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The **Makana 360 Daily Monitor Report** aims to provide timely and insightful updates on the most significant global news and top events, offering a concise overview of key developments that impact businesses, politics, and society. By curating and analyzing major trends, the report enhances awareness, facilitates informed decision-making, and supports strategic planning for our audience.



Gold touches \$3,500/oz amid Trump's attacks on Powell

Reportedly, gold prices surged to a record high of \$3,500 per ounce on April 22, 2025. This increase is attributed to heightened investor anxiety following U.S. President Donald Trump's public criticism of Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell for not cutting interest rates. The criticism led to a sell-off in U.S. assets and a weakened dollar, prompting investors to seek safe-haven assets like gold. Analysts note that the next psychological target for gold prices is \$3,600 per ounce, with key support levels at \$3,450 and \$3,400. Other precious metals also experienced gains, with platinum and palladium prices rising, while silver saw a slight decline.



Pope's death receives muted official response in China, which has a tense relationship with the Vatican

Following Pope Francis' death, global tributes poured in, but China's response was notably subdued. As an officially atheist state with millions of Catholics, China has long had a complex relationship with the Vatican. Pope Francis had brought the Vatican closer to China's Communist leadership than any predecessor, yet Chinese state media gave minimal coverage to his passing. The government only offered condolences nearly 24 hours later during a press conference, emphasizing continued constructive contact with the Vatican. The restrained reaction reflects the ongoing sensitivity of China-Vatican relations, which have remained without formal diplomatic ties since their break in 1951.



Putin suggests Russia open to direct talks with Ukraine

Russian President Vladimir Putin has expressed openness to direct talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky for the first time since the war began in 2022. Speaking on Russian state TV, Putin said Russia welcomes peace initiatives, and Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov clarified this includes discussions on avoiding civilian targets. Zelensky did not respond directly but affirmed Ukraine's readiness for any talks ensuring civilian safety. Despite this, hostilities continue, with drone strikes reported in Odessa. Both sides blamed each other for violating a brief Easter ceasefire. Ukraine will join US and European leaders in London for further talks on ending the war.



Top Global Events

Event

Mentions
& Engagement

Most Reached Media
Coverage

The Oscars

1.9M

The Oscars' new AI rule provides a tentative green light for generative tech in movies

Tottenham Hotspur
F.C. VS Nottm Forest
Game

1.4M

VAR switched OFF during Tottenham vs Nottingham Forest game, as Premier League explains

Tesla Stocks

1.2M

Tesla stock falls 5.96% ahead of its first-quarter 2025 earnings report.

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