

Global Watch Daily Briefing

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Global Watch on January 23, 2026 captures a Davos-defined moment where power politics eclipsed multilateral consensus.

Donald Trump's Board of Peace launch symbolized Washington's renewed preference for ad hoc, leader-driven diplomacy, but allied reluctance exposed limits to U.S. agenda-setting.

Europe's firm backing of Denmark and Greenland highlighted growing EU resolve on Arctic sovereignty amid transatlantic strain. Davos discussions, reflected in IMF and ECB warnings, underscored economic fragility shaped as much by geopolitics as markets.

Simultaneously, movement toward U.S.-Ukraine-Russia talks in Abu Dhabi marked the most consequential diplomatic opening of the war, even as territorial red lines hardened positions.

Trade debates revealed accelerating fragmentation as states hedge against tariffs and uncertainty. Collectively, the day's reporting points to an emerging order: negotiation without trust, cooperation without institutions, and leadership personalized, not systemic.

Here are top ten news articles describing the world today:

1) Trump Unveils “Board of Peace” at Davos as Major Allies Opt Out

Description

U.S. President Donald Trump officially launched his controversial *Board of Peace* initiative on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos. Designed as a peace and reconstruction body with global scope, the launch drew mixed reactions as several leading European allies declined to participate, raising questions over legitimacy and alignment with the United Nations. The initiative aims to broaden its influence beyond the Middle East while reshaping global governance norms.

Link: [Trump unveils Board of Peace at Davos as top US allies opt out \(Korea Times\)](#)

2) EU Reaffirms Support for Denmark & Greenland Amid U.S. Tensions

Description:

The European Union, led by European Council President Costa and Commission President von der Leyen, reiterated its support for Denmark and Greenland following diplomatic friction sparked by U.S. policy positions at Davos. Emphasis was placed on territorial integrity, Arctic security cooperation, and strategic autonomy, underscoring EU efforts to

manage transatlantic tensions constructively.

Link: [EU stands by Denmark and Greenland and wants 'respectful' relations with US \(The Guardian\)](#)

3) Atlanta Daily Briefing — What Davos Mood Signals About World Order

Description:

The Guardian's analysis highlights a shifting geopolitical ethos at Davos, with former U.S. President Trump dominating discussions. Rising populism, economic nationalism, and skepticism toward multilateralism are reshaping global diplomacy. Leaders voiced concerns about the viability of traditional cooperation frameworks in the face of geopolitical fractures.

Link: [Friday briefing: What the mood at Davos can tell us about a changing world order \(The Guardian\)](#)

4) IMF & ECB Leaders Respond to Global Uncertainties at Davos

Description :

Leading economic figures, including IMF Managing Director Georgieva and ECB President Lagarde, addressed the economic outlook at Davos, warning of interconnected risks—from geopolitics to technological disruption. Lagarde stressed interdependence rather than rupture in global markets, while trade disruptions and currency pressure highlighted challenges ahead.

Link: [Davos: ECB's Lagarde plays down fears of 'rupture' in world order, as IMF's Georgieva warns 'we're not in Kansas anymore' \(The Guardian\)](#)

5) U.S., Ukraine, and Russia Delegations Head to Abu Dhabi for First Trilateral Peace Talks

Description :

For the first time since the Ukraine war began, delegates from the U.S., Ukraine, and Russia are convening in Abu Dhabi to pursue peace negotiations, focusing particularly on territorial issues in the Donbas region. The discussions follow high-level Davos diplomacy and are viewed as a potential breakthrough, though tension persists over territorial integrity and security guarantees.

Link: [US, Ukraine and Russia delegations head to Abu Dhabi for first trilateral talks \(The Guardian\)](#)

6) Zelenskyy: Territorial Control Central at Trilateral UAE Talks

Description : Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy underscored that debates about territorial control will dominate trilateral negotiations in the UAE, particularly regarding Russia's demand for control of eastern Ukrainian areas in exchange for peace. Kyiv remains firm on preserving territorial sovereignty.

Link: [Zelenskiy says territorial issue to be discussed at trilateral talks in UAE \(Reuters\)](#)

7) Putin Meets U.S. Envoys as Talks Push Forward Ahead of Abu Dhabi Talks

Description : Russian President Vladimir Putin held an “extremely frank” round of discussions with U.S. envoys, signaling ongoing diplomatic maneuvering ahead of trilateral peace talks. Settling territorial disputes remains central, though Moscow's public stance reinforces the complexity of negotiation dynamics.

Link: Latest Meeting Between Putin and U.S. Envoys ‘Extremely Frank,’ Kremlin Says Ahead of Abu Dhabi Talks (The Moscow Times)

8) Trump Hosts Board of Peace Signing Ceremony Despite Ally Reservations

Description : *ABC News* reports on the Davos signing ceremony where Trump signed the Board of Peace's founding charter. While over two dozen countries signaled involvement, neither the UK nor major European powers committed—a reflection of geopolitical skepticism and divergent visions for post-conflict governance.

Link: [Trump hosts signing ceremony for Board of Peace in Davos despite reservations from key allies \(ABC News\)](#)

9) Global Trade Shifts as Nations Adjust to U.S. Tariff Policies

Description : New trade patterns are emerging as countries recalibrate supply chains in response to evolving U.S. tariff policies discussed at Davos. Analysts report growing regional economic partnerships and diversification to mitigate protectionist pressures, underscoring structural shifts in global commerce.

Link: [New trade map takes shape in Davos as world adjusts to Trump tariffs \(Economic Times\)](#)

10) Davos Board of Peace Aims to Rival UN but Faces Global Scrutiny

Description : Coverage emphasizes the broader implications of Trump's Board of Peace, with visual diplomatic signals from Davos underscoring global debate over whether a U.S.-led peace mechanism might supplant or complement the United Nations — igniting debate on legitimacy, governance, and strategic balance.

Link: [Trump and Zelenskyy meet at Davos as Board of Peace prompts global debate \(CBS News\)](#)

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