

Global Watch Daily Briefing

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1. EU's Kallas: We expect to list Iran's Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist organization

European Union foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said the bloc is likely to add Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to its terrorist list, signaling increased sanctions over the regime's protest crackdown.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40404694/eus-kallas-we-expect-to-list-irans-revolutionary-guards-as-a-terrorist-organization>

2. Germany's Merz says rules-based world not dead despite 'rough winds'

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz reaffirmed faith in a rules-based global order in a foreign policy speech, arguing that geopolitical turmoil won't undo cooperative frameworks.

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/germanys-merz-calls-stronger-nato-083535696.html>

3. EU ministers expected to list IRGC as terror organization, impose new sanctions on Iran

EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels are expected to agree on listing Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization and to impose broader sanctions.

<https://armenpress.am/en/article/1240724>

4. Oil prices gain 1.5% on increasing concerns of Iran attack — Reuters

Crude oil prices climbed for a third day as fears grew of U.S. military action against Iran amid escalating tensions, adding geopolitical risk premiums.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/oil-prices-rise-third-day-increasing-concerns-iran-attack-2026-01-29/>

5. India sees 6.8%-7.2% growth next year, flags risks from geopolitics, weak exports

India's economic survey projects continued growth but cites geopolitical volatility and weak global demand as major external risks.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/india/india-economy-grow-68-72-2026-27-government-forecasts-2026-01-29/>

6. How rupee became a victim of geopolitics & a strategic power gap in 2025

Analysis of India's rupee weakness in 2025 highlights how geopolitical pressures and global economic imbalances contributed to currency challenges.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/how-rupee-became-a-victim-of-geopolitics-a-strategic-power-gap-in-2025-economic-survey-explains/articleshow/127764240.cms>

7. Economic Watch: Chilled German-U.S. economic ties reflect deepening transatlantic split

Trade friction and tariff disputes have further strained economic relations between the United States and Germany/EU partners.

<https://www.malaysiasun.com/news/278837018/economic-watch-chilled-german-us-economic-ties-reflect-deepening-transatlantic-split>

8. Denmark 'more optimistic' about resolving US Greenland interest after latest talks — Europe live

EU foreign ministers discussed a range of strategic geopolitical issues including the war in Ukraine, EU-US tensions, and Greenland diplomacy.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2026/jan/29/denmark-us-greenland-ukraine-russia-germany-friedrich-merz-poland-europe-latest-news>

9. ASEAN should adhere to rule of law in face of 'unilateral actions,' Philippines' top diplomat says

The Philippine foreign secretary urged ASEAN members to uphold international law amid rising geopolitical tensions in Southeast Asia.

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/world/2026/01/29/asean-should-adhere-to-rule-of-law-in-face-of-unilateral-actions-philippines-top-diplomat-says/>

10. Morning Briefing: Jan. 29, 2026 — global geo-political snapshot

An Anadolu Agency briefing summarizing major global developments — including U.S.–Iran tensions, peace talks on Ukraine, and geopolitical maneuvering in the Middle East.
<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkiye/morning-briefing-jan-29-2026/3813805>