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International News

European postal services suspend shipment of packages to US over import tariffs

Many European postal services say they are pausing deliveries now because they cannot guarantee the goods will enter the U.S. before Aug. 29. They cite ambiguity about what kind of goods are covered by the new rules, and the lack of time to process their implications. Multiple postal services around Europe announced Saturday that they are suspending the shipment of many packages to the United States amid a lack of clarity over new import duties. Postal services in Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Italy said they will stop shipping most merchandise to the U.S. effective immediately. France and Austria will follow Monday, and the United Kingdom Tuesday. A trade framework agreed by the U.S. and the European Union last month set a 15% tariff on the vast majority of products shipped from the EU.

New Trump design chief aims to improve thousands of US government websites

U.S. President Donald Trump's new design chief said on Saturday he aims to improve government services to be as satisfying to use as the Apple (AAPL.O), opens new tab App Store. Trump has named Airbnb co-founder Joe Gebbia to spearhead the new National Design Studio that will seek to make digital services at federal agencies more efficient. Gebbia said on X on Saturday he aims to make government websites beautifully designed and running on modern software with great user experience. "An experience that projects a level of excellence for our nation, and makes life less complicated for everyday Americans," he said. Trump signed an executive order on Thursday to create the studio - a new body that an official familiar with the plan said appears to be a stripped-down successor to the controversial Department of Government Efficiency, formerly headed by billionaire Elon Musk.

Foreign workers have boosted euro zone economy, ECB's Lagarde says

An influx of foreign workers has given the euro zone's economy a boost in recent years, helping offset shorter working hours and lower real wages, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said on Saturday. Migration into the European Union pushed its population to a record last year despite declining births but governments are placing curbs on new arrivals in response to domestic discontent. Lagarde listed a rise in the number of workers from outside the 20 countries that share the euro as a factor that supported the bloc's economy despite a growing preference for fewer working hours and a fall in living standards in some sectors. She said gross domestic output in Germany would be around 6% lower than in 2019 without foreign workers and added Spain's strong economic performance since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic also owed much to the contribution of foreign labour.

South Korea's Lee visits Tokyo to boost ties with Japan before US summit

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung is in Tokyo to hold his first full summit with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba in a visit largely aimed at showcasing friendly ties between the two Asian neighbors that now face common challenges from America, their mutual ally. Lee's visit Saturday comes in an unusual order putting Japan ahead of the United States helping him to better prepare for his crucial first summit in Washington with US President Donald Trump, mainly on trade and defence issue. His Tokyo visit before Washington is well received by Japanese officials who see it as a sign Lee is placing great importance to relations between the two neighbors whose ties have been repeatedly disrupted by historical disputes, hampering their trilateral coordination with Washington.

China proposes draft rules on internet platform pricing

China proposed rules for internet platform pricing on Saturday, seeking public comment after a raft of complaints by merchants and consumers of unfair or misleading pricing by big platforms. The draft rules for platforms selling goods or services are meant to encourage price transparency and fairness, the National Development and Reform Commission said in a statement. Those operating on such platforms shall "agree on and change prices through standardized means such as contracts and orders," the commission said. The rules require platform operators and merchants to "adhere to clear pricing regulations, increase the transparency of pricing rules and promptly disclose fee changes to better accept public oversight", it said.

Coca-Cola exploring sale of Costa Coffee: Reports

Coca-Cola is exploring options for Costa Coffee, including a potential sale, with Lazard advising. Acquired in 2018 for over \$5 billion, Costa has attracted interest from private equity firms. Initial talks have occurred, and indicative offers are expected in early autumn, though Coca-Cola might decide against selling the coffee chain. U.S. soft drinks company Coca-Cola is working with investment bank Lazard to review options, including a potential sale, of British coffee chain Costa, which it acquired in 2018 for over \$5 billion, Sky News reported on Saturday. Reuters could not immediately verify the report. Coca-Cola, Costa, and Lazard did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Atlanta-headquartered Coca-Cola has held initial talks with a small number of potential bidders for Costa, including private equity firms, Sky News reported, citing unidentified sources.



Harvard is making changes Trump officials want, even without a deal

Harvard University is navigating a complex situation as the Trump administration pressures it to reshape its culture through specific demands. Facing potential loss of research funds, Harvard is negotiating with the White House while already implementing changes like renaming diversity offices and altering program leadership. Early in the spring, an aggressive and polarizing new presidential administration drafted a menu of demands, many of them very specific, designed to reshape the culture at Harvard, the nation's richest university. The university has recoiled at some of the sweeping changes the Trump administration demanded. Harvard's president, Dr. Alan M. Garber, has singled out several as intrusive and unconstitutional, including demands that might influence whom the university hires and admits.

Bank of England's Bailey says UK has 'acute challenge' over weak growth

Britain faces an "acute challenge" over its weak underlying economic growth and reduced labour force participation since the COVID-19 pandemic, Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey said on Saturday. Speaking at an annual conference in Wyoming organised by the U.S. Federal Reserve, Bailey said an ageing population and an apparent illness-driven drop in working by younger Britons increased the need for efforts to boost economic productivity. "Going back to this question about potential growth rates, that puts even more emphasis on raising productivity growth," he said. "Ageing is not going to turn around in the foreseeable future."

H&M launches first store in Brazil with local manufacturing ambitions

Swedish fast-fashion retailer H&M opened its first physical store in Brazil on Saturday and launched online operations in the country, where it is already producing some items locally, including footwear and beachwear, an executive said. The short-term goal is to open four stores in Sao Paulo state over the coming months, Joaquim Pereira, H&M Brazil's country manager, said in an interview on Friday. "In Brazil there are many national brands that are very good, really very good. In terms of price, in terms of quality. I think it's a very, very competitive market, regardless of whether it's a Chinese company or a local company," said Pereira. The company did not disclose its total investment in Brazil.

Corporate News

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