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Escalating tensions in the Middle East, particularly between the United States and Iran, dominate today's headlines, with crude oil prices exceeding \$100, Iran displaying captured US military equipment, and warnings of potential escalation, while global concerns about artificial intelligence's existential risks and military strategies in Asia and Europe complete the day's top stories.

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## ECONOMY AND POLITICS

### Singapore considers chemical castration for child sex offenders

RT NEWS

Singapore reported a 7.3% increase in molestation cases to 1,531 in 2025. The government is considering chemical castration if evidence proves it reduces crime rates, though current evidence remains inconclusive.

*So far, the evidence is not conclusive on that.*

RT News →

### Iran displays captured US underwater drone in Strait of Hormuz

EL OJO NOTICIAS · FOLLOW-UP

Iran's IRGC Navy published images of a US autonomous underwater drone, the Dive-LD model, captured near the Strait of Hormuz. Washington confirmed the loss of the drone, calling it an old model that malfunctioned over a day earlier.

El Ojo Noticias →

### Crude oil prices exceed \$100 amid escalating US-Iran tensions

BLOOMBERG MARKETS · FOLLOW-UP

Brent oil topped \$101 a barrel for the first time since July as escalating attacks in the Middle East raised concerns about energy supply disruptions. The price increase follows targeted attacks on tankers in the region.

Bloomberg Markets → Bloomberg Markets →

### US-South Korea-Japan military exercises reveal Washington's Asia strategy

RT NEWS

Joint military exercises between the US, South Korea, and Japan continue despite leadership changes, signaling Washington's commitment to building a military-political bloc in Asia. The exercises may target both North Korea and China.

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## Iran Ready to Escalate War Trump Says Will End After US Election

BLOOMBERG POLITICS · FOLLOW-UP

A senior Iranian official stated that Iran is prepared for intensified conflict and will counter-strike if the US continues attacking its territory and infrastructure. This escalation could impact regional stability and the US election timeline.

*Iran is ready for a more intense war and will escalate counterstrikes if the US continues attacking its territory and infrastructure.*

Bloomberg Politics →

## Europe is playing a dangerous game with Russia

RT NEWS

Europe is constraining Russia's independence through new methods like closing cultural institutions and seizing research vessels, but lacks resources for direct military confrontation. European elites' historical adventurism creates potential risks despite rational calculations.

*Europe has sought to constrain Russia's independence since at least the late 15th century.*

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## AI has over 10% chance of killing all humans within decade – Anthropic researcher

RT NEWS

Anthropic researcher Evan Hubinger warns there's a more than 10% chance AI could eliminate humanity within ten years as systems potentially exceed human control. Anthropic lacks a clear plan for safely controlling superintelligence.

*We really do earnestly believe AI could kill all humans. I personally think it is >10% within the next decade.*

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## The Teacher Behind the Scenes

ROLLO CHINO

During a children's performance in China, a kindergarten teacher guides young performers from stage side, indicating movements and next performance parts to help them follow choreography while maintaining focus on the audience.

[Rollo Chino](#) →

## Iran raises alarms as tensions escalate in Middle East

[NEGOCIOS.COM](#)

Iran's recent actions have heightened regional tensions, raising concerns about potential conflicts. The developments come amid ongoing geopolitical instability in the Middle East.

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## Ecuador's Noboa decorates Rubio amid Pacific military operations

[RT EN ESPAÑOL](#)

Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa awarded US Secretary Marco Rubio the National Order of Merit while military operations against suspected criminal-linked boats continue in the Pacific.

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### TECHNOLOGY

## AI labs losing billions despite massive investment

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Frontier AI labs are burning through billions annually while not yet profitable. Despite massive costs for compute, training, and talent, investors continue pouring tens of billions into the sector.

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### DAILY READINGS

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| USD/BRL | 2026-09-09 | 5.0889  |
| USD/CNY | 2026-09-09 | 6.7078  |
| USD/EUR | 2026-09-09 | 0.8582  |
| USD/JPY | 2026-09-09 | 153.27  |
| USD/MXN | 2026-09-09 | 16.9025 |

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