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MARKET DATA

NASDAQ COMPOSITE **24,315.00 (-1,421.51, -5.52% from the prior close of 25,736.51; Nasdaq, dated Thu 5 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
NASDAQ-100 **26,629.81 (-1,807.36, -6.36% from the prior close of 28,437.17; Nasdaq, dated Thu 5 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
As of Close of Thu 5 Nov ET · Source: Nasdaq Composite (COMP), Nasdaq-100 (NDX)

FRONT PAGE · TOP STORY

White House says Melania Trump hosted Russia and Ukraine after ceasefire

GOVERNMENT · LEAD STORY

The White House said First Lady Melania Trump "gathered leaders from Russia and Ukraine at the White House today" after what it called the Oleshky ceasefire. It said the occasion is believed to mark "the first time in American history that a First Lady has personally brought representatives of two nations actively at war together to the White House for diplomacy." She said: "Now, we must use the courage we brought to Oleshky to find common ground through a shared concern for the suffering of innocent people." The release said the ceasefire "enabled the evacuation of 800 individuals."

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 11:31 ET · **Source:** White House: First Lady Melania Trump Unites Russia and Ukraine at The White House Following Historic Ceasefire

WORLD

6 ITEMS

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky says Ukraine must work on a US assistance package

Official post · not independently verified. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote: "Ukraine needs to move toward the new political infrastructure in the United States of America." He wrote that "Our chances of receiving additional assistance from the United States of America may now increase" and that "16 billion was withheld and not provided to Ukraine." On X: 132,184 views and 819 reposts as of Fri 6 Nov, 04:05 ET.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 14:54 ET · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X

OFFICIAL POST

Rubio says he is sanctioning Cuban regime networks and suppliers

Official post · not independently verified. Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote: "Today, I'm sanctioning eight entities and two individuals associated with the regime's financial and shipping network, state-owned import and technical-support entities, and China-based suppliers of the regime's military forces." State said the actions are under Executive Order 14404. On X: 795,052 views and 10,663 reposts as of Fri 6 Nov, 04:05 ET.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 16:16 ET · **Source:** @SecRubio on X and State Department: Further Sanctions on the Cuban Regime's Foreign Military Support and Illicit Revenue Networks

GOVERNMENT

State Department offers up to $50 million for Tren de Aragua leaders

The State Department, with the FBI, DEA and Justice Department, said it is announcing reward offers "totaling up to $50 million" for information leading to the arrests and/or convictions of three Tren de Aragua leaders: Yohan José Romero (up to $20 million), Giovanni Vicente Mosquera Serrano (up to $15 million) and Juan Gabriel Rivas Núñez (up to $15 million).

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 16:03 ET · **Source:** State Department: Reward Offers Totaling Up to $50 Million for Information Leading to Arrests and/or Convictions of Leaders of Foreign Terrorist Organization Tren de Aragua

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky thanks Spain for a new €437 million military package

Official post · not independently verified. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote that he spoke with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez and that "there is a new €437 million military assistance package from Spain." He wrote that he briefed Sánchez on Russian strikes on "critical infrastructure – energy, logistics, and railways." On X: 115,833 views and 443 reposts as of Fri 6 Nov, 04:05 ET.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 15:33 ET · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X

OFFICIAL POST

White House says Trump signed an Oval Office National Monument proclamation

Official post · not independently verified. The White House wrote: "SIGNED: Designating the Oval Office as a National Monument, protecting the historic office for good." The proclamation sets the monument as the Oval Office (Room 110), Outer Oval Office (Rooms 106 and 108) and Cabinet Room (Room 105). On X: 265,241 views and 1,549 reposts as of Fri 6 Nov, 04:05 ET.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 21:15 ET (proclamation 17:51 ET) · **Source:** @WhiteHouse on X and White House presidential action: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OVAL OFFICE NATIONAL MONUMENT

GOVERNMENT

NOAA forecasters flag marginal storm risk from the Carolinas to the Mid-Atlantic

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center said in its outlook: "Isolated strong to severe storms are possible over parts of the eastern Carolinas and southern Mid Atlantic Coast." It said there is "A MARGINAL RISK OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS FROM PORTIONS OF THE CAROLINAS TO THE MID ATLANTIC COAST." The outlook runs to 07:00 ET Saturday and is updated during the day.

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 00:53 ET · **Source:** NOAA/NWS Storm Prediction Center: Day 1 Convective Outlook

CENTRAL BANKS

3 ITEMS

CENTRAL BANK

Bank of England raises Bank Rate to 4%

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee "voted by a majority of 8–1 to increase Bank Rate by 0.25 percentage points, to 4%." One member voted to raise it to 4.25%. It said UK CPI inflation "increased to 3.5% in September" and "is now expected to rise to around 5% by the middle of next year," citing higher global energy prices.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 07:00 ET (BoE publication time) · **Source:** Bank of England: Monetary Policy Summary and minutes, November 2026

CENTRAL BANK

Canada and the Bank of Canada renew the 2% inflation target

The Government of Canada and the Bank of Canada said they "agree to renew the inflation-control target" and that "The inflation target will continue to be 2%, the midpoint of the 1% to 3% inflation-control range." They said "The agreement will run for another five-year period, ending December 31, 2031" and that monetary policy "will continue to be conducted in a symmetric manner."

Published: Thu 5 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** Bank of Canada: Joint Statement of the Government of Canada and the Bank of Canada on the Renewal of the Monetary Policy Framework

CENTRAL BANK

Norges Bank keeps its policy rate at 4.5%

Norges Bank's Monetary Policy and Financial Stability Committee "decided to keep the policy rate unchanged at 4.5%" at its meeting on 4 November. Governor Ida Wolden Bache said: "Inflation is too high." The bank said twelve-month CPI inflation was 3.4% in September and CPI-ATE was 3.0%.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 04:00 ET · **Source:** Norges Bank: Policy rate kept unchanged at 4.5 percent

ECONOMY

1 ITEM

OFFICIAL POST

Carney posts about Budget 2026 and an artists' income tax measure

Official post · not independently verified. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney wrote that "Budget 2026 is our plan to build a stronger, more united Canada" and that artists "won't pay tax on up to $45,000 of income derived from your creative work." On X: 74,259 and 1,088,473 views; 174 and 828 reposts as of Fri 6 Nov, 04:05 ET.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 18:34 ET (artists post 16:34 ET) · **Source:** @MarkJCarney on X and @MarkJCarney on X, artists

REGULATION

2 ITEMS

REGULATOR

CFTC says exchanges must end geographic access restrictions

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission said designated contract markets "must cease domestic geographic restrictions that violate the Impartial Access Requirements within 30 days." Chairman Michael S. Selig said: "Geographic access restrictions are inconsistent with those purposes and the Act's impartial access requirements."

Published: Thu 5 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** CFTC: CFTC Issues Impartial Access Requirements Interpretation

GOVERNMENT

Justice Department launches a Super Intelligence Task Force

The Justice Department said it is forming a Super Intelligence (SI) Task Force. It quoted President Trump saying "America stands at the forefront of a new technological revolution in intelligence." Attorney General Todd Blanche said the task force will "ensure critical SI technologies serve the American people and are not manipulated by bad actors at home or abroad."

Published: Thu 5 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** US Department of Justice: Department of Justice Launches Super Intelligence Task Force

TECH

2 ITEMS

OFFICIAL POST

NASA says astronauts finished the final new ISS solar-array spacewalk

Official post · not independently verified. NASA's space station account wrote: ".@Astro_Kutryk and @Astro_Anil completed their spacewalk at 3:35 p.m. EST today after installing the eighth and final roll-out solar array." It wrote: "This completes the upgrade of the International Space Station's power generation system." On X: 68,233 views and 190 reposts as of Fri 6 Nov, 04:05 ET.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 15:55 ET · **Source:** @Space_Station on X

OFFICIAL POST

NASA says its X-59 quiet-supersonic aircraft flew to Daytona Beach

Official post · not independently verified. NASA wrote that "our X-59 quiet supersonic X-59 aircraft traveled from Birmingham, Alabama, to Daytona Beach, Florida." It wrote that the aircraft "aims to fly faster than sound with just a gentle thump rather than a sonic boom." On X: 839,665 views and 1,364 reposts as of Fri 6 Nov, 04:05 ET.

Published: Thu 5 Nov, 16:04 ET · **Source:** @NASA on X

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