

GLOBAL WATCH DAILY BRIEFING

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1) India's Economic Policy Coverage — Budget Reforms

Title: *India File: Reforms to star in budget's big reveal*

Description: Reuters reports on India's upcoming economic reforms ahead of the announcement of its national budget, outlining regulatory and market-oriented changes slated for 2026 that could impact investments, financial markets, and growth prospects.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/india/india-file-reforms-star-budgets-big-reveal-2026-01-27/>

2) Breakingviews: U.S. Dollar & Global Policy

Title: *Breakingviews – Trump needn't end dollar rule to dent its benefits*

Description: A Reuters Breakingviews analysis explores how U.S. foreign policy rhetoric — including recent geopolitical tensions such as Greenland disputes — impacted the dollar's performance, assessing long-term implications for global finance and sanctions power.

<https://www.reuters.com/commentary/breakingviews/trump-neednt-end-dollar-rule-dent-its-benefits-2026-01-27/>

3) Ukraine & U.S. Security Guarantees Debate

Title: *US links security guarantees for Ukraine to peace deal ceding Donbas, FT reports*

Description: A Reuters piece says U.S. discussions might condition future security guarantees for Ukraine on Kyiv's acceptance of a peace agreement involving territorial concessions in Donbas — a contentious point Kyiv publicly disputes.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/us-links-security-guarantees-ukraine-peace-deal-ceding-donbas-ft-reports-2026-01-27/>

4) Global Morning Briefing — China, U.S., EU, UAE, Iran, Ukraine

Title: *Morning Briefing: Jan. 27, 2026*

Description: Anadolu Agency's global briefing compiles *January 27* developments: U.S. deployment of the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier to the Middle East amid U.S.–Iran tensions;

EU investigations into social media regulation; Kremlin comments on upcoming U.S.-mediated Russia-Ukraine peace talks; Japanese travel warnings for China; and Italy proposing EU action against Iran's IRGC.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/morning-briefing-jan-27-2026/3811620>

5) Xinhua World News Summary — U.S.–Iran and EU–U.S. Trade

Title: *Xinhua world news summary at 0030 GMT, Jan. 27*

Description: Covers a range of Jan. 27 stories: European Parliament's delay on the EU–U.S. trade deal partly over Greenland tensions; the USS Abraham Lincoln's deployment to the Middle East; and the UAE's reaffirmed policy rejecting use of its territory for attacks on Iran.

https://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2026-01/27/content_118301351.shtml

6) NATO/Europe Foreign Policy Live Coverage

Title: *Nato chief Rutte: 'Keep on dreaming' if you think Europe could defend itself without US*

Description: The Guardian's live report of Jan. 27 quotes NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte stressing U.S. indispensability in Europe's defense as talks touch on Ukraine's ongoing conflict, Arctic security (including Greenland), and slow progress in EU–U.S. trade relations.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2026/jan/26/ukraine-russia-us-greenland-europe-trade-deal-nato-latest-news-updates>

7) UK Makes Strategic Visit to China Amid U.S. Trade Tensions

Title: *UK's Starmer heads to China to repair ties as he navigates tensions with US*

Description: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer began a three-day visit to China in an attempt to mend strained relations and boost trade, while balancing rising tensions with the U.S. over Arctic policy and trade disputes — including Trump's aggressive tariff threats.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/china/uks-starmer-heads-china-repair-ties-he-navigates-tensions-with-us-2026-01-27/>

8) Japan Urges Fishermen to Avoid Disputed Islands Amid China Tensions

Title: *Fearing China clash, Japan asks fishermen to avoid flashpoint islands*

Description: Japan quietly advised local fishermen to stay away from the contested Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea due to rising Chinese coast guard activity, a sign of ongoing tension over territorial claims between Tokyo and Beijing.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/china/fearing-china-clash-japan-asks-fishermen-avoid-flashpoint-islands-2026-01-27/>

9) Japan Warns That U.S. Alliance Depends on Taiwan Stance

Title: *Japan-US alliance would crumble if Tokyo ignored Taiwan crisis, PM Takaichi says*

 **Description:** Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi warned that the security alliance with the United States could weaken if Japan failed to respond appropriately to a potential Chinese attack on Taiwan, reflecting deepening East Asia geopolitical tensions.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/china/japan-us-alliance-would-crumble-if-tokyo-ignored-taiwan-crisis-pm-takaichi-says-2026-01-27/>

10) UAE Pulls Out of Islamabad Airport Deal After India Visit

Title: *UAE gives a big jolt to Pakistan, Abu Dhabi pulls out of Islamabad Airport project*

 **Description:** In a significant geopolitical and economic shift, the United Arab Emirates reportedly withdrew from a deal to manage Islamabad's airport shortly after UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan's unexpected visit to India — signaling shifting regional alliances.

<https://gtvnewshd.com/currency-exchange-rates/2026/01/27/usd-to-pkr-dollar-and-other-currency-rates-in-pakistan-today-january-27-2026/> (see section on UAE-Pakistan diplomatic tension; citation

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