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Global AI News Briefing

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Today's Top 5

1. The U.S. Department of Justice filed a statement of interest in The New York Times v. OpenAI copyright case, arguing that AI training is fair use. It is the first time the federal government has formally stated a position in an AI copyright lawsuit.
2. Google released Gemini 3.8 Flash and 3.8 Flash Cyber. It is the third Flash release in six weeks, aimed at low-cost coding and security vulnerability detection.
3. Broadcom's third-quarter AI semiconductor revenue reached \$16.7 billion, up 221% from a year earlier. The company said it sees revenue reaching \$230 billion by fiscal year 2028.
4. New York City public schools banned generative AI use from kindergarten through eighth grade for one year. About 600,000 students in the largest school district in the United States are affected.
5. Alibaba released the 0902 snapshot of Qwen3.8-Max. After retraining it for coding and autonomous agent work, it rose to No. 1 in frontend code rankings.

AI Technology Changes

Google Launches Gemini 3.8 Flash and 3.8 Flash Cyber

Google released two new Flash-series models on September 2. It came just three weeks after the release of 3.7 Flash. The company recommends them for software development, autonomous agents that handle multiple steps on their own, and reasoning that links steps together. Official figures show 54.9% on a difficult problem verification benchmark and more than a 70% success rate in finding real security vulnerabilities across 20 languages. Introductory pricing is \$0.75 per 1 million input tokens and \$3.75 per 1 million output tokens through December 31, 2026. Starting January 1, 2027, the prices rise to \$1.50 and \$7.50. Flash Cyber was assessed as outperforming top competing models in the ability to find software defects on its own.

OpenAI, Anthropic, and Google AI Suffer Simultaneous Outages

On the morning of September 3, U.S. Eastern Time, the leading AI services of all three companies went down during the same time window. OpenAI saw error rates surge in ChatGPT and Codex and recovered in about 24 minutes. Anthropic said only Claude Opus 4.8 and Opus 5 were affected and that the issue was resolved at 12:23 p.m. Elon Musk's xAI Grok also went down at the same time. On outage tracking site Downtdetector, more than 36,000 reports related to OpenAI were posted. Most services returned to normal within an hour.

AI Law / Legislation

U.S. Department of Justice Files Fair Use Statement in The New York Times v. OpenAI Case

On September 1, the Department of Justice filed a statement with Judge Sidney Stein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. It argued that training large language models on copyrighted works qualifies as fair use. It advanced the logic that blocking AI development would weaken national security and U.S. competitiveness. It is the first time the federal government has formally taken a position in an AI copyright lawsuit. The statement has no binding force. Graham James, a spokesperson for The New York Times, responded that "the administration has turned away from the stolen labor of creators and sided with a handful of giant AI companies." The filing came just days before the deadline for summary judgment motions.

G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting Adopts Joint Principles and the Carolina Principles

The United States hosted the meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and adopted a consensus statement covering six areas of joint principles. It included innovation-friendly policy, technology diffusion, workforce, AI intellectual property, standards, and supply chains. Michael Kratsios, the U.S. science and technology adviser, proposed the Carolina Principles, which argue against creating new AI-specific regulations and instead favor addressing AI under existing law. Kratsios said China also signed on, but no copy of the document was released and there has been no confirmation from the Chinese side. South Korea is also among the participating countries.

Administrative Oversight / Regulatory Investigations

New York City Public Schools Ban Generative AI from Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade for One Year

Chancellor Kamar Samuels and Mayor Zoran Mamdani announced the measure on September 2. It affects about 600,000 students in the largest school district in the United States, or about two-thirds of all students. The city will disable AI features in 38 software tools that generate answers for students and will also block companion chatbots. In high schools, use will be allowed only for verified purposes under teacher supervision. Assistive technology for

students with disabilities and tools tied to individualized education plans are exempt from the ban. The policy applies in the 2026-27 school year.

EU Commission AI Office Issues First Information Requests to General-Purpose AI Providers

Using its enforcement authority under the AI Act, the Commission required more than 30 providers to submit information. It asked about defenses against model attacks, whether outside experts had conducted evaluations, post-release monitoring methods, and the contents of training data. If responses are incomplete or false, providers face fines of up to 15 million euros or 3% of worldwide revenue, whichever is greater. The Commission did not disclose the list of recipient companies.

Court Decisions / Litigation

Canada's Music Rights Society SOCAN Sues Suno in Federal Court

On September 2, SOCAN filed a copyright infringement lawsuit in the Federal Court of Canada against AI music generator Suno. It identified 150 AI outputs that were identical or similar to songs in its catalog. It cited Nickelback's "Photograph," as well as songs by Avril Lavigne and Joni Mitchell, as examples. SOCAN is seeking damages and an order to stop distribution of the infringing outputs. Earlier, at the end of August, musicians including Jason Isbell also sued Suno in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts over voice and identity rights.

New Technologies / Product Launches and Practical Use Cases

Alibaba Reveals Qwen3.8-Max 0902 Snapshot

Alibaba released an improved version of its flagship Qwen3.8-Max on September 1-2. It is aimed at complex coding and long autonomous agent tasks. The 240-billion-parameter architecture and 1 million-token context

window remain unchanged. Its Frontend Code Arena score rose by 22 points to 1,691, putting it in first place. Pricing also remains unchanged at \$2 per 1 million input tokens and \$6 per 1 million output tokens. It is available only through the API, and the weights were not released. The overall assessment is that its broad performance still falls short of Opus 5.

Runway Unveils Solaris, a Real-Time Screen Generation Model

On September 1, Runway announced Solaris, its first interface world model. It generates screens frame by frame without code and responds immediately to clicks and voice input. The structure combines the Gen-4.5 video model with a language model that reads instructions. By Runway's own announcement, it supports 720p with latency of less than 0.5 seconds per frame. However, generated screens do not contain document structure or accessibility information, which makes it difficult to use in fields such as finance and healthcare where auditability is required. The company is only accepting early access applications, with no public pricing or API.

New Features in Major AI Apps

Google added a morning summary feature called Daily Brief to the Gemini app. It brings inbox, calendar, and tasks together in one view. ChatGPT made scheduled tasks capable of responding through webhooks to changes in other apps. The goal is to keep work moving without repeated manual checks.

Investment / Management Trends

Broadcom Posts \$16.7 Billion in Third-Quarter AI Semiconductor Revenue

Broadcom reported \$29.6 billion in revenue for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026. That was up 86% from a year earlier, and adjusted earnings per share came to \$3.32. Of that total, AI semiconductors accounted for \$16.7 billion, up 221% year over year. Fourth-quarter guidance for AI semiconductors is \$21.7

billion. The company said it sees revenue reaching \$115 billion in fiscal year 2027 and \$230 billion in fiscal year 2028. However, overall fourth-quarter guidance came in slightly below market expectations, and the stock fell more than 3% in after-hours trading.

PwC Forecasts \$31.6 Trillion in Cumulative Data Center Investment by 2050

PwC released a forecast modeled with Oxford Economics across 46 countries. It says annual data center investment will rise from about \$800 billion this year to \$1.8 trillion in 2050. The United States accounts for nearly half, at \$15.1 trillion. If AI adoption spreads faster, the figure could reach \$50 trillion, but if semiconductor export controls tighten, it could fall to \$25.5 trillion.

\$18 Billion Meta Settlement Clears Path for AI Product Launches

Meta agreed to an \$18 billion settlement in lawsuits brought by 29 states over child safety. Morgan Stanley said the settlement removed an obstacle that had delayed the launch of new AI products. Meta plans to spend up to \$145 billion on AI infrastructure this year.

Funding Continues for Security and Agent Startups

Palo Alto Networks said it will acquire AI agent security startup Console. TechCrunch, citing sources, reported the price at \$500 million, but the company did not confirm the amount. Enterprise AI company Wonderful raised \$550 million, doubling its valuation to \$5 billion in six months. AI training data company AfterQuery reached a \$3.2 billion valuation, becoming the fastest unicorn in Y Combinator history. Model security company HiddenLayer raised \$100 million.

Review of U.S. AI Trends

- Technology: Google launched Gemini 3.8 Flash. OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, and xAI suffered simultaneous outages on September 3.
- Law and regulation: Department of Justice fair use statement. New York City K-8 generative AI ban. G20 Carolina Principles.

- Litigation: Copyright and identity lawsuits by SOCAN and Isbell against Suno.
- Products and use: Runway Solaris, Gemini Daily Brief, ChatGPT scheduled tasks with webhooks.
- Investment and management: Broadcom AI semiconductors at \$16.7 billion. PwC's \$31.6 trillion forecast. Meta's \$18 billion settlement. Funding for Console, Wonderful, AfterQuery, and HiddenLayer.

Review of China AI Trends

- Technology and products: Alibaba's Qwen3.8-Max 0902 snapshot ranked No. 1 in frontend code rankings. DeepSeek expanded open weights by releasing its first multimodal experimental model, V4-Flash-Vision, on Hugging Face under the MIT license.
- Law and regulation: According to the Cyberspace Administration of China's tally, 868 generative AI services had completed filing as of April 30. No new regulatory announcement was confirmed.
- Investment and management: Qwen3.8-Max is available only through the API, and its weights were not released, preserving Alibaba's own cloud revenue.

Today's AI Use Case

Organize your morning work in five minutes with Gemini Daily Brief.

1. Open the Gemini app and enable Gmail and Calendar connections for your Google account.
2. Turn on Daily Brief to see your inbox, schedule, and tasks gathered on one screen.
3. Set priorities so urgent replies and today's meetings appear first.
4. Add webhooks to ChatGPT scheduled tasks for recurring work, so you receive alerts only when documents or email change.

If the connection is opened incorrectly, internal company information can be passed to an external model. Company accounts should be connected only within the scope approved by administrators.

Attorney Kim Kyung-jin's Commentary

Two developments today divide the direction of copyright. The U.S. Department of Justice treated training as fair use and cited national competitiveness as a reason. Canada's SOCAN went to court, arguing that the outputs copied original songs. A view that separates the training stage from the output stage is taking firmer hold. The Department of Justice statement has no binding force, and the judgment remains for the court. Companies that train AI on copyrighted works still bear direct litigation risk if they do not secure contracts and licenses in advance.

New York City's K-8 ban is a case in which experimentation in education shifted toward regulation. It is worth noting that the city first turned off tools that did not meet safety and supervision standards. When institutions adopt AI, they need to build oversight systems before focusing on performance if they want to reduce liability risk.

The EU's information request is not paperwork. It is enforcement. Providers that have not kept records of training data and safety procedures will struggle to explain themselves when fines are on the line.

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China AI, Robotics and Semiconductors In-Depth Briefing

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Today's Top 5

1. IFA 2026 opens today in Berlin. 932 Chinese companies are participating, half of the total exhibitors. The humanoid robot fashion show "Robot on the Runway" is being held for the first time in IFA's history.
2. Alibaba released Qwen3.8-Max-0902. It topped the Frontend CodeArena with 1,691 points, edging out Claude Opus 5 Max by 3 points.
3. At the G20 Innovation Ministerial, China signed the Carolina Principles, a US-led agreement calling for no new AI regulations.
4. According to PwC's forecast, data center investment will reach \$31.6 trillion by 2050, with Asia-Pacific accounting for \$8.2 trillion.
5. Google released Gemini 3.8 Flash. DeepSeek V4 Flash and GLM 5.3 Flash lead in both price and performance. Chinese-made models are capturing the low-cost market.

China AI Models & Platforms

1. Alibaba's Qwen3.8-Max-0902 Takes No. 1 on CodeArena

On September 2, Alibaba released an improved version of Qwen3.8-Max. Rather than advancing the generation, it refined only post-training — additional training applied to an already-built model. The model size (2.4 trillion parameters) and pricing remain unchanged, at \$2 per million input

tokens and \$6 per million output tokens. What changed is coding ability. The Frontend CodeArena score rose 22 points to 1,691, putting it 3 points ahead of Claude Opus 5 Max (1,687) and 17 points ahead of Kimi K3 Max (1,674). Its ability to write code autonomously on complex projects and its stability in handling multiple tools together both improved.

Since the API specification is unchanged, existing users receive the performance boost at no extra cost. A trend is emerging in which cheap fine-tuning, rather than costly new model training, is used to compete at the top tier. Korean developers using Alibaba Cloud's API benefit immediately, with no switching costs.

(2026-09-02, TechNode)

2. Price War Among Flash-Tier Models — Chinese Models Lead Globally

On September 2, Google released Gemini 3.8 Flash, its third Flash model in six weeks. It is priced at \$0.75 per million input tokens and \$3.75 per million output tokens. Google positioned it as the recommended model for software development and agentic tasks. Official figures cite 54.9% on HLE-Verified and a 47.2% patch rate on CWE-Bench.

Competing Chinese models lead in both price and performance. GLM 5.3 Flash is priced at \$0.075 for input, one-tenth of Google's price. DeepSeek V4 Flash is priced at \$0.14, and Qwen3.8-Flash-Next at \$0.16. On the Artificial Analysis Intelligence Index, GLM scores 57 and DeepSeek scores 52, both surpassing Gemini. Google has moved down into the low-cost market, but Chinese models already occupy that space.

According to OpenRouter statistics, Chinese models now account for more than 60% of token share. In July, the top five models were all Chinese-made. For Korean startups looking to lower the cost of AI services, Chinese models are a strong option. However, if the United States tightens policy to restrict access to Chinese AI models, that supply could become unstable.

(2026-09-02, Google official blog)

Robotics, Humanoids & Embodied Intelligence

1. IFA 2026 Opens Today — Chinese Robotics Firms Make Up Half of Exhibitors

IFA 2026 runs September 4-8 at Messe Berlin, with more than 1,900 brands participating. Chinese companies number 932, close to half the total — the highest ever at IFA. On September 5, the "Robot on the Runway" show will be held. It marks the first time in IFA's 102-year history that humanoid robots have taken the stage. Unitree, AgiBot, Deep Robotics, and EngineAI are exhibiting.

AgiBot shipped approximately 8,400 units in the first half of the year, capturing 44% of the global humanoid robot market — the top spot. Unitree follows with 5,900 units (31%). Chinese companies account for 97% of global humanoid robot shipments.

On July 29, the United States blocked new imports of Chinese-made humanoid robots, making Europe the key overseas market. IFA has traditionally been a stage for Samsung and LG. This year, Chinese robotics companies have an unprecedented presence. South Korea and China are now facing off in the same exhibition halls over both home appliances and robotics.

(Opens 2026-09-04, TechTimes, Cryptopolitan)

2. Xiaomi Makes IFA Debut with CyberOne Robot and XRing O3 Chip

Xiaomi is participating in IFA for the first time in its 102-year history, showcasing more than 380 products across a 3,300-square-meter exhibition space. Its CyberOne humanoid robot interacts with visitors in real time through gestures. The robot performs nut-assembly work at Xiaomi's automobile factory, with a 98% success rate.

Xiaomi also unveiled its self-developed XRing O3 chip, built on a 3-nanometer process with a 10-core CPU. Graphics performance improved 85% over the previous generation. The chip will debut in the Xiaomi 18 Fold.

Xiaomi is promoting an ecosystem that links "people, cars, and homes." It also announced it will expand its smart home brand Mijia across all of Europe. The

move brings together robots, chips, appliances, and automobiles as Xiaomi enters the European market.

(Announced 2026-09-03, Seoul Economic Daily)

AI Semiconductors & Computing Infrastructure

1. PwC Forecasts \$31.6 Trillion in Data Center Investment Through 2050

On September 2, PwC released a report analyzing 46 countries in partnership with Oxford Economics. Annual data center investment is projected to grow from about \$800 billion this year to \$1.8 trillion by 2050, totaling \$31.6 trillion cumulatively. The United States accounts for \$15.1 trillion, about half the total. Asia-Pacific accounts for \$8.2 trillion, with China and India driving growing demand. Europe accounts for \$5.6 trillion.

Scenarios vary widely. If AI adoption accelerates rapidly, the total could reach \$50 trillion. If semiconductor export controls tighten, it could fall to \$25.5 trillion — a \$6.1 trillion swing tied to a single regulatory factor. The report identifies power supply as the key variable determining investment location.

South Korea is a major supplier of high bandwidth memory (HBM), stacked multi-layer memory chips, and semiconductor equipment. Where Korean companies position themselves in this \$31 trillion market will shape the industry landscape for the next 25 years.

(2026-09-02, PwC official)

2. Broadcom's Custom ASIC Roadmap Targets \$230 Billion by 2028

In its Q3 earnings report on September 2, Broadcom outlined its long-term plan for custom AI chips. ASICs are chips designed for a single dedicated purpose. The company aims to grow AI semiconductor revenue fourfold — from \$58 billion in fiscal 2026 to \$115 billion in 2027 and \$230 billion in 2028. Its custom ASIC order backlog stands at \$73 billion. Broadcom will deploy "Jalapeño," an inference chip co-developed with OpenAI, by year end.

US Big Tech firms are reducing reliance on Nvidia and shifting toward custom chips. Baidu, Alibaba, and Tencent in China are following the same path, but must rely on SMIC instead of TSMC. SMIC's utilization rate stands at 93.7%, and blocked equipment imports make it difficult to expand capacity. A performance gap between Chinese-made and US-made custom ASICs could widen as a result.

(2026-09-02, DigiTimes, CNBC)

Telecom, Networks & Edge AI

Xiaomi's Mijia: Full European Expansion and Edge AI Ecosystem

At IFA 2026, Xiaomi announced it would expand its smart home brand Mijia across all of Europe. More than 380 devices will be connected via AI, forming a structure that links personal devices, homes, and cars into a single network.

While Huawei equipment continues to be phased out of European 5G networks, Chinese-made terminal devices and Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystems are actually expanding. Chinese firms appear to be filling the space vacated in network equipment with devices and services instead.

This puts Xiaomi in direct competition with Samsung SmartThings and LG ThinQ in South Korea.

(2026-09-03, Seoul Economic Daily, Hello Entrepreneurs)

Policy, Regulation & National Strategy

China Signs G20 Carolina Principles

The G20 Innovation Ministerial was held September 1-2 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Twenty countries and the African Union agreed on joint principles covering six areas of AI: innovation-friendly policy, technology diffusion, technical workforce, intellectual property, standards, and supply chains. The Carolina Principles, proposed by US Science and Technology Advisor Michael

Kratsios, call for using existing laws rather than creating new AI-specific regulations.

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said all 20 countries agreed. Kratsios told reporters that China had signed as well, though no copy of the document was made public. China's embassy did not respond to Reuters' request for confirmation. Kratsios's statement remains the sole basis for the claim of China's signature.

China already maintains detailed domestic regulations on deepfakes, recommendation algorithms, and generative AI. The signing appears to be a strategy of keeping domestic regulations unchanged while discouraging other countries from imposing new regulations on Chinese AI models.

South Korea is also a G20 participant. In discussions over enacting South Korea's AI Basic Act, the Carolina Principles' "existing law first" approach could serve as a reference point.

(2026-09-01 to 09-02, White House, Reuters)

US-China Tech Rivalry and Impact on South Korea

1. Korea-China Tech Competition on Display at IFA 2026

At IFA 2026, 932 Chinese companies stood in the same exhibition halls as South Korean firms. Samsung and LG showcased AI home appliances, while Chinese companies brought humanoid robots, in-house chips, and IoT ecosystems all at once.

With the United States blocking imports of Chinese-made humanoid robots, Europe has become the key overseas market for Chinese robotics firms. South Korean appliance makers do not compete directly with China in robotics, but they do compete for the same consumers in AI appliances and IoT. Xiaomi's full-scale Mijia expansion into Europe illustrates this.

2. US-China AI Bilateral Talks Expected Ahead of Summit

The United States and China are coordinating to hold AI bilateral talks in September. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent will represent the US side. Key agenda items include managing frontier model risks and intellectual property. The talks are expected to take place before the Trump-Xi summit in Washington on September 24 (D-20). This would mark the first official US-China AI dialogue under the Trump administration.

South Korea is one of 25 countries that signed the Pax Silica agreement. The outcome of these talks could affect the terms of semiconductor exports and access conditions for AI models.

(Reported by CNBC on 2026-07-21; talks expected in September)

Kim Kyung-jin's Commentary

IFA 2026 shows China's robotics industry landing in Europe. As the US closes its door, China moves to Europe. The figure of 932 companies mirrors how Chinese appliance makers once penetrated the European market: enter early, enter fast, and in large numbers.

Qwen3.8-Max reached No. 1 through post-training alone. The center of gravity in model competition is shifting from costly training infrastructure to cheap fine-tuning — a shift that favors China, whose infrastructure access is constrained by chip sanctions.

China's signing of the G20 Carolina Principles is ironic. China operates detailed AI regulations domestically. The real effect of this agreement is to make it harder for other countries to impose new regulations on Chinese AI models.

In PwC's \$31 trillion forecast, the figure worth watching closely is the export-control scenario. If regulations tighten, \$6 trillion disappears. The size of the market for Korean semiconductor companies hinges on a single policy decision.

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World Economy Top 10

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Today's Top 10

1. U.S. Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller said inflation data was encouraging. The remark pulled the probability of a September rate hike down to about 50 percent from 63 percent a week earlier (September 3, U.S. time).

2. U.S. stocks had their best day in a month. On September 3, the Dow rose 624.16 points, or 1.18 percent, to close at 53,686.11, the S&P 500 rose 1.06 percent to 7,747.71, and the Nasdaq rose 1.40 percent to 26,584.06, while Dell jumped 15.8 percent.

3. Global government bond yields calmed. On September 3, the U.S. 10-year yield topped 4.8 percent intraday, its highest since October 2023, before retreating to 4.74 percent after Waller's remarks, while Japan's 10-year yield fell below 3 percent to 2.97 percent on a strong 30-year auction.

Korea impact: Changes in the rate gap between the U.S. and major economies affect capital flows and the exchange rate.

4. Nvidia agreed to acquire AI developer platform Hugging Face for about \$12.9 billion. The deal is structured with roughly \$11.9 billion in stock and up to \$1 billion in employee retention compensation, and is targeted to close in the first half of 2027 (September 3).

5. Broadcom's fiscal third-quarter revenue rose 86 percent to \$29.6 billion. AI chip revenue surged 221 percent to \$16.7 billion but failed to significantly beat expectations, and the stock fell on September 3.

Korea impact: This is tied to demand for AI server memory and affects Korean semiconductor exports.

6. The U.S. ISM services PMI for August rose to 55.4. That is up 1.3 points from 54.1 in July, above the expected 54.3, marking 26 straight months of expansion, though the employment index fell to 47.8, contracting for a second straight month (announced September 3).

7. Global oil prices halted a three-day rally. On September 3, Brent crude fell 0.40 percent to \$95.25 a barrel, weighed by the U.S.-Iran military clash and efforts to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Korea impact: Korea imports most of its crude oil, so higher oil prices raise its import costs.

8. Gold prices rose. On the morning of September 3, spot gold traded at about \$4,489 an ounce, higher than the previous day, with safe-haven demand supporting the price even amid expectations that the Iran situation would not last long.

9. European stocks edged lower. On September 3, the pan-European STOXX 600 index fell 0.2 percent, and expectations grew that the European Central Bank would raise rates at its September 10 meeting amid high oil prices and bond yields.

10. China's Caixin services PMI for August rose to 51.4. That is up from 50.4 in July, above the expected 50.6, driven by a rebound in domestic demand (announced September 3).

Korea impact: A recovery in China's services sector affects demand for Korean exports to China.

Market Indicators

U.S. stocks had their best day in a month on September 3, with all three major indexes up more than 1 percent. The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield topped 4.8 percent intraday before falling back to 4.74 percent, while Japan's 10-year yield retreated to 2.97 percent. Europe's STOXX 600 index fell 0.2 percent.

Central Banks and Policy

Governor Waller's remarks on inflation lowered the probability of a September Fed rate hike to about 50 percent. This marked a contrast with Chair Warsh's hawkish comments earlier at Jackson Hole. In Europe, expectations are dominant that the European Central Bank will raise rates by 0.25 points at its September 10 meeting.

Commodities and Energy

Brent crude halted a three-day rally at \$95.25 a barrel. The U.S.-Iran clash and uncertainty over passage through the Strait of Hormuz supported the price. Spot gold rose to about \$4,489 an ounce as safe-haven demand continued.

What to Watch in the Next 24 Hours

The U.S. August jobs report is due out on September 4, local time. Nonfarm payrolls and the unemployment rate will be a key gauge for the Fed's September decision. Inflation signals ahead of the European Central Bank's September 10 meeting are also in focus.

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International Conflict Briefing

International Conflict Briefing **2026-09-04**

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Today's Key Developments

1. US Vice President JD Vance declared that the US will not negotiate with Iran until attacks on merchant ships in the Strait of Hormuz cease. Iran launched retaliatory drone and missile strikes against US military bases in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.
2. As Russian airstrikes across Ukraine injured at least 10 people, the Ukrainian government is preparing for talks with a US delegation of envoys. Russian President Putin officially denied rumors of an additional mobilization order.
3. The UN Independent Investigation Commission released a report stating that external arms supplies and foreign mercenary intervention are escalating Sudan's civil war and war crimes.
4. Israel released the first group of Lebanese civilian detainees in exchange for receiving information on the search for Jewish remains. In the West Bank, two Palestinian youths were killed in an attack by settlers.
5. The Democratic Republic of the Congo officially announced the relocation of its embassy to Jerusalem, joining the trend of diplomatic support for Israel.

Changes by Frontline

Airstrikes continue on the Russia-Ukraine front. Russian forces launched missile and drone attacks across Ukraine. Ten civilians were injured in these airstrikes.

Military conflicts between the United States and Iran expanded in the Middle East region. Iranian forces launched drones and missiles toward Al Jaber Air Base in Kuwait and Al Minhad Air Base in the United Arab Emirates. Israeli forces launched airstrikes on the Gaza Strip, killing three Palestinian residents.

Civilian Casualties and Humanitarian Situation

In a West Bank village, two Palestinian youths were shot and killed in an attack by Israeli settlers. In Iran, reports were received that a wedding hall was hit by a missile strike, resulting in civilian casualties. US military authorities initiated an internal investigation into the incident.

In Sudan, weapon support and drone deployments by external forces are worsening civilian displacement and human rights violations. A UN investigation team warned that such external intervention is leading to war crimes.

Diplomacy, Sanctions, and Military Support

The US White House firmly stated its position that there will be no peace negotiations with Iran until navigation safety in the Strait of Hormuz is secured. Vice President Vance mentioned that he would not predict a timeline for the end of the Iran war.

The Ukrainian government will meet with a US delegation of envoys in the coming days to discuss air defense networks and military support plans. President Putin denied the possibility of a new mobilization order, but experts are paying attention to the period after the Duma election. The Democratic Republic of the Congo pledged to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

Key Watchpoints for the Next 24 Hours

1. Whether Iran will launch additional strikes on US military bases in the Gulf region and moves toward blocking the Strait of Hormuz

2. Results of the high-level military support talks between the Ukrainian government and the US delegation of envoys
3. Progress on additional civilian detainee releases between Israel and Lebanon
4. International discussions on external sanctions following the submission of the UN investigation team's report on the Sudan civil war

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Today's Summary

The death toll from massive flooding in Nepal has surpassed 1,200. A magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck waters off Alaska, USA. Toxic gas leaked at an illegal oil extraction site in Nigeria.

Earthquakes and Volcanoes

1. Magnitude 6.3 Earthquake Occurs in Waters Off Nikolski, Alaska, USA

The event occurred at 20:17 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 02:17 AKDT on September 3, 2026. A magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck waters 84 km south-southwest of Nikolski, Alaska, USA. The epicenter's depth was 35 km. Casualties are still being tallied. The US Geological Survey and GDACS are monitoring the coast.

2. Magnitude 6.2 Earthquake Occurs Near the South Sandwich Islands, a UK Overseas Territory

The event occurred at 08:46 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 23:46 UTC on September 2, 2026. A magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck waters near the South Sandwich Islands in the South Pacific. The epicenter's depth was 125.9 km. Damage figures are still being tallied. The Geological Survey is monitoring the earthquake while maintaining a green alert.

3. Magnitude 5.5 Follow-up Earthquake Occurs in Waters Off Nikolski, Alaska, USA

The event occurred at 05:21 KST on September 4, 2026. Local time was 11:21 AKDT on September 3, 2026. An additional magnitude 5.5 earthquake struck waters 100 km south of Nikolski, Alaska, USA. The epicenter's depth was 10 km. Casualties are still being tallied. Authorities are investigating the possibility of aftershocks in the area.

Heavy Rain, Floods, and Typhoons

4. Nepal Massive Flood Death Toll Surpasses 1,200; Relief Efforts Expanded

The event occurred at 06:00 KST on September 4, 2026. Local time was September 3, 2026. This is a follow-up on the Nepal flood disaster that began on August 26, with the toll continuing to rise. The death toll in the border area between Nepal and Tibet, China, has risen to 1,273. The death toll announced by Nepal is 1,252. The Nepalese government has deployed 7,912 police officers to conduct rescue operations.

5. Typhoon Sadr (No. 24) Makes Second Landfall in Fujian, China; Heavy Rain Damage

The event occurred at 21:00 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 20:00 CST on September 3, 2026. This is an ongoing situation in which Typhoon Sadr made landfall in Fujian, China, causing houses to collapse. A three-story private house collapsed due to the heavy rain. Casualties are still being tallied. Chinese authorities have ordered schools closed and suspended ship operations.

6. Hurricane Lowell Approaches Hawaii While Maintaining Category 4 Strength

The event occurred at 21:00 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 02:00 HST on September 3, 2026. This is an ongoing situation in which Hurricane Lowell, developing in the Pacific, is maintaining Category 4 strength. Maximum wind speed reaches 220 km/h. There are no casualties. The US National Hurricane Center has issued a weather warning.

7. Hurricane Marie Develops into Category 1, Approaches Mexican Coast

The event occurred at 21:00 KST on September 3, 2026. Local time was 06:00 PDT on September 3, 2026. Tropical storm Marie in the eastern Pacific has developed into a Category 1 hurricane. The hurricane is moving toward the western coast of Mexico. There are no casualties. Weather authorities are monitoring its path.

Heavy Snow, Cold Waves, and Heat Waves

8. France Officially Records Hottest Summer on Record for 2026

The event occurred at 06:05 KST on September 4, 2026. Local time was 23:05 CEST on September 3, 2026. France's national weather service has declared summer 2026 the hottest summer on record. The risk of heat-related illness has increased due to sustained abnormal high temperatures. Casualties are still being tallied. Health authorities are operating a response system.

Accidents

9. Toxic Gas Leak at Illegal Oil Extraction Site in Nigeria

The event occurred at 03:38 KST on September 4, 2026. Local time was 19:38 WAT on September 3, 2026. Toxic gas leaked from illegal oil extraction in Okrika, Rivers State, Nigeria. According to a local NGO, the death toll is 37. Nigerian rescue teams have secured the site and begun an investigation.

10. North Cyprus Ferry Sinking Death Toll Rises to 10

The event occurred at 05:35 KST on September 4, 2026. Local time was 23:35 EEST on September 3, 2026. This is a follow-up on the ferry that sank off North Cyprus, with the death toll rising to 10. Additional bodies were found during search operations. Authorities are continuing the maritime search and have begun investigating the captain.

Infectious Disease

11. Democratic Republic of Congo Warns of Unidentified Ebola Transmission Chain

The event occurred at 01:28 KST on September 4, 2026. Local time was 17:28 WAT on September 3, 2026. This is a follow-up on the ongoing chain of Ebola transmission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. According to the World Health Organization, the death toll has surpassed 3,000. Health authorities have dispatched epidemiologists to strengthen the response.

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