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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

White House says Task Force Iron Gate is in force in Iran

OFFICIAL POST · LEAD STORY

Official post · not independently verified. The White House wrote: "Task Force Iron Gate is in full force and effect in the Islamic Republic of Iran." Trump posted the same sentence on Truth Social at 15:46 ET. On X: 817,487 views and 2,979 reposts as of Mon 9 Nov, 04:15 ET.

Published: X post Sun 8 Nov, 15:52 ET · **Source:** @WhiteHouse on X

WORLD

7 ITEMS

GOVERNMENT

Rubio says he has no progress to report on Iran diplomacy

Speaking to reporters on Sunday at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida, Secretary of State Marco Rubio was asked about diplomatic progress with Iran and said: "I don't have any progress to report to you." Asked about Russia-Ukraine, he said: "there'll be talks tomorrow, starting tomorrow, in Abu Dhabi." Asked about strikes, he said: "the U.S. acts defensively. If there's a threat to our forces in the region, we will act against those."

Published: Sun 8 Nov (page date); time not disclosed · **Source:** State Department: Secretary of State Marco Rubio Remarks to the Press

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky says EU will activate an emergency mechanism for Ukraine funding

Official post · not independently verified. After a call with Ursula von der Leyen, Zelensky wrote: "we agreed that the European Union would activate a special emergency mechanism. This will make it possible to quickly provide Ukraine with funding for what is needed most right now." The Commission's statement on the call mentions "the talks in Abu Dhabi this week", not the mechanism. On X: 43,764 views and 215 reposts as of Mon 9 Nov, 04:15 ET.

Published: X post Mon 9 Nov, 02:58 ET (Commission statement 02:40 ET) · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X and European Commission: Statement by President von der Leyen

OFFICIAL POST

Tusk says no one plans to ban Warsaw's Independence March

Official post · not independently verified. Poland's prime minister wrote: "Nikt nie zamierza zakazać marszu Niepodległości. Spekulacje w tej sprawie to zwykła dezinformacja." (our translation: "No one intends to ban the Independence March. Speculation on this is simple disinformation."). He asked marchers to avoid aggression. The post gave no date. On X: 779,391 views and 2,123 reposts as of Mon 9 Nov, 04:15 ET.

Published: X post Sun 8 Nov, 11:05 ET · **Source:** @donaldtusk on X

OFFICIAL POST

Rubio says he has landed in France for the G7 foreign ministers' meeting

Official post · not independently verified. Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote: "I just landed in France for the @G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting." He added: "We will focus on

pushing for real accountability at the UN and advancing an innovation first agenda to secure the future of Super Intelligence." On X: 51,287 views and 346 reposts as of Mon 9 Nov, 04:15 ET.

Published: X post Mon 9 Nov, 02:28 ET · **Source:** @SecRubio on X

OFFICIAL POST

Lula says Brazil will zero the tax on a basic food basket from next year

Official post · not independently verified. Brazil's president wrote: "agora vamos zerar o imposto da cesta básica, a partir do ano que vem" (our translation: "now we will zero the tax on the basic food basket, starting next year"). He also wrote: "enviei ao Congresso a proposta para zerar a tarifa do transporte público aos finais de semana" (our translation: "I sent Congress the proposal to zero public transport fares at weekends"). On X: 35,435 views and 284 reposts as of Mon 9 Nov, 04:15 ET.

Published: X post Sun 8 Nov, 19:14 ET · **Source:** @LulaOficial on X

OFFICIAL POST

Weather Prediction Center says southern Texas had 6 to 8 inches of rain on Sunday

Official post · not independently verified. The National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center wrote: "Texas had a wet Sunday with rainfall totals of 6-8 inches across southern Texas and near 2-3 inches across the Hill Country." It added: "Locally heavy rainfall will continue today." On X: 1,055 views and 2 reposts as of Mon 9 Nov, 04:15 ET.

Published: X post Mon 9 Nov, 03:56 ET · **Source:** @NWSWPC on X

GOVERNMENT

UK readout says Burnham and Finland's Stubb agreed Ukraine peace work is "vital"

The Prime Minister's Office said Andy Burnham and Finland's President Alexander Stubb spoke on Sunday afternoon. It said the leaders agreed it was "vital that work towards a just and lasting peace in Ukraine was prioritised and continued at pace". It said Burnham added that "Putin had consistently failed to show he was serious about negotiations". They also discussed UK-EU relations.

Published: Sun 8 Nov, 15:53 ET (GOV.UK page metadata) · **Source:** GOV.UK: PM call with President Stubb of Finland: 8 November 2026

CENTRAL BANKS

1 ITEM

CENTRAL BANK

RBA's Hunter says there is limited evidence so far that AI has lifted productivity

RBA Assistant Governor Sarah Hunter said in a Sydney speech: "So far, there is limited evidence that AI has materially lifted aggregate productivity". She said current estimates of AI's effect on annual productivity growth over the next decade "range from over 2 per cent per annum to just 0.1 per cent", and that it is "too early to say how large the effects will be".

Published: Mon 9 Nov (Sydney date); time not disclosed · **Source:** Reserve Bank of Australia: What Happens to the Economy as 'Intelligence' Gets Cheaper? (speech by Sarah Hunter)

TECH

2 ITEMS

OFFICIAL POST

NASA announces $1 million Moon Base Student Challenge

Official post · not independently verified. NASA wrote: "Just announced at MAX POWER: a $1 million Moon Base Student Challenge!" Its release says student teams at US high schools and post-secondary schools can submit designs in six categories. Registration is open until Jan. 25, 2027. On X: 475,124 views and 431 reposts as of Mon 9 Nov, 04:15 ET.

Published: X post Sun 8 Nov, 11:30 ET (release 26-096 dated 8 Nov, time not disclosed) · **Source:** @NASA on X and NASA: NASA Announces $1 Million to Students for Moon Base Challenge

GOVERNMENT

NASA says the 2026 Antarctic ozone hole was the seventh largest in 48 years of monitoring

NASA Earth Observatory said that, measured by mean size from 7 September to 13 October, "the 2026 hole was the

seventh largest in 48 years of monitoring". It said the hole "was not as deep as other large holes on record". The page says the annual maximum area came on 18 September.

Published: Mon 9 Nov (page metadata 00:00 ET; time not disclosed) · **Source:** NASA Earth Observatory: Ozone Hole Reaches Its 2026 Maximum

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