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Putin Meets Cuban Foreign Minister, Criticizes US Restrictions



Russian President Vladimir Putin met Cuba's foreign minister in Moscow, describing US sanctions and restrictions against Cuba as unacceptable. The meeting highlighted Moscow's continued diplomatic support for Havana amid growing economic and humanitarian challenges on the island.

Mexico Navy Seizes Narco-Submarine Carrying Four Tons of Cocaine



Mexico's navy intercepted a semi-submersible vessel carrying approximately four tons of cocaine in a major anti-narcotics operation.

The seizure underscores Mexico's ongoing efforts to combat drug trafficking networks operating across maritime routes in the region.

IMF Warns Venezuela's Economic and Humanitarian Situation Remains Fragile



The International Monetary Fund stated that Venezuela continues to face severe economic and humanitarian challenges despite some recent improvements. The IMF emphasized the need for structural reforms and stable governance to address persistent economic vulnerabilities.

US in Talks with India Over Venezuelan Oil Sales



A US envoy confirmed ongoing negotiations with India regarding the purchase of Venezuelan oil. The discussions reflect evolving energy diplomacy amid sanctions adjustments and efforts to stabilize global energy markets.

Spain Urges EU to Lift Sanctions on Venezuela's Interim President



Spain called on the European Union to reconsider sanctions imposed on Venezuela's interim leadership following the introduction of a political amnesty bill. The proposal signals renewed European engagement with Venezuela's political transition.

Argentina's Lower House Approves Labour Reform Despite Nationwide Strike



Argentina's lower house passed controversial labour reform legislation despite widespread protests and strikes. The reforms aim to modernize labour regulations but have sparked significant political debate and union opposition.

India and Brazil Sign Mining Pact, Target \$20 Billion Trade



India and Brazil signed a mining cooperation agreement aimed at expanding collaboration in critical minerals and boosting bilateral trade to \$20 billion within five years. The pact reflects growing strategic and economic ties between the two major Global South economies.

Mexican Security Forces Kill Cartel Leader 'El Mencho' in Major Operation



Mexican military forces reportedly killed notorious cartel leader Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, known as "El Mencho," in a US-supported security operation. The development marks a significant blow to one of Mexico's most powerful criminal organizations.

South Korea and Brazil Expand Cooperation in Critical Minerals and Trade



Brazil and South Korea agreed to strengthen collaboration in critical minerals and trade partnerships. The agreement reflects growing international competition for strategic resources needed for energy transition and advanced technologies.

US SoS Rubio Meets Caribbean Leaders Amid Pressure on Cuba and Venezuela



US SoS Marco Rubio traveled to meet Caribbean leaders to discuss regional security, migration, and economic cooperation while maintaining diplomatic pressure on Cuba and Venezuela.

Mexico Deploys 2,000 Soldiers to Jalisco Following Cartel Leader's Death



Mexico deployed approximately 2,000 troops to the state of Jalisco after the killing of cartel boss El Mencho, aiming to prevent potential retaliatory violence and maintain security in the region.

Canada Announces C\$300 Million in Additional Military Aid to Ukraine



Canada pledged an additional C\$300 million in military assistance to Ukraine, reinforcing Western support for Kyiv amid ongoing conflict with Russia.

Bolivia Restores DEA Cooperation with United States After 17 Years



Bolivia agreed to restore cooperation with the US Drug Enforcement Administration after a 17-year suspension, signaling renewed collaboration in combating drug trafficking across the region.

Colombia Plans \$6.8 Billion Pension Transfer to State System



Colombia announced plans to transfer \$6.8 billion in pension funds to the state system as part of a broader reform initiative aimed at stabilizing public finances and strengthening social security programs.

Rubio Urges Caribbean Cooperation to Combat Gangs and Regional Instability



US SoS Marco Rubio urged Caribbean nations to intensify cooperation against transnational gangs and organized crime while expressing concern over growing instability in Cuba.

US Allows Resale of Venezuelan Oil to Cuba's Private Sector



The US Treasury announced it would permit the resale of Venezuelan oil to Cuba's private sector under specific conditions, signaling limited sanctions flexibility amid regional energy challenges.

Mexican President Sheinbaum Speaks with Trump Following Cartel Leader's Death



Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum held discussions with US President Donald Trump after the killing of cartel leader El Mencho, focusing on cross-border security cooperation and anti-narcotics strategies.

Kremlin Warns of Escalating Humanitarian Situation in Cuba



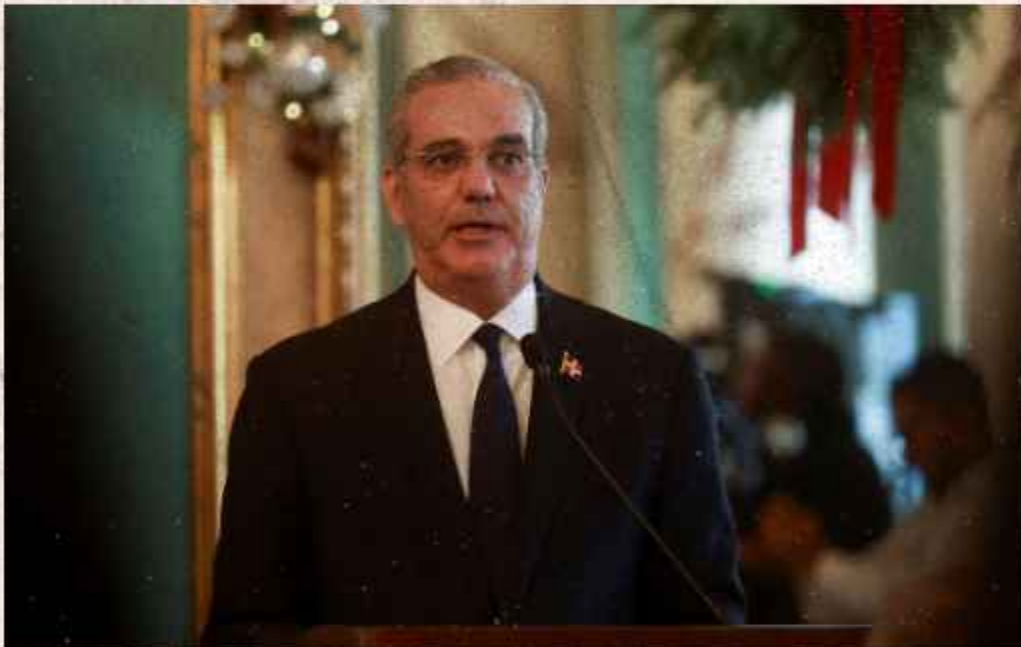
Russia expressed concern over worsening humanitarian conditions in Cuba and called for international measures to address economic pressures and shortages affecting the island nation.

Chile Rejects Chinese Medical Ship Assistance Amid US Pressure



Chile denied providing onboard medical services through a Chinese hospital ship amid rising geopolitical sensitivities and pressure from the United States regarding China's growing regional influence.

Dominican Republic Announces Major Rare Earth Deposits



The Dominican Republic revealed the discovery of more than 150 million tons of rare earth deposits, potentially positioning the country as an important player in the global supply of critical minerals.



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