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WTO Chief sees urgent need to harden supply lines as world frays

World trade is facing its sternest test in eight decades and must reimagine supply lines to guarantee resilience in the face of an increasingly fragmented globe, according to the head of the World Trade Organization. "This is an unprecedented time for global trade," Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said in an interview on Bloomberg Television with Francine Lacqua. (www.bloomberg.com 08/10/26)

US: Ten-year note auction attracts strong demand

The Treasury Department continued this week's series of announcements of the results of its long-term securities auctions on Wednesday [07/10], revealing this month's sale of \$39bn worth of ten-year notes attracted well above average demand. The ten-year note auction drew a high yield of 5.300% and a bid-to-cover ratio of 2.77. (www.rttnews.com 07/10/26)

China's forex reserves fall 1.11% in September

China's foreign exchange reserves stood at \$3.4003tr at the end of Sept 2026, down \$38.1bn, or 1.11%, from the end of Aug, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange has said. Last month, the US dollar index rose while prices of major global financial assets generally declined amid changes in the global macroeconomic environment. (www.xinhuanet.com 07/10/26)

German exports fall unexpectedly

Germany's exports declined unexpectedly in Aug. while imports logged a moderate recovery, data from Destatis shows today. Exports dropped 0.8% monthly, following a 0.5% decrease in July. Exports were expected to grow 0.8%. Meanwhile, imports rose 0.9%, reversing a fall of 5.5% in July. Economists surveyed expected a 2.8% increase. (www.rttnews.com 08/10/26)

German industrial production rebounds

Germany's industrial production rebounded in August despite summer heatwave and geopolitical tensions, official data showed Wednesday [07/10]. Industrial output expanded 2.0% monthly, in contrast to the 1.2% decrease in July, Destatis said. Production was expected to grow 0.5%. On a yearly basis, industrial production grew 2.3%, reversing July's 1.8% fall. (www.rttnews.com 07/10/26)

Japan 30-year bond auction sees firm demand on elevated yields

Japan's 30-year government bond auction drew firm demand as elevated yields also attracted investors. The bid-to-cover ratio at today's sale was 3.88 as compared with 3.79 at the previous auctions and a 12-month average of 3.56. Japan's 30-year bond bonds were steady after the sale. (www.bloomberg.com 08/10/26)

South Korea August current account surplus \$46.11bn

South Korea posted a current account surplus of \$46.11bn in August, the Bank of Korea said today - up from \$42.08bn in July. The goods account saw a \$46.81bn surplus as exports surged 82.1% to \$104.80bn and as imports increased spiked 23.8% to \$57.99bn, both compared to one year earlier. The services account posted a \$1.68bn deficit owing to deficits in the other business services and travel accounts. (www.rttnews.com 07/10/26)

RBI shifts to 'calibrated tightening' as rate-hiking cycle begins

India's central bank hiked interest rates for the first time in nearly 4 years and shifted the policy stance to "calibrated tightening", suggesting that policymakers have embarked on a rate-hiking cycle as the economy navigates a myriad of worries including surging oil prices, poor monsoon, weaker rupee and the geopolitical tensions worldwide. (www.rttnews.com 07/10/26)

EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3209	(1.3274)	1.3210	(1.3275)
+USD/EUR	1.1189	(1.1261)	1.1190	(1.1262)
*GHS/USD	11.8241	(11.7941)	11.8359	(11.8059)
*GHS/GBP	15.6184	(15.6555)	15.6352	(15.6723)
*GHS/EUR	13.2315	(13.2820)	13.2435	(13.2952)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 08/10/26 (Rates for 07/09/26 in brackets)

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Taiwan inflation highest since February 2024

Taiwan's consumer price inflation accelerated in Sept. to the highest level in just over two-and-a-half years, data released by the Directorate General of Budget, Accounting, and Statistics showed on Wednesday [07/10]. The consumer price index, or CPI, rose 2.73% year-on-year in Sept. faster than the 2.05% rise in Aug. (www.rttnews.com 07/10/26)

Dollar steady near 18-month high after Fed minutes flag inflation risks

The dollar held near its strongest level in 18 months in subdued trading in Asia on Thursday, after hawkish minutes from the US Federal Open Market Committee signalled policymakers viewed inflation as the biggest risk to their outlook. (www.reuters.com 08/10/26)

Dutch household consumption rises 2.1%

Dutch consumer spending increased for the sixth straight month in Aug. the Central Bureau of Statistics said today. Household consumption rose 2.1% annually in Aug. faster than the 1.2% growth in July. Consumers spent 5.5% more on durable goods as they bought more cars. (www.rttnews.com 08/10/26)

Paraguay's central bank unveils new series of banknotes

The Central Bank of Paraguay has launched a new series of banknotes for all six currency denominations in circulation. In a ceremony at its headquarters in the capital Asunción on October 5, the institution unveiled new designs covering all the currency's banknotes, from 2,000 guaraníes (\$0.34) up to 100,000 guaraníes. (www.centralbanking.com 07/10/26)

Cambodia's foreign trade up 22% in first 9 months of 2026

Cambodia's foreign trade volume reached \$58.48bn in the first nine months of 2026, up 22% year-on-year, according to the Ministry of Commerce today. Official data showed that the kingdom's total exports rose 18 percent to 27.47 billion dollars from Jan. to Sept. (www.xinhuanet.com 08/10/26)

Oil rises as Middle East supply concerns persist amid shipping attacks

Oil prices rose on Thursday on persistent worries about supply from the key Middle East producing region amid an increase in attacks on shipping in the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, while the US cut output as a hurricane menaced offshore production. Brent crude futures rose \$2.28, or 2.28%, to \$102.28 a barrel by 0427 GMT. (www.reuters.com 08/10/26)

Gold prices showing significant move back to the downside

Following the advance seen during Tuesday's session, the price of gold shows notable move back to the downside during trading on Wednesday [07/10]. Gold for Dec. delivery slumped \$45.70 or 1.1% to \$4,141.40 an ounce after climbing \$30.30 or 0.7% to \$4,187.10 an ounce. (www.rttnews.com 07/10/26)

African Union launches continent's first credit rating agency

The African Union launched the continent's first credit rating agency on Wednesday, seeking to provide an alternative to the "big three" global ratings agencies as debt burdens weigh on many African economies. (www.reuters.com 08/10/26)

IMF completes Zimbabwe programme review but flags shortfall in protected social spending

The International Monetary Fund's management has approved the second review of Zimbabwe's Staff-Monitored Programme after the country met all its principal quantitative and structural reform targets through June 2026. (www.norvanreports.com 08/10/26)

Ghana inflation accelerates for second month in September

Ghana's consumer inflation opens new tab quickened for the second month in a row in Sept. reaching 5.2% year-on-year from 5.0% in Aug, data from the statistics service showed on Wednesday. Government statistician Alhassan Iddrisu said non-food inflation was a key driver of the increase Inflation has almost halved over the past year. (www.reuters.com 07/10/26)

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