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MARKET DATA

NASDAQ COMPOSITE **24,579.42 (+264.42, +1.09% from the prior close of 24,315.00; Nasdaq, dated Fri 6 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
NASDAQ-100 **26,989.99 (+360.18, +1.35% from the prior close of 26,629.81; Nasdaq, dated Fri 6 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
As of Close of Fri 6 Nov ET · Source: Nasdaq Composite (COMP), Nasdaq-100 (NDX)

FRONT PAGE · TOP STORY

Trump names Stephen Miller chief of staff, White House says

GOVERNMENT · LEAD STORY

The White House said President Trump "announced the appointment of Stephen Miller as the 33rd White House Chief of Staff, succeeding Susie Wiles". Trump wrote on Truth Social that Miller "will become the Chief of Staff starting Monday, November 9, 2026" and that Wiles "will be moving over to the Trump Political Operation".

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 16:56 ET (Truth Social 13:51 ET) · **Source:** White House: President Trump Names Stephen Miller as 33rd White House Chief of Staff and Trump on Truth Social

WORLD

6 ITEMS

OFFICIAL POST

CENTCOM posts a Rewards for Justice offer of up to $20 million on Iran's nuclear program

Official post · not independently verified. US Central Command wrote: "Rewards for Justice is offering a reward of up to $20 million and possible relocation for information about Iran's nuclear program, including its facilities, equipment, and associated personnel, such as those in the scientific community, or the movement of any of the above." The Rewards for Justice page makes the same offer. On X: 4,323,132 views and 3,616 reposts as of Sat 7 Nov, 04:18 ET.

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 19:01 ET (edited post; reward page time not disclosed) · **Source:** @CENTCOM on X and Rewards for Justice: Iran Nuclear Program

GOVERNMENT

Treasury sanctions eight Canada-based money services businesses over Iran

Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control said it "designated eight money services businesses based in Canada that enable the Iranian regime." Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said: "Canada cannot be a safe haven for illicit financial facilitators that provide sanctions evasion services to the Iranian regime and its proxies." State said the action was coordinated with Canada.

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 15:05 ET · **Source:** US Treasury: Operation Economic Outcast Sanctions Eight Canadian Money Services Businesses Enabling Iranian Regime and State Department: U.S. Sanctions Cripple Financial Networks Sustaining the Iranian Regime

OFFICIAL POST

White House posts that US policy recognises "only two genders"

Official post · not independently verified. The White House wrote: "It is the official policy of the United States government that there are only two genders: male & female." On X: 7,380,893 views and 20,581 reposts as of Sat 7 Nov, 04:18 ET.

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 12:15 ET · **Source:** @WhiteHouse on X

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky reports 36 ballistic missiles and 172 drones in a Russian attack

Official post · not independently verified. President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote: "In total, the Russians used 172 drones and 36 ballistic missiles, with all the missiles aimed at

Kyiv and the surrounding region." He wrote: "Nine people were injured, including one child." On Friday he wrote: "We need interceptor missiles for our Patriots." On X, the Saturday post had 52,487 views and 313 reposts as of Sat 7 Nov, 04:18 ET.

Published: Sat 7 Nov, 03:31 ET (warning Fri 15:18 ET) · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X and @ZelenskyyUa on X, Friday warning

OFFICIAL POST

Rubio condemns the new sentence for Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong

Official post · not independently verified. Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote: "The U.S. strongly condemns the Hong Kong Court's decision to once again sentence Joshua Wong for exercising his freedom of speech." He added: "We call for his immediate release and that of all unjustly detained persons." On X: 766,654 views and 4,957 reposts as of Sat 7 Nov, 04:18 ET.

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 10:35 ET (State statement time not disclosed) · **Source:** @SecRubio on X and State Department: Joint Statement on the Conviction of Hong Kong Alliance Leaders and Sentencing of Joshua Wong

GOVERNMENT

US, Armenia and Azerbaijan launch planning groups for the TRIPP transit route

The governments of the United States, Armenia and Azerbaijan said officials "launched Trilateral Technical Planning Groups to advance the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP), a multimodal transit route." They said the first two groups will focus on "transportation and electricity transmission" and that the sides "reaffirmed their respective commitments to expeditious operationalization of all modalities of TRIPP."

Published: Fri 6 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** State Department: Joint Statement on the Launch of Trilateral Technical Planning Groups to Advance the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP)

CENTRAL BANKS

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CENTRAL BANK

Bank of Japan's Ueda says foreign investment income now drives Japan's surplus

In a speech at the International Monetary Fund, Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda said: "Net income earned on foreign investments has thus become the principal source of Japan's current account surplus". He said the surplus "generally ranged from 2 to 4 percent of GDP for roughly four decades".

Published: Speech Fri 6 Nov; text dated Sat 7 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** Bank of Japan: Japan's Current Account Surplus and Corporate Adjustment (speech text, PDF)

TRADE

1 ITEM

OFFICIAL POST

Bessent says China must honour its commitments after a call with He Lifeng

Official post · not independently verified. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent wrote that, on a call with He Lifeng, he "raised concerns about recent Chinese actions and underscored that progress depends on concrete results." USTR said Greer stressed China's past commitments on "agricultural purchases, rare earths, and other critical minerals". On X: 120,541 views and 622 reposts as of Sat 7 Nov, 04:18 ET.

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 12:30 ET (USTR readout time not disclosed) · **Source:** @SecScottBessent on X and USTR: Readout of Ambassador Greer's Call with China's Vice Premier He Lifeng

ECONOMY

1 ITEM

GOVERNMENT

US employers added 165,000 jobs in October; unemployment rate 4.1%

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said "Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 165,000 in October, and the unemployment rate changed little at 4.1 percent." Private-sector average hourly earnings rose 0.4% to $38.00, up 3.1% over 12 months. August was revised to +186,000 and September to +60,000, so the two months combined are "84,000 higher than previously reported."

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 08:30 ET · **Source:** US Bureau of Labor

Statistics: The Employment Situation, October 2026

REGULATION

1 ITEM

REGULATOR

Justice Department closes its review of FOX's planned purchase of Roku

The Justice Department's Antitrust Division said it closed its investigation of FOX's proposed acquisition of Roku, announced on June 15 at "approximately $22 billion". It said entry by free, ad-supported streaming providers "would be timely, likely, and sufficient to make a substantial risk of harm to competition unlikely."

Published: Fri 6 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** US Department of Justice: Statement of the Antitrust Division on the Closing of Its Investigation of the Merger of FOX and Roku

TECH

1 ITEM

OFFICIAL POST

NASA chief posts a welcome for Trump at Kennedy Space Center and describes CAPEWEEK

Official post · not independently verified. NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman wrote: "Today, we're excited to welcome @POTUS to @NASAKennedy as we begin building a global stage worthy of America's leadership in aerospace." He said CAPEWEEK would bring together aerospace participants and members of the public. On X: 182,907 views and 287 reposts as of Sat 7 Nov, 04:18 ET.

Published: Fri 6 Nov, 13:34 ET (edited post) · **Source:** @NASAAdmin on X

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