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US weapons or China's friendship? Trump's Iran war volatility reignites debate for Taiwan

Taiwan's Qingming holiday revived a debate: should it rely more on the US for security or ease tensions through engagement with China? The question has intensified amid the Iran war, delayed US arms deliveries, and concerns over Washington's ability to manage multiple crises. It sharpened further as KMT chair Cheng Li-wun began a six-day China trip that may include meeting Xi Jinping. Cheng presents the visit as a peace effort, while US senators pressed Taipei to approve higher defense spending. Taiwan's parties remain divided between deterrence through Washington and risk reduction through Beijing, while most voters favor the status quo.

Oil price fluctuates ahead of Trump's Iran deal deadline

Oil prices rose sharply as markets reacted to President Donald Trump's deadline for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, a vital route for global energy shipments. Brent crude briefly exceeded \$111 before easing to \$109, reflecting fears that diplomacy may fail and the conflict could worsen. Iran continues to reject temporary ceasefire proposals, demanding sanctions relief and a permanent end to the war. Although some Asian countries secured passage for ships, supply remains constrained by higher insurance costs, reduced shipping volumes, and damaged LNG facilities. The disruption is fueling inflation concerns and raising fears of higher global interest rates worldwide.

What's the most painful sting in the world?

Experts say the most painful stings come from certain wasps, ants and jellyfish rather than the deadliest animals. Entomologist Justin Schmidt ranked insect stings on a four-point pain scale, placing the bullet ant, tarantula hawk and warrior wasp at the top. Wildlife presenter Coyote Peterson later argued the Japanese giant hornet and executioner wasp also deserve top status, calling the latter his worst experience because it caused long-lasting damage. Beyond insects, tiny Irukandji jellyfish can trigger delayed but extreme agony, cramps, vomiting and an overwhelming sense of doom. Despite the severity, most people recover with strong pain treatment and care.



Top Global Events

Event

Mentions
& Engagement

Most Reached
Media Coverage

NASA

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Artemis II live: Crew on way home after record-breaking night - and losing contact with NASA

WWE

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Curling embraces WWE and darts in new professional league

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