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### The Japan Times

- ▶ [Japan dodges recession as consumer, public spending lift quarterly GDP 1.7% but weakness persists](#)

Japan's economy dodged a recession last quarter as gains in government and consumer spending compensated for a slide in business investment.

### Business Recorder

- ▶ [IMF: Iran at 'pivotal moment' to rejoin global economy](#)

The International Monetary Fund's number two official on Tuesday told Iran that it faces a crucial opportunity to rebuild its economy and rejoin...

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### WBP Online

- ▶ [AUD/USD: Bulls Feel the Pain Ahead of FOMC Minutes](#)

The aussie gave up its gains from the previous day and traded with strong bearish sentiment on Wednesday, ahead of the FOMC minutes later in...

### Market Watch

- ▶ [Dollar struggles versus yen on signs BOJ won't be easing again soon](#)

The dollar was a tad lower against the yen in Asian trade on Wednesday, after unexpectedly upbeat Japan economic growth figures diminished...

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### Bloomberg

- ▶ [Too Early to Assess BOJ Negative Rates: Fitch's Colquhoun](#)

Japanese stocks swung from a loss to a gain as investors weighed whether data showing the economy grew faster than forecast in the first quarter reduces the need for further stimulus and a delay to a planned sales tax hike.

### CNBC

- ▶ [Why two to three Fed hikes are possible](#)

U.S. inflation rates are picking up and global risks have lessened, notes John Beck from Franklin Templeton Fixed Income Group.

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### Xinhua

- ▶ [EU defense chiefs discuss progress of Mediterranean operation](#)

European chiefs of defense discussed the progress of EU naval operation against human smuggling in the Mediterranean, EUNAVFOR MED...

### France 24

- ▶ [Sanders wins Oregon, Clinton claims Kentucky in US primaries](#)

Hillary Clinton claimed a narrow victory in Kentucky Tuesday as she sought to put away Bernie Sanders, but her resilient rival for the Democratic presidential nomination bounced back to snatch a win in Oregon.

## ▶▶▶ Markets

### The Business Times

- ▶ [Gold drops as bets increase for Federal Reserve to raise rates](#)

Gold fell, snapping three days of gains, as bets on the Federal Reserve lifting interest rates this year ticked higher after stronger-than-expected economic data.

### FXStreet

- ▶ [Oil consolidates near 6-month tops ahead of EIA report](#)

Oil benchmarks on both sides of Atlantic take a breather from the overnight upsurge and trades modestly flat as attention now turns towards the EIA inventory report and FOMC minutes due later today.

## ▶▶▶ Opinions

### Doug Short

- ▶ [S&P 500: Erasing Monday's Gains Before FOMC Minutes](#)

The S&P 500 sank at the open yesterday, traded sideways to the noon hour and then sold off in a couple of waves to its -1.25% intraday low early in the final hour.

### Meg Lundsager

- ▶ [Commentary: Why the IMF must walk away from Greece](#)

The depth of distrust between Greece and its creditors grows increasingly clear as both sides resume negotiations for a new bailout program.



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