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Good morning. BYD chalks up a new record in monthly sales. Russian natural gas flows to Europe via Ukraine end. And get more sleep this year with these tips. [Listen to the day's top stories.](#)

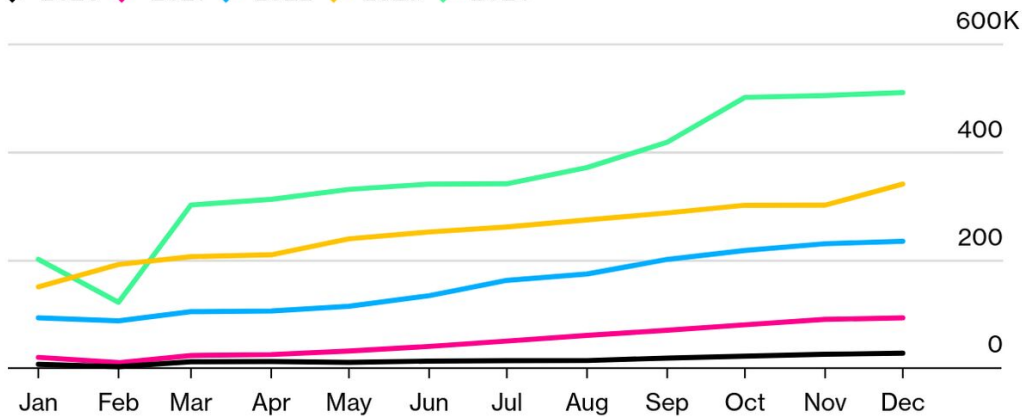
BYD sold a monthly [record of 509,440 plug-in hybrid and pure-electric passenger vehicles](#) in December. That includes 207,734 electric vehicles, taking the annual tally to 1.76 million. The rise in total sales puts it near to beating Ford and Honda for the year, while the EV figure is set to fall [just shy of Tesla's](#). The US EV maker is expected to report fourth-quarter numbers on Thursday.

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BYD Sales Hit New Highs in 2024

EV, plug-in hybrid purchases jump over 40% year-on-year

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024



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South Korea's Acting President Choi Sang-mok [rejected an attempt by his advisers to resign en masse](#) in the latest twist to the nation's political turmoil. The group of aides, including the chief secretary, the director of national policy, and the national security adviser, have been seeking to step down since Dec. 3 when President Yoon Suk Yeol briefly declared martial law and was subsequently impeached.

Russian natural gas stopped flowing to Europe via Ukraine after a [key transit deal expired](#), closing off a route that's operated for five decades. The move may slash Russian revenue by about \$6 billion a year. While the route accounts for just 5% of Europe's needs, nations are still reeling from the aftershocks of an energy crisis triggered by Russia's invasion of its neighbor.

At least 10 people were killed and dozens injured after [a pickup truck drove through a crowd](#) of New Year's revelers in New Orleans. The suspect, identified as 42-year-old Shamsud-Din Jabbar of Texas, is dead. The FBI said an Islamic State group flag was recovered from the vehicle. Elsewhere, **Tesla** is investigating a Cybertruck explosion outside President-elect Donald Trump's Las Vegas hotel, Elon Musk said. It is being probed as a potential act of terror, according to ABC.

Alibaba is selling its [Sun Art stake to DCP for about \\$1.6 billion](#), accelerating the e-commerce pioneer's retreat from physical retail. The price is significantly less than the [\\$3.6 billion Alibaba paid](#) just to double its stake in Sun Art in 2020. Sun Art is

today worth around \$3 billion overall, despite growing its market value more than 80% in the past 12 months.

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Asian governments should take note of the increasingly powerful force of “aunties,” Karishma Vaswani writes. While some use the term as a put-down for older female colleagues or friends, women are [voting in greater numbers](#) and parties from India to Indonesia now target female voters.

Before You Go



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Get more sleep this year. A Yale sleep psychologist suggests finding more personal time during the day to avoid the bad habit of [putting off bedtime](#) to binge on Netflix or catch up on household chores. Our tip: Try taking breaks at lunch with colleagues instead of plowing through a sad desk salad.

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