The True Brief

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MARKET DATA

NASDAQ COMPOSITE **25,164.32 (-272.68, -1.07% from the prior close of 25,437.00; Nasdaq, dated Mon 2 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
NASDAQ-100 **27,989.82 (-395.03, -1.39% from the prior close of 28,384.85; Nasdaq, dated Mon 2 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
As of Close of Mon 2 Nov ET · Source: Nasdaq Composite (COMP), Nasdaq-100 (NDX)

FRONT PAGE · TOP STORY

Zelensky says the main target of Russia's overnight attack was energy

OFFICIAL POST · LEAD STORY

Official post · not independently verified. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote that overnight "the Russians launched 289 attack drones, 17 ballistic missiles, and 59 cruise missiles" and that "the main target was energy". He wrote that a strike on a Kharkiv hospital injured 73 people and that 29 people were killed in Komyshuvakha, Zaporizhzhia region. On Monday he wrote: "Russia is preparing a new massive attack". On X: 70,836 views and 430 reposts (Monday post: 1,251,640 views and 8,130 reposts) as of Tue 3 Nov, 04:08 ET.

Published: Tue 3 Nov, 03:22 ET (Monday post 14:55 ET) · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X and @ZelenskyyUa on X, Monday

WORLD

6 ITEMS

GOVERNMENT

Justice Department announces charges involving 63 individuals in election-related cases

The Justice Department said it "announced charges involving 63 individuals, including four illegal aliens, in connection with illegal voting, fraudulent voter registration, and related election crimes". It said that since the start of the administration it has "charged 239 people with voting fraud-related offenses". The release says: "All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law."

Published: Mon 2 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** US Department of Justice: Justice Department Announces Charges Involving 63 Individuals for Election-Related Crimes

OFFICIAL POST

Rubio and Bessent say they each met Venezuelan Foreign Minister Oliver Blanco

Official post · not independently verified. Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote that the US "will keep supporting this Venezuelan-led process". The State Department's readout said he "urged the continued release of the remaining political prisoners in Venezuela." Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent wrote that he met Blanco and congratulated him on his appointment. On X: Rubio 177,230 views and 1,441 reposts, Bessent 106,275 views and 969 reposts, as of Tue 3 Nov, 04:08 ET.

Published: Mon 2 Nov, 20:03 ET (Bessent post 18:03 ET) · **Source:** @SecRubio on X, @SecScottBessent on X and State Department readout

GOVERNMENT

NOAA forecasters flag storm risk from the Sabine to the mid-Mississippi Valley

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center said in its outlook for Tuesday: "Thunderstorms with potential for isolated severe wind gusts and perhaps a brief tornado or two will be possible today from the Sabine and Lower Mississippi Valleys northward into the Mid Mississippi Valley." The

outlook runs to 07:00 ET Wednesday and is updated during the day.

Published: Tue 3 Nov, 00:34 ET · **Source:** NOAA/NWS Storm Prediction Center: Day 1 Convective Outlook

GOVERNMENT

UK says it will co-lead an 11-nation exercise in Poland for post-war Ukraine

The UK said it and France will jointly lead Exercise Koalicja in Poland, "the first major exercise run by the Multinational Force Ukraine (MNF-U)". It said the exercise "runs from 9 November to 22 November" with 2,800 troops, 300 of them from the UK. It said the force "would only move into Ukraine once fighting has ceased and at the request of Ukraine's government."

Published: Mon 2 Nov, 19:01 ET (GOV.UK publication time) · **Source:** GOV.UK: UK to lead multinational military training exercise to prepare for peace in Ukraine

OFFICIAL POST

Carney says he touched down in Antigua and Barbuda for the Commonwealth leaders' meeting

Official post · not independently verified. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney wrote that he had "Touched down in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting." He wrote that the Commonwealth "encompasses 56 countries and 2.7 billion people". On X: 40,328 views and 164 reposts as of Tue 3 Nov, 04:08 ET.

Published: Mon 2 Nov, 21:06 ET · **Source:** @MarkJCarney on X

OFFICIAL POST

Canada's foreign minister says a Canadian died in last week's Spain train crash

Official post · not independently verified. Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand wrote that she had "learned of the tragic death of a Canadian in last week's train crash in Spain." She wrote that "The six other Canadians injured in the crash are also receiving consular assistance." On X: 30,858 views and 48 reposts as of Tue 3 Nov, 04:08 ET.

Published: Mon 2 Nov, 13:22 ET · **Source:** @AnitaAnandMP on X

CENTRAL BANKS

3 ITEMS

CENTRAL BANK

Reserve Bank of Australia raises its cash rate target to 4.85%

The Reserve Bank of Australia's board "decided to increase the cash rate target by 25 basis points to 4.85 per cent." Three of nine members voted to keep it "unchanged at 4.60 per cent." It said inflation "is now forecast to remain elevated through much of 2027", partly reflecting "higher fuel and other commodity prices affected by the conflict in the Middle East."

Published: Dated 3 Nov (Australian date), time not disclosed on page; the Bank's X post was Mon 2 Nov, 22:33 ET · **Source:** Reserve Bank of Australia: Statement by the Monetary Policy Board: Monetary Policy Decision

CENTRAL BANK

Fed survey says banks tightened standards for small-firm and property loans

The Federal Reserve's quarterly survey of banks said standards for business loans to large and middle-market firms "were basically unchanged, while standards tightened for C&I loans to small firms." Banks reported tighter standards for all commercial real estate loan categories and "weaker demand, on net, for C&I loans from firms of all sizes." The survey covers roughly the third quarter of 2026.

Published: Mon 2 Nov, time not disclosed on page (Fed X post 14:01 ET) · **Source:** Federal Reserve: The October 2026 Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices

OFFICIAL POST

ECB posts Machado's comments on simplifying bank rules and capital standards

Official post · not independently verified. The European Central Bank wrote: "Simplification should make banking rules more proportionate and easier to understand, not lower capital standards, says Supervisory Board member Pedro Machado. He adds that the biggest hurdle for competitiveness is Europe's fragmented banking market". On X: 2,572 views and 0 reposts as of Tue 3 Nov, 04:08 ET.

Published: Tue 3 Nov, 03:49 ET · **Source:** @ecb on X

TRADE

1 ITEM

GOVERNMENT

USTR says Trump intends to terminate Rwanda and South Africa from the African trade preference program (AGOA)

USTR said President Trump notified Congress and the governments of Rwanda and South Africa of his intent to terminate them from the African trade preference program (AGOA) "as of January 1, 2027." Ambassador Jamieson Greer said that, based on the review, President Trump found that the two governments "are engaging in practices that are inconsistent with AGOA's eligibility criteria". For South Africa, USTR said the Trump Administration is "deeply concerned by barriers to U.S. trade and investment, corruption, and threats to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests."

Published: Mon 2 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** USTR: Ambassador Greer Issues Statement on President Trump's Intent to Terminate Rwanda and South Africa from the AGOA Trade Preference Program

ECONOMY

2 ITEMS

GOVERNMENT

Census Bureau says US construction spending fell 1.9% in September

The Census Bureau said construction spending in September was "estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $2,186.1 billion, 1.9 percent (±0.7 percent) below the revised August estimate". It said residential construction was 5.5% below August and nonresidential construction 1.1% above. September spending was 2.7% below September 2025, it said.

Published: Mon 2 Nov, 10:00 ET (per the Census release) · **Source:** US Census Bureau: Monthly Construction Spending, September 2026

OFFICIAL POST

IMF's Georgieva says sub-Saharan Africa output projected at 4.5%

Official post · not independently verified. IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva wrote: "Sub-Saharan Africa's growth remains resilient, with output projected at 4.5% in both 2026 & 2027." She wrote that "the outlook is clouded by rising inflation, thin buffers, & downside risks." On X: 24,495 views and 59 reposts as of Tue 3 Nov, 04:08 ET.

Published: Mon 2 Nov, 15:01 ET · **Source:** @KGeorgieva on X

TECH

1 ITEM

OFFICIAL POST

NASA says astronauts plan Thursday spacewalk to install final new solar array

Official post · not independently verified. NASA's space station account wrote that "Joshua Kutryk and Anil Menon will go out on their second spacewalk together on Thursday, Nov. 5, to install the eighth and final roll-out solar array to augment the International Space Station's power generation system." On X: 33,935 views and 74 reposts as of Tue 3 Nov, 04:08 ET.

Published: Mon 2 Nov, 19:01 ET · **Source:** @Space_Station on X

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