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Trump freezes over \$10 billion in childcare, family assistance funds to 5 US states

Trump's administration is freezing over \$10 billion in federal childcare and family-assistance funding to California, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota and New York, HHS said, citing concerns about fraud and misuse. The freeze covers the Child Care and Development Fund (\$2.4B), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (\$7.35B) and the Social Services Block Grant (\$869M) while the states undergo further review. Democratic governors condemned the move as punitive. California said it has blocked \$125B in fraud. In Minnesota, officials allege immigrant welfare fraud; advocates call it a pretext to target immigrants and rivals.

Russia sends navy to guard oil tanker being pursued by US forces

Russia has dispatched naval vessels, including a submarine, to escort an oil tanker across the Atlantic that U.S. authorities have sought to seize for alleged sanctions violations, CBS News reports. The tanker, formerly Bella 1 and now Marinera, says it is not carrying oil and has reportedly reflagged from Guyana to Russia. U.S. officials say the Coast Guard previously tried to board it in the Caribbean and Washington prefers seizure over sinking. Ship-tracking data places it south of Iceland, after passing west of the UK, raising risk of a U.S.-Russia stand-off as Trump orders a blockade of tankers near Venezuela.

Japan condemns China's dual-use export ban as rare earth curbs loom

Japan said China's decision to ban exports of dual-use items for its military was "absolutely unacceptable," warning the move could widen into tougher restrictions on critical rare earths as tensions rise between Asia's two biggest economies. Dual-use goods include materials, software and technologies with both civilian and military applications, such as minerals used in drones, semiconductors and advanced electronics. The dispute intensified after Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said a Chinese attack on self-ruled Taiwan could amount to an existential threat to Japan. China claims Taiwan as its territory, a claim Taiwan rejects. Tokyo urged Beijing to reverse course in talks.



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