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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

US forces disable cargo ship over Iran blockade, CENTCOM says

OFFICIAL POST · LEAD STORY

Official post · not independently verified. US Central Command said its forces "disabled a commercial vessel in the Gulf of Oman, Nov. 7, after the ship's civilian crew ignored repeated warnings and attempted to violate the naval blockade against Iran multiple times." It said a US military aircraft "fired precision munitions at the stern of St. Kitts-flagged M/V Huda". CENTCOM said enforcement actions since July have resulted in US forces "redirecting 147 commercial vessels that complied and disabled five merchant ships that refused to comply." On X: 933,701 views and 1,187 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X post Sat 7 Nov, 15:37 ET (release dated Nov. 7, time not disclosed) · **Source:** @CENTCOM on X and US Central Command: U.S. Forces Disable Cargo Vessel Attempting to Violate Naval Blockade

WORLD

7 ITEMS

OFFICIAL POST

Polish PM's office quotes Tusk saying six people died in Kraków

Official post · not independently verified. The prime minister's office posted Donald Tusk's words in Kraków: "Zginęło 6 osób" (our translation: "6 people died"). It also quoted him: "Niedziela i poniedziałek będą w Polsce dniami żałoby narodowej" (our translation: "Sunday and Monday will be days of national mourning in Poland"). In his own post about police officers, Tusk wrote: "Trzech odniosło rany, jeden walczy o życie" (our translation: "Three were wounded, one is fighting for his life"). Polish Police said the bodies of three people found in a flat in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski were the "rodzice i siostra 24-latka, który został zatrzymany w Krakowie" (our translation: "parents and sister of the 24-year-old who was detained in Kraków"). On X, Tusk's post had 580,351 views and 3,170 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: Tusk post Sat 7 Nov, 14:50 ET (office posts 15:48 and 16:24 ET; police post Sun 8 Nov, 02:06 ET) · **Source:** @donaldtusk on X, Polish PM's office on X, Polish PM's office on X, national mourning and Polish Police on X

OFFICIAL POST

CENTCOM says it formed Task Force Iron Gate on Iran's ground routes

Official post · not independently verified. CENTCOM said Adm. Brad Cooper formed "Task Force Iron Gate, an internal staff of approximately 20 civilian and military personnel based in Tampa, Florida." It said the team will coordinate with other US agencies on preventing the movement of weapons and sanctioned materials "across Iran's land borders and the Caspian Sea." On X: 1,397,237 views and 1,128 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X post Sat 7 Nov, 08:30 ET · **Source:** @CENTCOM on X

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky says Russian missiles hit Kyiv's Northern Bridge

Official post · not independently verified. Ukraine's president wrote: "During the night leading into today, the Kyiv Northern Bridge was hit. Six ballistic missiles were fired at the bridge, and four struck it." He said Russian strikes on

substations and power grids mean "we are seeing significant shortages in Kyiv and other regions." On X: 221,440 views and 1,691 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X post Sat 7 Nov, 10:50 ET · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X

GOVERNMENT

UK prime minister to ask councils for plans to house rough-sleeping veterans

The Prime Minister's Office said Andy Burnham will write to councils in England on Armistice Day asking them to develop "a specific plan to offer accommodation to any veterans sleeping rough". It said £8.7 million is being allocated to eight organisations as part of the Reducing Veteran Homelessness programme. Burnham said: "No one who has served our country should be left to sleep rough on our streets."

Published: Sat 7 Nov, 14:21 ET (GOV.UK page metadata; page shows date only) · **Source:** GOV.UK: No one who has served our country should sleep rough on our streets

OFFICIAL POST

Weather Prediction Center forecasts 3 to 5 inches of rain in southern and central Texas

Official post · not independently verified. In a forecast posted Saturday at 05:17 ET, the NWS Weather Prediction Center wrote: "A mid-level disturbance will bring plentiful of rainfall over southern and central Texas this weekend. Rainfall totals of 3-5 inches are forecast with locally higher amounts possible. Scattered instances of flash flooding may occur." At 07:05 ET it wrote: "Heavy rainfall threat emerging over southern New Mexico early this morning will shift into southern Texas Sunday into early Monday". On X: 8,953 views and 11 reposts for the first post as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X posts Sat 7 Nov, 05:17 ET and 07:05 ET · **Source:** @NWSWPC on X and @NWSWPC on X, later post

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky says he spoke with Finland's Stubb before a meeting in Abu Dhabi

Official post · not independently verified. Zelensky wrote: "I spoke with @AlexStubb. We are coordinating our efforts ahead of the meeting in Abu Dhabi." He added: "Security guarantees must be real" and "Tomorrow, we will hold a substantive preparation meeting with our delegation." No date was given. On X: 219,261 views and 771 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X post Sat 7 Nov, 13:01 ET · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X

OFFICIAL POST

Guterres says the UN has reached gender parity in leadership posts

Official post · not independently verified. UN Secretary-General António Guterres wrote: "For the first time in history, gender parity is a reality across all leadership positions & among our entire international staff here at the @UN." He added: "This is only a first step." The post did not give figures. On X: 47,812 views and 71 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X post Sat 7 Nov, 15:03 ET · **Source:** @antonioguterres on X

CENTRAL BANKS

2 ITEMS

CENTRAL BANK

Lagarde says October's 4% inflation is largely attributable to energy

In an interview published by the ECB, conducted by Yomiuri Shimbun on 4 November, President Christine Lagarde said: "Headline inflation in October was at 4%". She said: "It's largely attributable to energy, because energy inflation increased to 20.8%, up from 18.9% in September". She said core inflation "was 2.5%, unchanged from September." She said: "We are currently not seeing signs of second-round effects beyond what we have incorporated in our projections."

Published: Published Sat 7 Nov, time not disclosed (interview conducted 4 Nov) · **Source:** European Central Bank: Interview with Yomiuri Shimbun

OFFICIAL POST

IMF's Georgieva says she stressed the need to preserve price stability

Official post · not independently verified. IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva wrote: "Central banks are navigating a difficult environment of higher energy prices, inflation pressures and rapid AI investment. At this year's Camdessus lecture, I stressed the need to preserve price stability and safeguard hard-won policy credibility." On X: 20,212 views and 50 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X post Sat 7 Nov, 08:00 ET · **Source:** @KGeorgieva on X

ENERGY

1 ITEM

OFFICIAL POST

Carney lists energy measures, including $400 million for businesses

Official post · not independently verified. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney wrote: "Doubling our electricity grid. Home retrofits to lower your energy bills. More EV charging stations across the country. $400 million to help businesses cut energy costs." The post did not give timelines or further detail. On X: 28,347 views and 138 reposts as of Sun 8 Nov, 04:17 ET.

Published: X post Sat 7 Nov, 12:38 ET · **Source:** @MarkJCarney on X

TECH

1 ITEM

GOVERNMENT

NASA opens astronaut applications until Dec. 3

NASA said US citizens have "until 11:59 p.m. EST Thursday, Dec. 3, to submit their completed application materials". It said the basic requirements "include United States citizenship and a master's degree in a STEM field", with some alternatives, and at least "three years of related professional experience". NASA said it "expects to make its final selection in late 2027". It said it last opened applications in 2024: "From more than 8,000 applications, 10 astronaut candidates were selected in 2025".

Published: Sat 7 Nov (release dated 7 Nov, time not disclosed; @NASA post 13:35 ET) · **Source:** NASA: NASA Seeks Next Generation of Explorers to Join Astronaut Corps and @NASA on X

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