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# Morning Briefing

## Europe Edition

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**Good morning.** The US House votes down a Trump-backed funding plan. France's prime minister says he'll try to present a new cabinet this weekend. And New York passes a law to tackle the black market for restaurant reservations. [Listen to the day's top stories.](#)

**The Republican-led House** rejected a temporary funding plan backed by Donald Trump on Thursday with [just over 24 hours to go](#) before a government shutdown. Almost all Democrats opposed the bill and 38 Republicans voted against it in defiance of the president-elect. [Get caught up on what happens](#) when the government stops working.

**French Prime Minister Francois Bayrou** aims to present [a new cabinet this weekend](#) and deliver a budget by mid-February. Bank of France Governor Francois

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Villeroy urged the new government to [target a deficit near 5% of GDP in 2025](#), despite similar efforts toppling the previous administration.



Luigi Mangione. *Photographer: Michael Nagle/Bloomberg*

**Luigi Mangione was charged** with murder by federal prosecutors for the killing of UnitedHealth CEO Brian Thompson, which his lawyer said is a sign that prosecutors [may seek the death penalty](#).

**UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer** is set to appoint trade specialist Peter Mandelson as [the UK's ambassador to the US](#), people familiar said. Any ambassador's first task will be [mending the relationship](#) between Starmer and Trump.

**Israel created its** first-ever [combat unit for religious women](#). Its existence was [driven by a shortage of soldiers](#) and a growing desire among modern Orthodox women to join the fight.

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## Deep Dive: Blame Game



Too little, too late? *Photographer: Al Drago/Bloomberg*

**Joe Biden's administration** is focused on using all the resources it has left to deliver military aid for Ukraine and to weaken Vladimir Putin's economy—but officials in Ukraine and several allied capitals [say it's too little too late](#).

- **Regardless** of what Biden does in his final weeks, Ukraine is heading toward a bitter settlement with Russia, they said.
- **Despite the US** sending more than \$90 billion in aid and arms, some allies are frustrated with Biden for stalling on key decisions at crucial times.
- **Meanwhile, some US** officials voiced their own frustration with European governments who they said were slow to accept that Putin would invade and then reluctant to ship weapons at all.

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## The Big Take



## Families Are Going After Snapchat for the Teen Fentanyl Crisis

A lawsuit argues that the platform helped dealers sell children deadly counterfeit drugs. The plaintiffs' legal strategy could change the internet as we know it.

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## Opinion

**With Brexit and budget stresses**, the UK has [lost its claim to strategic leadership](#), Max Hastings writes. The only credible European response to Russian aggression is to show our enemies that we are both willing and able to fight back. In Europe today, neither is the case.



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Javier Blas

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## Before You Go



A table at Carbone, New York. *Photographer: Philip Lewis/Bloomberg*

**New York's got a new law** to end the black market for coveted restaurant reservations, where scalpers used bots to [snag spots for up to \\$1,000](#)—and that's not including the cost of the meal. Some eateries say that won't necessarily make it easier to book a table.

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