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Global AI News Briefing

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Today's Top 5

1. OpenAI classifies its upcoming Astra as the company's first cybersecurity model at the 'Critical' level and restricts access
2. Anthropic unveils Claude Fable 5.1 and cuts cache read pricing by 75%
3. Cognition, maker of the coding agent Devin, doubles to a \$47 billion valuation in three months
4. UK AI law firm Kyra says, "We pass the savings from AI on to clients"
5. Tesla lifts its stock by bringing back products from 10 years ago

■ Changes in AI Technology

OpenAI has classified its forthcoming Astra as the company's first model at the cybersecurity 'Critical' level. This is the highest of the four levels in the company's Preparedness Framework, and Astra is the first model to reach it. OpenAI has delayed the release in recent weeks and strengthened safety measures. Astra can find hidden weaknesses in well-defended systems without human guidance. In internal tests on 20 high-risk vulnerabilities, it achieved a much higher code execution rate than GPT-5.6 Sol and independently discovered two zero-days. The company said it would further narrow access to advanced cybersecurity capabilities. The model specifications and release date have not yet been disclosed. (2026-09-01, OpenAI / TechCrunch)

Anthropic has generally released Claude Fable 5.1. Mythos 5.1, which uses the same model with different safety controls, is offered only on a limited basis to verified cybersecurity and bioscience institutions. The context window is 1 million tokens, and it can output up to 128,000 tokens at once. It scored 52.6% on TerminalBench Science 0.1. Fable 5 scored 24.7%, and Opus 5 scored 29.0%. Pricing remains unchanged at \$10 per 1 million input tokens and \$50 per 1 million output tokens. Only cache read pricing was cut, from \$1.00 to \$0.25 per 1 million tokens. That sharply reduces the cost of asking repeated questions about the same document. (2026-09-01, Anthropic / VentureBeat)

World Labs, founded by Fei-Fei Li, has unveiled Atlas. It is a world model that creates and stitches together 3D scenes from a few photos, video, or text. It is a multimodal autoregressive diffusion transformer trained across text, images, video, and 3D, and can generate up to one minute at 1440p resolution. It will open first in early access to selected partners. (2026-09-01, World Labs / SiliconANGLE)

■ Administrative Oversight / Regulatory Review

Korea held the final presentation for its project to develop a cybersecurity-focused AI foundation model. Two consortia competed: one led by SK Telecom and the other by Naver Cloud. The SK Telecom side included 14 institutions, including Upstage, SK Shieldus, and Secui, and presented multiple models specialized for threat detection. Naver Cloud highlighted its experience directly operating security models in closed networks and proposed 'sovereign security AI.' After document review and presentation evaluation, the Ministry of Science and ICT will select one group in early September. The selected consortium will receive support for 256 NVIDIA B200 GPUs (32 nodes) for 10 months. Development begins in September and continues through July next year. (2026-09-02, Edaily)

■ New Technology / Product Launches and Practical Use Cases

CrowdStrike unveiled SafeMind, a security model built with NVIDIA, at the Falcon conference. It runs on NVIDIA Nemotron. Red Tempest, which searches

for attack paths, and Blue Solano, which blocks them, operate together in a single loop. It is available directly within the Falcon platform. In the company's own evaluation, end-to-end recovery was six times faster and detection was 29% higher. It was trained on 15 years of real-world incident response data. (2026-09-01, CrowdStrike / NVIDIA)

UK AI law firm Kyra Law disclosed its business model. It uses AI to handle contract review and investment round documents, then passes the cost savings on to clients. Fees are fixed in advance and amount to a fraction of those charged by traditional law firms. Turnaround is measured in hours to days rather than weeks. Every piece of advice receives final review by a qualified lawyer. The founders are Joey Irwin, formerly of Linklaters and Monzo, Julian Ritter, formerly of Bain, and AI researcher Jaap Oosterbroek. (2026-09-02, Artificial Lawyer)

■ Investment / Management Trends

Cognition, maker of the coding agent Devin, is raising about \$1 billion. Its valuation is about \$47 billion. Just three months ago, when it raised a similar amount in May, the valuation was \$26 billion. Demand in this round reportedly reached about \$10 billion. Annualized revenue has surpassed \$900 million, up sharply from \$492 million at the end of May. Money has flowed even more heavily into this field since SpaceX acquired competitor Cursor last month. (2026-09-02, Bloomberg)

Broadcom reported results for its fiscal third quarter. Company-wide revenue came to about \$29.4 billion, up 84% from the same period last year. AI semiconductor revenue reached about \$16.0 billion, jumping by more than 200%. It guided fourth-quarter revenue to \$34.8 billion and set this year's AI semiconductor guidance at \$56.0 billion. (2026-09-02, CNBC)

Dell recorded \$60.9 billion in AI server orders in its fiscal second quarter. Its backlog stands at \$95.0 billion. Quarterly revenue was \$47.0 billion, up 58%, while AI server revenue reached \$16.4 billion, doubling in a year. It raised its

annual revenue outlook from \$167.0 billion to \$192.0 billion and now expects \$74.0 billion in annual AI server revenue. (2026-09-01, Dell / Cryptobriefing)

Electrek reported that Tesla will bring back three products in September that it first introduced a decade ago. The Roadster and Semi are the leading examples. The Roadster was first unveiled in 2017 and still has no launch date. The Semi was unveiled in 2017, delivered starting in 2022, and its factory has been operating since April this year. The outlet viewed this not as a new product push but as a reheated move aimed at lifting the stock price. The move comes as timelines for AI businesses such as the robotaxi and Optimus continue to slip. (2026-09-01, Electrek)

■ U.S. AI Trend Check

Technology: OpenAI's Astra became the first model to reach the top 'Critical' level in the Preparedness Framework. World Labs uses its world model Atlas to create 3D scenes from photographs.

Products / Use Cases: Anthropic's Fable 5.1 cut cache read pricing by 75%. CrowdStrike added SafeMind, built with NVIDIA, to Falcon.

Investment / Management: Cognition is raising \$1 billion at a \$47 billion valuation. Broadcom's quarterly AI semiconductor revenue reached \$16.0 billion, while Dell's AI server orders hit a record \$60.9 billion. Tesla came under scrutiny for reviving old products.

■ China AI Trend Check

Technology: 3D generation company VAST also released a preview of its 3D foundation model Tripo P2.0. It generates production-ready 3D objects in seconds with a quad-topology structure.

Investment / Management: VAST raised about 3 billion yuan, or about \$446 million, across the Series B and B+ rounds through Tripo AI. MPCi led the round, with Perfect World, BlueFocus, CICC, and others participating. The

funding will be used for 3D foundation models and for training and inference infrastructure. (2026-09-02, PR Newswire / FinSMEs)

■ Today's AI How-To: Adjusting Effort Level in Fable 5.1

Fable 5.1 adds a new feature that lets users change the effort level during a conversation. There is no need to start a new session, which makes it immediately useful for practitioners trying to control cost.

1. Select Fable 5.1 in the Claude API or app.
2. Start long drafting work with the effort level set to 'High.'
3. Once the draft is complete, lower the effort level to 'Low' within the same conversation.
4. Use the lower effort setting during lighter stages such as formatting or repeated review to reduce token costs.
5. When asking multiple questions about the same contract or material, the lower cache read price adds further savings.

If this step is missed, even lightweight tasks continue to incur the higher effort cost.

■ Commentary by Attorney Kim Kyung-jin

Today's figures point in two directions at once. On one side, prices are falling. Fable 5.1 cut cache read pricing to one quarter of its previous level, and Kyra says it passes savings generated by AI on to clients. On the other side, scale is growing. Cognition doubled its valuation in three months, and Dell posted \$60.9 billion in quarterly AI server orders. The builders raise valuations, while the users lower prices. One question remains for lawyers. Do they keep the time and money saved by AI inside the firm, or do they pass them on to clients? Kyra drew that line first.

OpenAI's Astra sends a different signal. The company itself classified its own model at the cybersecurity 'Critical' level and narrowed access to it. That

means that as capability advances, the developer's own judgment arrives before regulation. The next task is how law and institutions will take up that judgment.

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China AI, Robotics and Semiconductors In-Depth Briefing

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Today's Top 5

1. Broadcom's Q3 AI chip revenue hit \$16.7 billion, up 221%. Demand for custom chips is pushing China to accelerate its own chip design efforts
2. Nanjing University associate professor Jiang Yanyan said CS students without paid tokens "should be expelled." Students must now cover their own API practice fees starting this fall semester
3. Chinese 3D generative AI firm VAST (Tripo AI) raised 3 billion yuan in a Series B round. The company unveiled its P2.0 foundation model
4. A US-China quantum AI dialogue is expected in September, though the schedule remains unset. Only 21 days remain until the summit
5. Twelve days before China's new entry-exit administration regulation takes effect, Manus executives have already been barred from leaving the country since March

China AI Models and Platforms

1. Nanjing University's "no tokens, no degree" remark marks a turning point in China's AI education

Associate Professor Jiang Yanyan of Nanjing University's Department of Computer Science told students in the first lecture of the fall 2026 "Generative Software Engineering" course that "CS students without paid API tokens

should be expelled immediately." Tokens here refer to the usage units billed when a query is sent to an AI system and a response is received. The statement appeared in red text on his lecture slides. Professor Jiang had earlier tried and failed to secure corporate sponsorship to cover students' costs.

The recommended practice budget is \$15, based on DeepSeek V4 Flash pricing. Jiang said the point was not to burn money but to make students experience cost, latency, and response quality firsthand. He added, "A CS degree earned in 2026 without real API experience is a degree from the past."

The remark sparked heavy debate on Chinese social media and among developer communities. Most read it as hyperbole, but also as a signal that university AI education has shifted. Some compared API practice fees to the lab reagent costs that chemistry students must pay.

Implications for Korea: As Chinese universities make AI tool use a default part of coursework, the pace of workforce development accelerates.

(2026-09-02, PEdaily, Gamersky)

2. VAST (Tripo AI) raises 3 billion yuan in Series B funding for 3D generative AI
Beijing-based 3D generative AI company VAST raised approximately 3 billion yuan (about \$446 million) in combined Series B and B+ rounds, announced September 1. The round was led by MPCi, with participation from Perfect World, BlueFocus, and 37 Interactive Entertainment.

On the same day, the company unveiled a preview of its Tripo P2.0 3D foundation model. It is reportedly the first in the industry to support quad topology, a method of structuring a 3D model's surface using a grid of quadrilaterals that is preferred in game and film production. The model reportedly generates production-grade 3D objects within seconds from a single line of text or one image.

The funds will go toward model development, expanding training infrastructure, and commercialization. Demand for 3D generation is growing rapidly in robot simulation, gaming, and e-commerce.

(2026-09-01, PR Newswire, FinSMEs)

Robotics, Humanoids, and Embodied Intelligence

No major new announcements were confirmed in the robotics sector over the past 24 hours. Key ongoing developments are summarized below.

AgiBot began its Hong Kong IPO process on July 24, targeting a Q3 listing with a target valuation of \$5.1 billion to \$6.4 billion. CITIC Securities, CICC, and Morgan Stanley are lead underwriters. Existing investors include Tencent, BYD, LG Electronics, and Mirae Asset. First-half shipments reached 8,400 units, with cumulative shipments surpassing 15,000.

Unitree shares trade 288% above their IPO price following the company's August listing on the STAR Market, though they have pulled back more than 40% from their first-day high as expectations adjust against actual performance. The H2 Plus, due in October, is an academic research humanoid robot built on Nvidia's Isaac GR00T reference design.

Xinhua published an article on August 26 titled "In under three years, China's humanoid robots have gone from stumbling to record-breaking." The report reaffirmed that China shipped 40,000 humanoid robots in the first half of 2026, representing 97% of the global total.

AI Semiconductors and Computing Infrastructure

1. Broadcom's Q3 AI chip revenue reaches \$16.7 billion

Broadcom released its fiscal Q3 2026 earnings on September 2. AI chip revenue reached \$16.7 billion, up 221% year-over-year and up 54% from \$10.8 billion in the prior quarter. Total company revenue was \$29.6 billion, exceeding the market estimate of \$29.5 billion. Q4 guidance was set at \$34.8 billion.

Broadcom introduced its custom chip "Jalapeno," co-designed with OpenAI, this quarter. A custom chip is a semiconductor designed specifically for one company's AI workloads. The company's order backlog stands at \$73 billion,

driven by a growing number of companies such as Google, Meta, and OpenAI seeking their own custom silicon.

These results carry significance for China as well. Baidu's Kunlun, Alibaba's Hanguang, and Tencent's Zixiao are all custom chips designed in-house by Chinese firms. TrendForce estimates that such self-designed chips will account for 23% of China's AI chip market in 2026. However, due to export controls, Chinese firms cannot rely on Broadcom for chip design services, so they are leaning on SMIC's N+2 process to accelerate their own in-house design efforts. Cambricon is targeting shipments of 500,000 units this year, while Huawei's Ascend chips already hold more than 50% of the market.

Implications for Korea: Rising demand for custom chips also drives demand for Korean memory semiconductors. HBM and advanced packaging demand is rising simultaneously in both the US and Chinese markets.

(2026-09-02, CNBC, Broadcom IR)

Telecom, Networks, and Edge AI

No major new announcements were confirmed in the telecom sector over the past 24 hours.

The first-half earnings of China's three major telecom carriers and their shift toward becoming "token factories" were covered in detail over the past two weeks. Key figures included China Mobile's AIDC revenue growth of 486%, China Telecom's intelligent services revenue of 31.1 billion yuan, and China Unicom's five-tier token-based management model.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) issued its "AI+ Telecommunications" innovation and development implementation opinion (2026-2028) in June. The plan targets raising computing power access rates with 1-millisecond latency to over 75% in metropolitan areas by 2028.

Computing power (suanli) refers to the processing capacity used for AI computation. The plan also calls for building more than 30 scenarios

combining AI with 5G-A and 6G. It remains to be seen whether detailed implementation guidelines will be released in September.

Policy, Regulation, and National Strategy

1. Twelve days before entry-exit regulation takes effect, restrictions on AI personnel travel become reality

The State Council's entry-exit administration regulation takes effect September 15. The regulation designates "industrial security" and "technology security" as grounds for exit restrictions. It is the first regulation to explicitly block the departure of individuals who violate export controls or technology transfer rules, and it sets no time limit on such restrictions.

Enforcement has effectively already begun ahead of the regulation's formal effective date. Manus CEO Xiao Hong and chief scientist Ji Yichao have been confined to domestic travel only since being summoned to Beijing in March. An investigation is ongoing into whether Meta's proposed \$2 billion acquisition violated China's investment and technology management regulations.

Implications for Korea: Restrictions on the overseas movement of Chinese AI personnel will alter the conditions for joint research and talent recruitment.

(Regulation promulgated 2026-07-31, Ministry of Justice, TechNews, BusinessFocus)

2. US BIS aims to share cloud remote-access blocking rule with industry in September

The US Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) plans to share a draft of a new rule with industry in September to replace the Biden-era AI diffusion rule. The core aim is to block Chinese companies from remotely renting Nvidia GPUs through data centers in third countries such as Thailand and Singapore. The House passed the Remote Access Security Act (RASA) 369-22, but the Senate has not yet voted. Litigation over the rule's legal basis is expected.

(2026-08-29, TechTimes)

US-China Tech Rivalry and Implications for Korea

1. US-China quantum AI dialogue expected in September; schedule still unconfirmed

Reports in July indicated that the US and China would hold their first official quantum AI dialogue in September. The US side will be led by Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent. The agenda covers risk management for frontier AI models and intellectual property.

As of September 3, no schedule has been set. China is reportedly still deliberating internally over who will attend. Only 21 days remain until the Trump-Xi summit in Washington on September 24, and the AI dialogue is likely to take place before the summit. Chinese state media suggests the US proposed the dialogue first out of concern about falling behind following the 28-country WAIC AI partnership.

Implications for Korea: Under the emerging "Pax Silica" framework, Korea is already among the 25 signatory countries, with Second Vice Foreign Minister Kim Jin-ah attending the second Washington summit. Regulatory standards agreed upon in US-China dialogue will also affect Korean policy.

(2026-07-21, CNBC, Washington Times)

Attorney Kim Kyung-jin's Commentary

The most striking item today is the Nanjing University professor's remark. "No tokens, no degree" is hyperbole, but the message is clear: universities need to teach AI tool literacy from the ground up. Korea's legal education and CS education face the same question.

Broadcom's \$16.7 billion signals that the custom chip era has fully arrived. Export controls are forcing China to build its own chips without Broadcom's help. As this bifurcated chip ecosystem hardens, Korean semiconductor companies need to hold their position supplying components to both sides.

Twelve days remain before the entry-exit regulation takes effect. The Manus case shows that enforcement has already begun ahead of the regulation's formal start date. Korean institutions partnering with Chinese AI talent should closely monitor this shifting legal environment.

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World Economy Top 10

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Today's Top 10

1. Global government bonds sold off again, pushing the US 10-year yield to its highest level since November 2023. It topped 4.81 percent intraday on September 2 before edging back to 4.79 percent, driven by inflation worries from surging oil prices and heavy supply of Treasuries and corporate bonds.

Korea impact: Rising US long-term rates feed directly into Korean won bond yields and foreign capital flows.

2. Continued US-Iran armed clashes pushed international oil prices to a six-week high. On September 2, Brent crude stood at about \$95 per barrel and WTI at \$90.57, with worries over supply disruption in the Strait of Hormuz driving prices up.

Korea impact: As a country that imports all of its crude oil, the oil price surge feeds straight through to import prices and refining and airline costs.

3. US stocks halted a two-day decline and rebounded. On September 2, the Dow rose 295.07 points to close at 53,061.95, the S&P 500 gained 0.46 percent to 7,666.60, and the Nasdaq rose 0.45 percent to 26,217.83, helped by easing oil prices and a slight pullback in yields.

4. Dell sharply raised its earnings outlook on record AI server orders. Fiscal second-quarter revenue rose 58 percent to \$47 billion, AI server orders reached \$60.9 billion with a backlog of \$95 billion, and the company raised its annual revenue outlook by \$25 billion to \$192 billion.

Korea impact: The expansion of AI servers is linked to demand for Korean-made high-bandwidth memory.

5. US job openings in July fell short of market expectations. The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on September 2 showed 7.271 million job openings, up 89,000 from June but below the expected 7.3 million.

6. European stocks slid to a one-month low. On September 2, the pan-European STOXX 600 index fell about 0.2 percent, German 10-year yields rose to their highest since April 2011, and the likelihood of a European Central Bank rate hike in September became nearly certain.

7. New York Federal Reserve President Williams struck a cautious tone on a September rate hike. On September 2 he said there is no clear signal that rates need to be raised right now to curb inflation, a stance that contrasted with the hawkish remarks made at Jackson Hole.

8. Gold prices fell even as the Iran conflict intensified. As of 9:00 a.m. US Eastern time on September 2, spot gold retreated to about \$4,336 per ounce, while the December contract stood at \$4,357.50, pressured by expectations of higher interest rates.

9. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 2.61 percent to close at 64,484. On September 2, AI and semiconductor-related stocks such as Advantest, Tokyo Electron, and SoftBank Group led the sharp decline, weighed down by rising bond yields.

10. As the US Treasury sell-off deepened, the gap between US and Chinese 10-year yields neared a record high. Bloomberg reported on September 2 that the widening yield gap increases the risk of capital outflows from China.

Korea impact: Concerns over capital outflows from China affect the flow of Asian currencies including the yuan and the Korean won.

Market Indicators

The three major US indices rebounded after two days of declines (Dow 53,061.95, S&P 500 7,666.60, Nasdaq 26,217.83). The US 10-year yield stood at 4.79 percent, its highest level since November 2023, while the German 10-year

yield was at its highest since April 2011. The Nikkei 225 fell 2.61 percent to 64,484, and the European STOXX 600 fell about 0.2 percent.

Central Banks and Policy

New York Fed President Williams said there is no clear basis for a September rate hike. The likelihood of a European Central Bank rate hike in September became nearly certain, and the probability of rates rising as high as 3 percent also increased. US job openings in July came in at 7.271 million, below expectations.

Commodities and Energy

Brent crude reached about \$95, a six-week high, while WTI stood at \$90.57. Spot gold fell to about \$4,336 per ounce. Rising oil prices also pushed up global bond yields.

What to Watch in the Next 24 Hours

The US August jobs report (September 4 local time), the Bank of Canada's rate decision, and the Federal Reserve's Beige Book are all pending. Watch the US-Iran conflict and the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, as well as whether US and Japanese long-term yields rise further.

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International Conflict Briefing

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Key Developments Today

1. Russian forces carried out drone airstrikes on Kyiv for 7 consecutive days, injuring 13 people.
2. A Norwegian court seized a Russian cruise ship to enforce a compensation award.
3. An oil tanker was struck in the Strait of Hormuz, prompting Saudi Arabia to condemn Iran.
4. The United States and Ukraine are negotiating local production of Patriot air defense missiles.
5. An airstrike in Sudan completely burned down two UN food relief transport vehicles.

Changes by Frontline

Russian forces are launching drones toward Kyiv day and night. The airstrikes damaged a food engineering university and central medical facilities. 13 residents were injured in this attack. The Ukrainian military is also continuing defensive operations on the Donetsk front.

In the Strait of Hormuz, naval blockades and attacks on oil tankers continue. The strike by Iran resulted in casualties aboard a merchant vessel. The Saudi Arabian government strongly criticized attacks on civilian ships.

Israeli settlers and military units raided a village in the West Bank. After a gunfight, two Palestinian residents were killed.

Civilian Casualties and Humanitarian Situation

In South Kordofan State, Sudan, relief supply transport vehicles were hit by an airstrike. Two UN trucks carrying food for 5,800 people were completely burned down. This incident has caused the risk of starvation among local residents to surge rapidly.

In Kyiv, residential areas and educational facilities suffered damage from airstrikes for seven consecutive days. Local authorities are maintaining evacuation orders for citizens.

Diplomacy, Sanctions, and Military Support

A Norwegian court approved an application by Ukraine's state-owned oil and gas company. Consequently, a Russian cruise ship docked in Svalbard was seized. This is an enforcement procedure for a \$4.2 billion compensation award following the confiscation of Crimean assets.

The European Union identified Russia as being behind a drone operation at a German airport. High Representative for Foreign Affairs Kaja Kallas announced that additional sanctions are being prepared.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio mentioned strengthening air defense networks. The United States and Ukraine are negotiating licenses for local production of Patriot missiles.

Observation Points for the Next 24 Hours

1. Whether airstrikes on Kyiv continue and changes in Ukraine's air defense capabilities.
2. Navigation safety in the Strait of Hormuz and additional U.S. military responses toward North Korea and Iran.
3. Whether the European Union passes a new sanctions package against Russia.

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Today's Summary

On September 2, 2026, a bus rollover accident on the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, killed 22 people. In Nepal, the number of flood victims exceeded 1.6 million. Ebola deaths in the Democratic Republic of the Congo surpassed 3,000.

Earthquakes and Volcanoes

1. Indonesia's Mount Sinabung Erupts Again, Residents Evacuated

The event occurred at 09:20 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 07:20 on September 2, 2026. Mount Sinabung in North Sumatra Province, Indonesia, erupted again. An ash column rose to a height of 1,000 meters above the summit. Authorities raised the alert level to level 3 and evacuated 615 residents. Access to areas within 3 kilometers of the volcano was restricted.

2. Magnitude 5.6 Earthquake off Puerto Madero, Mexico

The event occurred at 21:28 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 06:28 on September 2, 2026. A magnitude 5.6 earthquake struck waters west-southwest of Puerto Madero, Mexico. The focal depth was 10 kilometers. Casualties are being tallied. The US Geological Survey kept the earthquake alert at the green level.

3. Magnitude 5.9 Earthquake on the East Pacific Rise, South Pacific

The event occurred at 21:35 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 12:35 on September 2, 2026. A magnitude 5.9 earthquake occurred in waters along the southern East Pacific Rise. The focal depth was 10 kilometers. Casualties are being tallied. The US Geological Survey did not issue a tsunami warning.

Heavy Rain, Floods, and Typhoons

4. Typhoon Sadr Moves North, Red Alert for Flash Floods in Guangdong, China

The event occurred at 21:00 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 20:00 on September 2, 2026. Typhoon Sadr moved north through the South China Sea and reached waters off Guangdong Province. China's Ministry of Water Resources issued a red alert for flash floods in eastern Guangdong. Authorities ordered evacuations for residents in high-risk areas.

5. Hurricane Lowell Develops into Top-Tier Category 5

The event occurred at 21:00 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 02:00 on September 2, 2026. Hurricane Lowell developed into a Category 5 hurricane in the Pacific. Maximum wind speed reached 257 km/h. The National Hurricane Center issued a high surf advisory.

6. Nepal Flood Victims Exceed 1.6 Million

The event occurred at 04:31 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 01:16 on September 3, 2026. Damage from major flooding that struck Nepal last month continues. The Nepali government announced that 1.6 million people have been affected. More than 1,100 people have died and about 4,400 remain missing. A South Korean emergency relief team arrived in Nepal and began relief operations.

Wildfires

7. Smoke from Sumatra Wildfires Spreads in Indonesia, Prompting Remote Learning

The event occurred at 00:06 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 22:06 on September 2, 2026. Smoke from wildfires on the Indonesian island of Sumatra spread to surrounding areas. As air quality worsened, 1.4 million students began remote learning. Firefighters are using helicopters to bring the fires under control.

Accidents

8. Bus Rollover in South Sinai Governorate, Egypt

The event occurred at 04:31 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 21:31 on September 2, 2026. A passenger bus overturned on a road in South Sinai Governorate, Egypt. According to Egypt's Ministry of Health, 22 people died and 28 were injured. Ten of the dead were Jordanian nationals. Authorities deployed 20 ambulances to transport the injured to hospitals.

9. Tugboat Sinks off Oryukdo, Busan

The event occurred at 13:29 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 13:29 on September 2, 2026. A tugboat capsized and sank in waters southeast of Oryukdo, Busan. According to the Korea Coast Guard, one person died and six went missing. One rescued Indonesian crew member was saved by a nearby vessel. The coast guard deployed 19 ships for a nighttime search.

10. Wreck of Sunken Ferry off Northern Cyprus Located

The event occurred at 16:41 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 10:41 on September 2, 2026. The wreck of a ferry that sank in waters off Northern Cyprus was located. According to authorities, eight people died and 20 remain missing. A court detained the captain and seven crew members, and an investigation is underway. The Northern Cyprus government declared three days of national mourning.

11. Cargo Ship Sinks After Collision in the Sea of Marmara, Turkiye

The event occurred at 21:22 KST on September 2, 2026. Local time was 15:22 on September 2, 2026. A cargo ship collided with a tanker and sank in the Sea

of Marmara, Türkiye. The vessel sank 11 minutes after the collision. According to the Turkish government, 10 crew members are missing. Fourteen coast guard vessels are conducting search operations at the scene.

Infectious Disease

12. Ebola Deaths in Democratic Republic of the Congo Surpass 3,000

The event occurred at 00:32 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 16:32 on September 2, 2026. The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to spread. According to the Congolese Ministry of Health, the death toll reached 3,007. Cumulative confirmed cases total 6,186. The World Health Organization has called on the international community for emergency support.

13. Measles Cases in Pennsylvania, United States, Surpass 500

The event occurred at 07:34 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 18:34 on September 2, 2026. Measles infections have risen sharply in Pennsylvania, United States. According to health authorities, confirmed cases have exceeded 500. Authorities are encouraging vaccination and strengthening surveillance.

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