News Feed: Spring

Russia & CIS

1. Russia's, Burkina Faso's defense ministers hold talks
2. Russia and Somalia pledge security cooperation as well as joint efforts to counter terrorist threat in region
3. Russia declares 72-hour unilateral ceasefire in Ukraine from May 8
4. Putin enacts key treaty with Iran
5. Russia Lifts Ban on Taliban Amid Growing Ties With the Group
6. Prime Minister to announce largest ever sanctions package targeting shadow fleet as UK ramps up pressure on Russia
7. The Serbian and Slovak leaders came to Moscow despite "frenzied" EU pressure, Dmitry Peskov has said
8. Putin discusses US-Iran nuclear talks with leader of Oman in Moscow
9. Putin proposes direct peace talks with Ukraine after three years of war
10. G7 threatens further sanctions if Russia fails to agree Ukraine ceasefire
11. Russia and Ukraine complete largest prisoner swap
12. Iran parliament approves strategic pact with Russia
13. Trump, Putin hold high-stakes call on Ukraine
14. Russian Navy to begin escorting oil tankers in Baltic Sea
15. Armenia and Azerbaijan Agree to Peace Deal Text
16. Russia says it will help Taliban fight Islamic State in Afghanistan

Europe & the UK

1. NATO expansion violates UN Charter — former UN Human Rights Council expert
2. UK signs $2 billion contract extension with defence firm QinetiQ
3. UK to host EU foreign ministers on defence and Ukraine before summit
4. Spain declares state of emergency after nationwide blackout
5. Merz elected German chancellor at second attempt
6. AfD classified as extremist by German intelligence
7. Davos boss and symbol of globalization Klaus Schwab steps down
8. Leo XIV becomes first American pope
9. Four European Leaders Arrive in Ukraine in First Joint Visit
10. Ukraine, Hungary each expel two diplomats in espionage row
11. EU disburses new one-billion-euro loan tranche to Ukraine

12. Lithuania's parliament approves exit from landmines treaty citing Russia threat
13. Farage's Reform UK Party wins mayoral and parliamentary post in surge of support
14. Albania votes in general elections as PM Edi Rama seeks a fourth term
15. Poland to shut second Russian consulate over sabotage claims
16. UK government suspends free trade talks with Israel over Gaza war
17. UK, EU reach landmark fishing deal
18. Pro-EU Nicusor Dan defeats hard-right rival in key Romania election

Americas

1. The administration of the U.S. President Donald Trump is reportedly evaluating opportunities to restart dialogue with North Korea
2. Ukraine and the US sign the much-awaited minerals deal and establish a joint “reconstruction” investment fund.
3. Trump Announces Trade Deal With UK, Lowering Barriers
4. Trump launches trade war with tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China
5. US-China talks to defuse trade row resume in Geneva
6. Mark Carney wins race to replace Trudeau as Canada's prime minister
7. China and US agree to slash tariffs
8. US and China Cut Reciprocal Tariffs to 10% in 90-Day Reprieve – Highlights from US-China Trade Talks
9. Maduro triumphs in Venezuelan election boycotted by opposition
10. Trump administration blocks Harvard from enrolling foreign students, threatens broader crackdown
11. Trump selects $175 billion Golden Dome defense shield design, appoints leader
12. Panama approves embattled ex-President Martinelli’s passage to Nicaragua
13. Trump has found in El Salvador a model for the repressive state he wants to build – and he’s just getting started

Asia

1. Pakistan's Punjab province declares state of emergency
2. India deploys all air defenses on border with Pakistan — ministry
3. India and Pakistan agree ceasefire: What does it mean?
4. India’s Militarized ‘New Normal’ With Pakistan Is a Dead End

5. India and Pakistan near strategic standoff after Pahalgam attack in Kashmir
6. India and Saudi Arabia sign trade deals during Modi visit
7. UN to hold ‘closed’ consultations on India-Pakistan tensions
8. A tourist massacre in Kashmir is escalating tensions between India and Pakistan
9. India and Pakistan agree Kashmir ceasefire but accuse each other of breaches
10. China’s Hydrogen Test and the Future of Non-Nuclear Deterrence
11. After chaos of the Yoon era, South Korea prepares to pick a new president
12. China, Netherlands pledge deeper cooperation to tackle global challenges
13. South Korea expresses concerns over China's establishment of no-sail zone
14. China's Xi, Germany's Merz stress ties to weather trade turmoil
15. China urges Philippines to stop provocation in South China Sea
16. Pakistan, China agree to deepen trade, maintain close communication

Middle East & Africa

1. Trump announces sweeping sanctions against Iran
2. Ukraine imposes sanctions against Chinese, Iranian companies
3. Pentagon chief warns Iran of consequences for supporting Houthis
4. South Africa presents case against Israel at World Court at the Hague accusing West Jerusalem of plunging Gaza into widespread suffering
5. Israel mounts heavy airstrikes in south Lebanon
6. PKK to disband, potentially ending decades of conflict in Turkiye
7. Syria’s al-Sharaa meets Erdogan in Turkiye as sanctions lifted
8. US lifts first sanctions on Syria following Trump’s surprise announcement
9. Clashes in Syria between government forces and Assad loyalists
10. Lebanon Needs Help From the U.S. to Finish Disarming Hezbollah