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Why One Meeting Far Away Matters to Every Family

Three nuclear powers plan their first meeting together.

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Some decisions made far away matter at every kitchen table. This week the leaders of the United States, China and Russia, the world's biggest nuclear powers, plan to meet together for the first time ever.

US President Donald Trump stops first in Manila, in the Philippines. On Thursday, in Shenzhen, China, he is due to meet China's Xi Jinping, and Russia's Vladimir Putin is due to join them. They are to talk about nuclear stockpiles, the weapons each country keeps.

A White House official said no deal to get rid of the weapons is expected, and called the meeting a starting point for talks on shrinking stockpiles. China has long said America and Russia must first cut their own large arsenals before it talks about its own.

Trade touches homes too. Last year Trump and Xi agreed a truce that cut some US tariffs, taxes on goods brought in, on things from China. It runs out in January.



The map marks the Philippines, China and Russia.

WHY IT MATTERS

How many nuclear weapons the biggest powers keep affects everyone, and officials say this is only a start.

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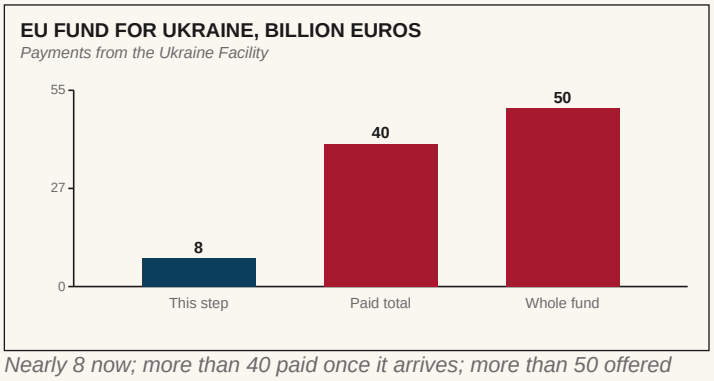
Europe Sends Ukraine Its Biggest Payment and Squeezes Russia's Banks

EU ministers say a ceasefire, a stop to the fighting, must come first.

Sanctions are rules that cut off money and trade, to put pressure on a country without fighting. On Monday the European Union, a group of European countries, added 113 new names to its sanctions on Russia over its war in Ukraine, including nearly 50 banks and other money firms. Their assets, such as money and property, are frozen, and 12 people on the list may not travel to EU countries.

EU ministers also approved nearly 8 billion euros for Ukraine, the largest single payment from a fund called the Ukraine Facility. The fund offers more than 50 billion euros until 2027. Once this payment arrives, Ukraine will have received more than 40 billion euros from it.

The EU's foreign policy chief, Kaja Kallas, said Russia keeps adding demands as an excuse to keep the war going. "A ceasefire must come first," she wrote.



Nearly 8 now; more than 40 paid once it arrives; more than 50 offered until 2027.

CONNECT THE DOTS

Economics: Kallas said Europe's sanctions and the Russian money it has frozen give it leverage, the power to push for a result.

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UNITED STATES • AIR TRAVEL

One Faulty Box Kept America’s Planes on the Ground

Flights are close to normal again after Friday’s stop.

On Friday, travellers across America waited at once. The FAA, which guides planes through the sky, stopped every flight from taking off for more than four hours. About 3,500 planes were already flying, and all of them landed safely. About 9,159 flights were cancelled that day.

The cause was a router, a box that passes messages between computers. A worker replacing one in El Dorado, Arkansas, set off a flood of about 1,000 log-on attempts every four to five seconds. Officials found no sign of a cyberattack.

By Monday most airlines were back to normal or close to it. The government has asked for more money to upgrade the old network. Officials say it is safe to fly, and advise checking with your airline before you go.

WHY IT MATTERS

When one part of a shared system fails, thousands of family trips can be held up at once.

Also in United States

• Senate: Democrats will pick their Senate leader in a secret vote; Chris Van Hollen is challenging Chuck Schumer.

• Climate: 18 Democrats from the US House went to the climate summit in Türkiye to push for climate action.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• Space: Europe’s Euclid telescope found its first comet, far out between Jupiter and Saturn.

• Wildlife: Electric shocks, trains, poaching and poison killed over 1,760 elephants in India since 2009.

TALK ABOUT IT

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If you could ask the three leaders meeting in Shenzhen one question, what would it be?

When a flight is cancelled, how can a family make a new plan?

When a business pays more for fuel and power, should it raise its own prices? Why or why not?

INDIA • PRICES

Businesses in India Pay Much More for Fuel and Power

Economists warn shoppers could feel it next.

Before goods reach a shop, the businesses that make and sell them buy fuel, power and materials. The prices they pay when they buy in bulk are called wholesale prices. On Monday India’s government said these were 12.29% higher in October than a year earlier.

The biggest push came from fuel and power, which cost 32.84% more. Electricity alone rose 8.06%, after falling a little in September. Economist Madan Sabnavis of Bank of Baroda pointed to higher crude oil prices and strong demand for power during heat waves. Food rose 8.58%, a little slower than the month before.

So far, companies have passed on only some of these costs. Sabnavis said the rises will push companies to raise their prices. Economists at a firm called ICRA expect October to be the peak, with about 11.6% in November. The next figures are due on 14 December.

WHY IT MATTERS

Economists warn that what businesses pay now could show up in family shopping in the coming months.

SPORTS CORNER

CRICKET: INDIA WIN OFF THE LAST BALL

In the Under-19 Asia Cup final in Oman, India needed 3 runs from the last ball against Pakistan. **Mohit Ulva** hit it for four, and India passed Pakistan’s **337** to win by one wicket and take their ninth title.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• What the leaders of the United States, India, Japan and Australia say after meeting in Manila on Tuesday.

• Trump’s visit with the Philippines’ president, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., on Wednesday, before he flies to Shenzhen.

“Big talks often start small, with people agreeing to sit at the same table.”

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.