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### Reuters: Crisis-prone France sinks deeper into debt quagmire

The collapse of France's latest government leaves the euro zone's second-biggest economy lurching deeper into a morass of feeble growth, high borrowing costs and a debt burden becoming one of Europe's heftiest. Lawmakers' rejection of Prime Minister Francois Bayrou's government in a no-confidence vote on Monday crushed any hope of making serious headway next year on France's budget deficit - the biggest in the euro zone.

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### Reuters: Cooler US producer inflation hints at softening demand

U.S. producer prices unexpectedly fell in August amid a compression in trade services margins and mild increase in the cost of goods, suggesting that domestic firms were probably absorbing some of the tariffs on imports. The lack of strong producer price pressures, despite import duties, could also be signaling softening domestic demand against the backdrop of a struggling labor market.

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## Reuters: India's tax reforms to partially offset tariff hit on GDP growth, economic adviser says

The impact of U.S. tariffs on the Indian economy will be partially offset by recent consumption tax cuts that are expected to boost domestic demand, India's Chief Economic Advisor said on Wednesday. The goods and services tax (GST) cuts announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government would have "compensating effects" on India's economy, V. Anantha Nageswaran said.

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## Bloomberg: Trump floats new tariffs on China, India to squeeze Russia

President Donald Trump told European officials he's willing to impose sweeping new tariffs on India and China to push President Vladimir Putin to the negotiating table with Ukraine — but only if EU nations do so as well. Trump made the ask when he called into a meeting with senior US and EU officials in Washington, according to people familiar with the discussion who asked not to be identified discussing private deliberations. The US is willing to mirror tariffs imposed by Europe on either country, one of the people said.

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Being in debt is a heavy burden. Yet every year we continue to rack up our obligations to Mother Earth.

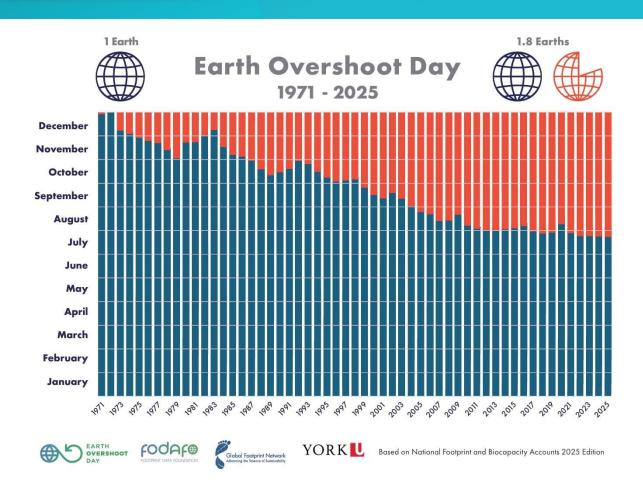
From deforestation to food waste, overfishing, unchecked production and consumption and fossil fuel extraction, we are stripping the Earth for parts, using up our ecological 'budget', at ever faster rates.

This year, Earth Overshoot Day—which measures the point where we blew through our budget, taking all that the Earth can replenish within the year—fell on 24 July. This means at our present rate we need 1.75 planets to pay for our lifestyles.

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Oil prices settled higher on Monday, recovering some of last week's losses, after producer group OPEC+ opted for a modest output hike and investors priced in the possibility of more sanctions on Russian crude.

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## <u>Euronews: France's confidence vote rattles bonds, leaves stocks</u> unmoved

While equities shrugged off the latest political drama in Paris, the bond market's sharp move higher could indicate investors are bracing for a deeper test of Europe's fiscal stability. European markets sent mixed signals on Monday ahead of a vote that will likely see France, a top EU economy, start looking for its fifth prime minister in three years.

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