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WTO World Bank in talks with dozens of countries about crisis aid, Banga says

The World Bank is in discussions with 30 to 40 countries about potential crisis aid to help them manage energy shocks and price increases triggered by the war in the Middle East, its president, Ajay Banga, told Reuters. Banga said the global economy had proven resilient, in part due to big AI investments and adjustments in supply and demand for oil, which meant that few countries had sought the initial \$25bn in crisis funds that the World Bank had made available when the war began in late February. (www.reuters.com 11/10/26)

IMF says AI investment keeps global growth around 3%, with major Asia benefits

Strong investment in AI infrastructure is keeping global growth at around 3%, yielding major benefits for many Asian economies that supply the hardware, such as Thailand, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said today. (www.reuters.com 12/10/26)

Middle East war, high debt levels to dominate IMF-World Bank meetings in Bangkok

Finance officials from around the world will gather in Bangkok this week under the shadow of a widening war in the Middle East, the biggest-ever energy supply shock and rising interest rates that together pose daunting risks to already-sluggish global economic growth. (www.reuters.com 11/10/26)

Rising bond yields are no excuse for central bank inertia

Are the bond and derivatives markets doing the tough work for central bankers? Swaps are pricing a globally coordinated cycle of interest rate increased over the next 12 months, and longer-term bond yields are hitting multi-decade highs in the US, Europe and Japan. (www.rttnews.com 08/10/26)

EU's Irish presidency wants 8% cut to proposed 2028-2034 budget plan

The Irish EU presidency proposed on Saturday [10/26] an 8% cut in the EC's budget plan for the period 2028 to 2034 to €1.6tr, drawing criticism from more frugal member states that the reduction is not deep enough. The Irish proposal still marks a 30% increase over the bloc's current budget, which runs from 2021 to 2027. (www.reuters.com 10/10/26)

Dollar firm near 18-month highs, as Gulf unrest, US inflation keep investors on edge

The dollar traded around its highest in a year and a half today, as an escalating Middle East conflict kept investors wary ahead of key US inflation data later this week that could shape the outlook for interest rates. Oil prices were volatile after Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis stepped up strikes on Saudi Arabia, while two tankers were attacked over the weekend. (www.reuters.com 12/10/26)

UK finance minister to call for big economies to get borrowing under control at IMF

British finance minister John Healey will stress the importance of budget discipline and improving resilience to geopolitical shocks when he meets his foreign counterparts on his first trip to the IMF's annual meetings this week. "I will work with our international partners to keep trade moving, support families and businesses, and make Britain's economy stronger and more resilient," Healey said. (www.reuters.com 11/10/26)

Burnham to tell parliament UK needs to consider new deal with EU

Prime Minister Andy Burnham will tell parliament today Britain must consider a new, closer relationship with the EU, saying a new post-Brexit deal with the bloc could boost growth and help control immigration. (www.reuters.com 12/10/26)

EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3229	(1.3207)	1.3229	(1.3208)
+USD/EUR	1.1193	(1.1191)	1.1194	(1.1191)
*GHS/USD	11.7841	(11.7741)	11.7959	(11.7859)
*GHS/GBP	15.5892	(15.5501)	15.6048	(15.5668)
*GHS/EUR	13.1922	(13.1758)	13.2031	(13.1889)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 12/10/26 (Rates for 09/09/26 in brackets)

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High-frequency data points to China's improving economic momentum in Q3

China's economy continued to improve in Q3 2026, with new growth drivers gaining momentum, official high-frequency data on consumption, trade and investment showed Sunday [11/26]. (www.xinhuanet.com 11/10/26)

China adds 10.52 million urban jobs in Jan-Sept, to roll out services jobs policy

China added 10.52 million urban jobs in the first nine months of the year, meeting 87.7% of its annual target, the labour ministry said on Saturday [11/26]. The ministry is also planning new measures to boost hiring in the services sector. (www.reuters.com 10/10/26)

Germany's SPD party names Alexander Schweitzer new labour minister

Alexander Schweitzer, head of the Social Democrats' parliamentary group in the western state of Rhineland-Palatinate, will become federal labour minister, succeeding Baerbel Bas, a spokesperson for the party told Reuters. Bas said earlier today that she would step down from the post as well as from her role as co-head of the centre-left SPD to mourn the death of her stepdaughter. (www.reuters.com 12/10/26)

Indian central bank curbs to temper corporate rush to hedge against rupee weakness

The Indian central bank's latest measures to support the plunging rupee will raise the cost of buying protection against further weakness and slow a hedging surge that had become an additional drag on the currency, six bankers said. The Indian rupee, the region's worst-performing currency, has lost nearly 7% so far this year and faced persistent pressure from surging oil prices and heavy foreign outflows from local equities (www.reuters.com 12/10/26)

Denmark inflation rises to 2.2%

Denmark's consumer price inflation accelerated to a one-year high in September, driven by rising energy prices, data published by Statistics Denmark showed Monday. Consumer prices rose 2.2 percent year-on-year in September, faster than the 2.0 percent rise seen in August. (www.rttnews.com 12/10/26)

Oil dips after Trump announcements on Russian diesel, Ukraine energy ceasefire

Oil prices slipped today on expectations of more Russian supplies after US President Trump said Ukraine and Russia had agreed to halt attacks on each other's energy facilities following a US diesel-supply deal with Moscow. Brent crude futures fell 22 cents, to \$104.50 a barrel by 0821 GMT while US WTI crude was at \$91.45 a barrel, down 40 cents. Both benchmarks were down more than 1% earlier in the session. (www.reuters.com 11/10/26)

Gold swings as traders assess lower oil, fed rates outlook

Gold swung between gains and losses as traders assessed the impact of lower oil prices while waiting for economic data to ascertain the US Federal Reserve's interest-rate path. Bullion traded below \$4,200 an ounce, paring gains made earlier in the Asian day. (www.bloomberg.com 12/10/26)

Shares supported as oil retreats; focus turns to US CPI, earnings

European shares and US futures edged higher today after a choppy session in Asia as oil prices retreated, while investors looked ahead to key US inflation data and the beginning of the earnings season. (www.reuters.com 12/10/26)

Ethiopia launches its first gold refinery, Prime Minister says

Ethiopia has launched its first gold refinery, a \$50m joint venture aimed at turning the East African nation into a regional processing hub for precious metals, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said over the weekend. Gold exports are one of Ethiopia's main sources of foreign exchange, earning the country \$5.6bn last year. (www.reuters.com 12/10/26)

With billions at stake, Senegal tests revamped global debt toolkit

As policymakers gather in Bangkok for the annual meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, the West African nation's decision to use the Group of 20 Common Framework to rework its debt is under scrutiny amid mounting strains. (www.bloomberg.com 12/10/26)

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