roads in Sri Lanka

The World Bank on has approved \$110m to help Sri Lanka repair and reconstruct 600 km of roads severely damaged by Cyclone Ditwah. Issuing a press release, the World Bank said the financing will prioritize roads that restore access to markets, schools and health facilities in communities most severely affected by the cyclone. (www.xinhuanet.com 01/10/26)

Portugal industrial output falls 3.8%

Portugal's industrial production declined for the fourth successive month in Aug. Statistics Portugal said on Thursday [01/10]. Industrial production shrank 3.8% year-on-year in Aug. faster than the fall of 0.8% in July. The decline in manufacturing output also deepened to 5.0% from 1.9%. (www.rttnews.com 01/10/26)

Oil retreats as market weighs mixed supply signals

Oil prices eased today after a sharp climb a day earlier as the market refocused on signs of recovering Middle Eastern supplies, though the possibility of renewed US-Iran tensions provided a floor. Brent fell 70 cents, or 0.7%, to \$101.61 a barrel at 0635 GMT, after trading slightly higher in early Friday trade. (www.reuters.com 02/10/26)

Africa's central banks diverge as Zambia delivers major rate cut

Three central banks in Africa took different interest rate decisions on Sept. 30. The Bank of Zambia delivered a 250-basis point cut, surprising market observers. Climate shocks and spillover effects from the conflict in the Middle East prompted caution from the Bank of Mozambique. (www.centralbanking.com 01/10/26)

AFRICA-FX-Uganda's currency seen extending losses after hitting record low

Uganda's currency is expected to fall further over the next week to Thursday [01/10] after hitting its weakest-ever level against the dollar, those of Zambia and Ghana may also be under pressure, and Kenya's is expected to remain stable, traders said. (www.reuters.com 01/10/26)

Kenya breaks ground on landmark \$16bn oil refinery project

Kenya on Wednesday officially commenced construction of a \$16bn petrochemical facility in Lamu County, designed to process up to 700,000 barrels of crude oil per day. Kenyan President William Ruto led the groundbreaking ceremony for the coastal mega-project. (www.xinhuanet.com 01/10/26)

Ghana's trade surplus shrinks by 70% to US\$1.3bn in quarter 2, 2026 – GSS

Ghana's trade surplus shrank by about 70.0% from US\$4.3bn in Q1 of 2026 to US\$1.3bn in Q2 of 2026. This was captured by the quarterly trade statistics report by the Ghana Statistical Services. According to the GSS, exports barely increased as it went down by 1.6%, while imports jumped by 47.5%. Therefore, the smaller surplus came almost entirely from buying more. (www.myjoyonline.com 01/10/26)

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