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## ▶▶▶ Economy

### New York Times

#### ▶ [Thailand Economy Shrinks, Prompting Worries of Recession](#)

Thailand's economy shrank more than expected in the first quarter, data showed on Monday, as exports remained weak and months of political unrest threatened to tip the economy into recession.

### Bloomberg

#### ▶ [Swiss Reject World's Highest Minimum Wage of \\$25 Per Hour](#)

Swiss voters rejected the world's highest national minimum wage, striking down a proposal for an hourly rate of 22 francs (\$25).

## ▶▶▶ Currencies

### FX Street

#### ▶ [AUD/USD is listless and indecisive in mid-0.9300 range](#)

AUD/USD is paralyzed close to its opening level as the pair started a new trading week at 0.9366 and moved marginally low to current level of 0.9361.

### Bloomberg Business Week

#### ▶ [Yen Gains to Two-Month High Versus Dollar Amid Risk Aversion](#)

Japan's currency strengthened to a two-month high versus the dollar as fighting in Ukraine and anti-China violence in Vietnam prompted demand for safety.

## ▶▶▶ Top Videos

### ABC

#### ▶ [What does Modi's victory mean for India's economy](#)

It is now just a matter of hours before the world's most populous democracy finds out who will make up the next government.

### BBC News

#### ▶ [At the secret training base of Ukraine's militias](#)

An armed militia group in eastern Ukraine has given the BBC exclusive access to its training camp.

## ▶▶▶ Politics

### The Wall Street Journal

#### ▶ [Vietnam Moves to Quell New Anti-China Protests](#)

Security Forces Overcome Renewed Protests as China Evacuates Thousands.

### The Telegraph

#### ▶ [Iran's president says internet controls must go](#)

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has launched a series of outspoken attacks on the country's hardline security forces after being angered that one of his addresses on freedom of speech was taken off the air at the behest of his rivals.

## ▶▶▶ Markets

### Reuters

#### ▶ [AT&T makes bet on video with \\$48.5 billion DirecTV bid](#)

AT&T Inc plans to pay \$48.5 billion to buy DirecTV, in the latest sign that the wireless industry and the U.S. television market are set to converge as customers consume more video on their mobile devices.

### Kansas City Star

#### ▶ [Asian stocks lower on weak China housing data](#)

Asian stock markets were mostly lower Monday after China reported a weak increase in housing prices.

## ▶▶▶ Blogs

### Jason NG

#### ▶ [Strong Growth, Surging Credit May Push Malaysia to Raise Rates](#)

Malaysia's central bank is expected to begin raising interest rates soon for the first time in three years as the economy grew much faster than expected in the first quarter and credit continues to swell.

### Daron Acemoglu, Suresh Naidu, James A Robinson, Pascual Restrepo

#### ▶ [Democracy causes economic development?](#)

Many analysts view democracy as a neutral or negative factor for growth.



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