

Global Watch Daily Briefing

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U.S. congressional delegation arrived in Copenhagen to counter President Trump's threats to acquire Greenland, reaffirming support for Danish sovereignty amid Arctic strategic concerns.

European NATO allies, led by Britain, deployed troops to Greenland in a rare show of defiance against potential U.S. action, strengthening collective defense (The Guardian).

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, rebuffed by U.S. protectionism, secured a major strategic partnership with China in Beijing, targeting energy, agriculture, finance, and trade for "historic gains".

Taiwan clinched a high-stakes U.S. trade deal, committing \$250 billion in investments in American semiconductors, energy, and AI in exchange for tariff relief, solidifying its role as a strategic AI ally amid U.S.-China tensions.

These developments signal deepening transatlantic fractures, accelerating realignments toward Beijing, and heightened great-power rivalry across the Arctic and Indo-Pacific.

Following are the ten news article shaping the world today:

1-China says 'resolutely opposes' U.S.-Taiwan trade deal

Summary

Beijing officially condemned a new trade agreement between Washington and Taipei designed to slash tariffs and boost Taiwanese investment in the U.S., warning that such deals violate the "One-China" principle and escalate regional tensions.

[Link to The Hindu](#)

2- Canada PM hails new partnership with China in wake of 'new global realities'

Summary:

Prime Minister Mark Carney met with Xi Jinping in Beijing to solidify a "new strategic partnership" in agriculture and energy, signaling a major Canadian shift to diversify trade away from the U.S. following aggressive tariff hikes by the Trump administration.

[Link to The Guardian](#)

3- Ukraine war briefing: Russian attack destroys Kharkiv energy facility as UK pledges emergency support

Summary:

As Russia's winter air campaign continues to target critical infrastructure, the UK has announced an additional £20 million to help repair Ukraine's power grid after a massive strike on Kharkiv plunged millions into darkness.

[Link to The Guardian](#)

4- World Insights: Greenland standoff further exposes dilemmas of Europe's strategic autonomy

Summary:

Danish and U.S. officials remain at a "fundamental disagreement" over the future of Greenland; meanwhile, European nations have begun deploying military personnel to the island for training missions to signal territorial defense.

[Link to Xinhua](#)

5- In their words: Greenlanders talk about Trump's desire to own their Arctic island

Summary:

Locals in Nuuk expressed fear and defiance as the island becomes a global "hotspot," with residents dismissing U.S. claims of Russian swarming and criticizing the undermining of Greenlandic culture and sovereignty.

[Link to CityNews / AP](#)

6- UK and Ukraine mark first anniversary of the historic 100 Year Partnership

Summary:

Prime Minister Keir Starmer reaffirmed "ironclad support" for Kyiv, expanding school twinning programs and defense cooperation to ensure long-term stability against Russian aggression.

[Link to GOV.UK](#)

7- Swiss President makes first foreign visit to Vienna to discuss EU security partnership

Summary

President Parmelin held talks with Austrian leadership regarding a new "security and defence partnership" with the EU, while navigating the growing difficulty of maintaining Swiss neutrality during active European conflicts.

[Link to SwissInfo](#)

8- UN Security Council holds emergency meeting on deadly protests in Iran

International pressure mounts as the U.S. declares "all options on the table" regarding the Iranian government's crackdown on civil unrest, which has been exacerbated by a nationwide internet blackout.

[Link to Al Jazeera](#)

9- European troops arrive in Greenland as talks with US hit wall over future

A multinational reconnaissance mission consisting of several EU member states has landed in Greenland, a move described by analysts as a "symbolic" resistance to Washington's renewed interest in annexing the territory.

[Link to Al Jazeera](#)

10- Trump welcomes Venezuela's Maria Corina Machado in closed-door meeting

Following the recent fall of the Maduro regime and the capture of the former leader, President Trump met with the Venezuelan opposition figure at Mar-a-Lago to discuss oil sector reforms and U.S. influence in the region.

[Link to Al Jazeera](#)

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