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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.

**The Epstein files are threatening to split Norway's royal family in two**

Norway's royals faced twin scandals: Crown Princess Mette-Marit's past correspondence with Jeffrey Epstein, and her son Marius Borg Høiby's Oslo rape trial, which he denies; he is outside succession and Crown Prince Haakon stressed he is not part of the Royal House. New U.S. DOJ files show Mette-Marit emailed Epstein years after his conviction; she apologized, condemned his crimes, and admitted poor judgment. Charities and cultural patrons are cutting or reviewing ties, and PM Jonas Gahr Støre publicly criticized her. The turmoil fuels debate over her future as queen amid the king's age and her illness.

**Trump threatens tariffs for countries trading with Iran**

President Donald Trump signed an executive order threatening additional tariffs on countries that keep trading with Iran, citing 25% as an example. The measure could target imports from any nation that "directly or indirectly" buys Iranian goods or services, and the White House said it ties to an ongoing national emergency over Iran's nuclear ambitions, regional actions, and missile program. The move comes as U.S. and Iranian officials hold talks in Oman, which both sides described as a constructive start, with another meeting expected soon. Separately, the State Department sanctioned 15 entities accused of trading Iranian-origin oil and petrochemicals.

**Bitcoin rallies, tops \$70,000 as risk assets stabilize**

Bitcoin rebounded above \$70,000 on Friday after sliding to around \$60,000, its weakest level since late 2024, as a bounce in tech stocks and gold/silver triggered a broader risk-asset recovery. Analysts described the move as consolidation after a week of heavy selling. The surge was Bitcoin's largest one-day gain since early 2023, but it was still lower on the week. Options markets remained defensive, with demand for downside protection and notable positioning around \$60,000-\$50,000 strikes for late-February expiry. Ether also jumped, yet the total crypto market remains about \$2 trillion below its early-October peak despite the bounce so far overall.



## Top Global Events

**Event****Mentions & Engagement****Most Reached Media Coverage****Tottenham Hotspur F.C.****820K**

How Bayern Munich let Tottenham Hotspur win the war for Luka Vušković

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TMZ's Harvey Levin on new ransom note, new developments in Guthrie case