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White House defends US attack on boat from Venezuela as lawful

The White House defended a U.S. admiral's decision to conduct strikes on a Venezuelan drug-smuggling vessel in September, stating that Admiral Frank Bradley had Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's authorization. Critics questioned the legality of a second strike that targeted survivors. President Trump stated he did not approve the second strike, and Hegseth denied giving such an order. White House spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt confirmed Hegseth's approval, asserting the strike was conducted in "self-defense" to protect U.S. interests in international waters. Since September, the U.S. military has carried out at least 19 strikes, killing at least 76 people, sparking legal concerns from lawmakers.

Bulgaria's government withdraws 2026 draft budget after protests

Bulgaria's government withdrew its 2026 draft budget on Tuesday, the first to be prepared in euros ahead of the country's adoption of the currency on January 1. This decision followed nationwide protests against proposed tax hikes meant to finance increased public spending. The minority government of Prime Minister Rosen Zhelyazkov formally requested the withdrawal in a statement to parliament. The statement noted that after parliament's approval, the cabinet would initiate a new budget process. The draft had been adopted in the first reading by a parliamentary committee on November 18.

AI could increase divide between rich and poor states, UN report warns

A UN report warns that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could widen the gap between developed and developing countries, urging policy measures to mitigate the impact. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report, "The Next Great Divergence: Why AI May Widen Inequality Between Countries," highlights concerns that AI could lead to a "great divergence" in economic performance, skills, and governance. While trade and technology have previously helped close gaps, these gains are at risk. Even wealthier nations will be affected if poorer countries are left behind, with consequences for global security and migration, according to UNDP's Schellekens.



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