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Saturday/Sunday - April 12th & 13th

Asian tech stocks bounce back after Trump tariff exemptions India's TCS says retail, travel clients more exposed to US tariff turmoil Indian shrimp industry sails in troubled waters after Trump tariffs 'I didn't go': The last Muslim man in Indian town hit by religious strife BOJ Ueda warns of heightened uncertainty from US tariff policy Japan policymaker wants stronger yen, says Tokyo shouldn't sell Treasuries Japanese leader says he hopes Osaka expo will help reunite a divided world South Korea's POSCO considers joining Hyundai Steel's \$5.8 billion steel plant project in US, reports say

First phase of US tariff talks 'smooth', Taiwan president says

Southeast Asia water festivals begin, but earthquake recovery blunts Myanmar's celebrations

Thailand says to discuss tariffs with United States on April 21

<u>Vietnam tells firms to tighten control on origins of goods and materials</u> <u>Vietnam's party chief wants enhanced defence, security, connectivity with</u> China

Singapore central bank eases policy as US tariffs threaten growth

Monday - April 14th

Vladimir Putin lauds Elon Musk as rare pioneer

Russian missiles hit Ukrainian city of Sumy during Palm Sunday celebrations, killing more than 30

Russian missile strike kills 35 in Ukraine's Sumy, Kyiv says

Russia claims its deadly attack on Ukraine's Sumy targeted military forces as condemnation grows

Indian auto stocks jump 3% after Trump floats tariff exemptions

India's polished diamond exports hit two-decade low, industry group says Japan says no plan for big concessions in talks on US tariffs

South Korea unveils \$23 billion support package for chips amid US tariff uncertainty

South Korea sees Trump starting tariff talks with Seoul, Japan and India, Yonhap says

<u>Taiwan to simulate impact of US tariffs on semiconductor sector</u> <u>Malaysia telco U Mobile to partner with China's Huawei and ZTE for 5G</u> <u>network</u>

Former Malaysian leader Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who extended political freedoms, dies at 85

Indonesia to offer to increase U.S. imports to help trade talks, official says Philippines, preparing for U.S talks, says less vulnerable to trade shocks Former Mauritius finance minister granted bail in fraud case

Tuesday - April 15th

Four journalists who were accused of working for Kremlin foe Navalny are convicted of extremism

India to pursue trade liberalisation with US, official says

Japan seeks full removal of US tariffs ahead of trade talks

BOJ's Ueda says central bank may need to respond if US tariffs hurt economy, Sankei reports

Japan's anti-monopoly watchdog accuses Google of violations in smartphones

Japan competition watchdog issues cease and desist order to Google Honda to shift production of US-bound 5-door Civic hybrid to Indiana from Japan

Honda says not currently considering changes to Canada, Mexico auto operations

Inside North Korea's vast operation to help Russia's war on Ukraine South Korea aims to delay US tariffs in talks, cooperate in mutual areas South Korea, Vietnam pledge cooperation as US tariffs loom South Korean officials considering Alaska trip for gas project talks South Korean stock market opens lower amid U.S. tariff woes South Korea's Hanwha Aerospace to produce missiles in Poland Philippines calls joint US drills 'defense rehearsal' as China tensions simmer Indonesia to propose \$10 billion US energy imports increase in tariff talks

Wednesday - April 16th

Putin praises Elon Musk, compares him to father of Soviet space program Putin and Qatar's emir to discuss Ukraine and energy

Putin meets freed Russian Gaza hostages, says ties with Palestinians helped Ex-governor of Russia's Kursk region held over embezzlement of defence funds

Russian court jails five for helicopter arson and sabotage 'at Ukraine's behest,' TASS reports

Russian journalists jailed for 5-1/2 years for alleged extremist ties to Navalny

Russia's largest military call-up whips up fear among young men Russia says it repelled drone attack on region hosting brigade Ukraine accuses of deadly strike

India offers cheap loans for arms, targeting Russia's traditional customers India's Wipro forecasts weak first quarter revenue, warns of cautious clients

Why Bangladesh's renamed New Year parade set off a controversy

US cotton exports to India rise on lower prices, tariff uncertainties

Kashmir's famed saffron faces devastating new terror: Porcupines Japan's exports expand in March ahead of US tariffs

Japan manufacturers turn cautious about business outlook due to Trump tariffs

More Japanese embracing foreign rice, even before it became a tariff topic North Korea criticises US for deploying B-1B strategic bomber in South Korea South Korea holds rates as Trump tariffs heighten economic risks

S.Korea signals rate cuts in May, year ahead as Trump tariffs pose 'significant' risks

<u>US senators visit Taiwan, will discuss trade and meet president</u> Earthquake strikes under Indian Ocean far off Australian coast, but no tsunami warning issued

Maldives bars travelers with Israeli passports over Gaza war

'Resist protectionism,' China's Xi tells Cambodia as Phnom Penh seeks loans Cambodia seeks China's financial support as Xi visits amid US tariff war <u>Thailand plans to import more US LNG over next five years, says minister</u> <u>Top US, Indonesian diplomats discuss tariffs, defense in meeting</u> Malaysia PM set to meet Myanmar junta chief amid opposition to talks

Singapore forms 'economic resilience' taskforce amid possible tariff-induced recession

Singapore PM says US-China trade war pain will be felt everywhere TSMC Q1 profit surges 60%, beats forecasts

Thursday - April 17th

Russian contacts with Witkoff are very productive, Putin envoy says Russian barriers to re-entry stymie prospects of Western companies' return Russia says new Estonian legislation threatens Baltic shipping security Kremlin says Trump envoy Witkoff to inform Europeans on Ukraine Russia downs dozens of drones overnight, Ukraine strikes Shuya for second day

<u>Russia removes Afghan Taliban from list of banned terrorist groups</u> <u>Russian Arctic oil exports to China jump helped by STS transfers, sources</u> <u>say</u> Russia's Supreme Court suspends ban on Afghanistan's Taliban Russia's Putin, Qatar's emir discuss Syria and Gaza at Moscow talks Russia ramps up pressure on all fronts as Ukraine offers to buy US Patriots <u>Moscow plans to use seized US-owned company to feed Russian army</u> Moscow's Gazage Museum of Contemporary Art Names First New Director

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Bangladesh: Consulate General in Kunming celebrates 54th anniversary of Independence and National Day

Trump's tariffs threaten Kashmir's carpet-weaving legacy amid price hikes Japan's Nikkei notches best week in 3 months on trade deal hopes BOJ will keep raising rates if inflation on track, Governor Ueda says

Malaysia trade minister to head to U.S. next week for tariff talks

Malaysia's economy grew 4.4% y/y in Q1, exports to U.S. surge in March Bhutan turns to 'green' cryptocurrency to fuel economy

Fifty years after fall of Phnom Penh, history weighs on Cambodian politics Indonesia's trade surplus seen narrowing in March as exports contract – Reuters poll

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Trump includes US troop costs in tariff talks with Asian allies

As Trump threatens tariffs, Vietnam scrambles to avert economic disaster Myanmar frees nearly 4,900 prisoners, including at least 22 political detainees

Friday - April 18th

Putin tests Trump's patience by slow-walking ceasefire talks <u>Russia jails 19-year-old for nearly three years for condemning Ukraine</u> <u>conflict</u>

<u>Russia using new mass assault tactics on battlefield, Kyiv says</u> Russia wounds over 100 with new cluster supersonic missile on Ukraine's Kharkiv

Russian rouble strengthens past 81 vs U.S. dollar, up 40% since start of 2025 Russia sees progress in Ukraine peace talks but US relations strained

Russia gains access to Philippines beef market, watchdog says

Asian markets are mostly higher as Wall Street is stuck in trade war doldrums India plans to ease nuclear liability laws to attract foreign firms

New US ambassador to Japan says he's optimistic a tariffs deal can be reached

Toyota weighs adding US production of new RAV4 in response to tariffs,

sources say

<u>US will keep helping Taiwan in its self-defence, senator says in Taipei</u> <u>Vietnam's public security ministry aims to take majority stake in internet firm,</u> <u>document shows</u>

Myanmar junta, opposition set to extend ceasefire, Malaysia PM says Indonesia says to increase US imports, lower orders from other countries Indonesian woman turns to mangroves to fend off rising tides

Philippines devotees nailed to crosses to re-enact Christ's crucifixion