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## U.S. coaxes Mexico into Trump plan to overhaul Central America

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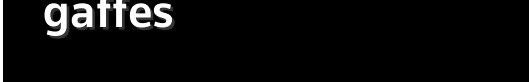
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## UK's Prince Philip to retire from royal duties



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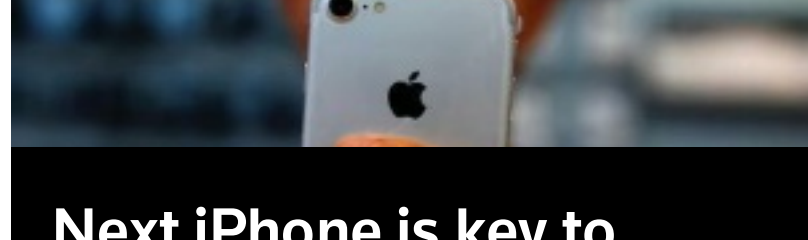
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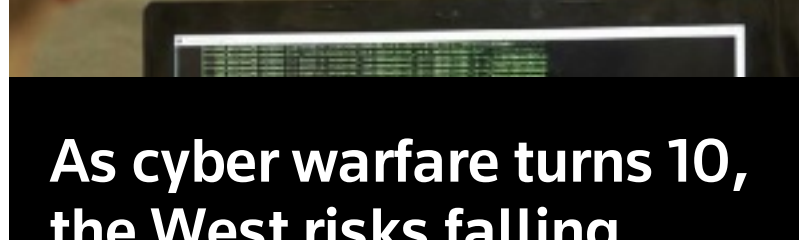
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## After North Korea criticism, China says wants to be good neighbor

China said on Thursday it wants to be good neighbors with North Korea, after the isolated country's state news agency published a rare criticism of Chinese state media commentaries calling for tougher sanctions over the North's nuclear program.

7:55AM EDT



## Macron, earnings hopes send European shares to 20-month high

Signs that centrist Emmanuel Macron was heading for victory in France's presidential election and reassuring results from HSBC pushed European shares to a near two-year high on Thursday, despite some wary signals from China and commodity markets.

5:46AM EDT



## Film business, higher affiliate fees lift Viacom's revenue

Viacom Inc., the owner of MTV, Comedy Central and Nickelodeon, reported a quarterly revenue that handily beat estimates, helped by growth in its filmed entertainment unit as well as higher affiliate revenue.

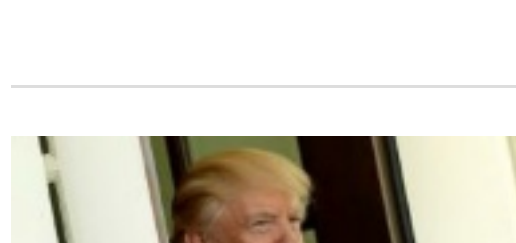
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## France's Macron accuses presidential rival Le Pen of spreading lies

French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron accused his far-right rival Marine Le Pen on Thursday of spreading lies by suggesting he had an undisclosed offshore fund.

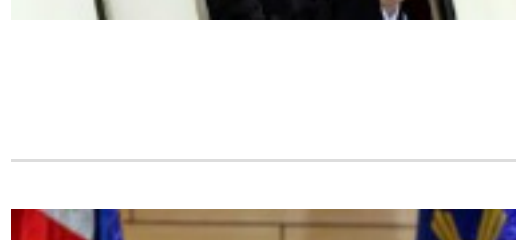
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## New Yorkers to greet Trump's first visit home with protests

U.S. President Donald Trump returns to New York on Thursday for the first time since taking office, planning a bit of diplomacy as city officials brace for protests in the city where he built his name and fortune.

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## Philippines' Duterte says chat with Xi was at Trump's request

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said on Thursday his telephone conversation this week with Chinese leader Xi Jinping to discuss the Korean peninsula crisis was at the behest of his U.S. counterpart Donald Trump.

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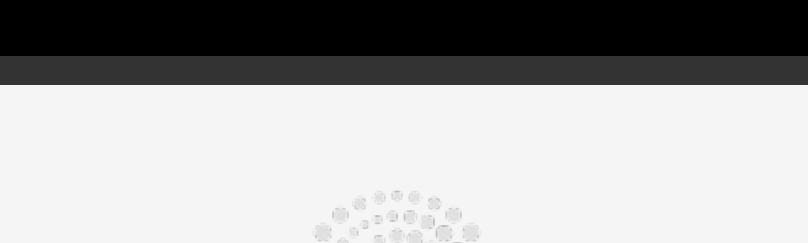
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## Prince Philip to step down from royal duties



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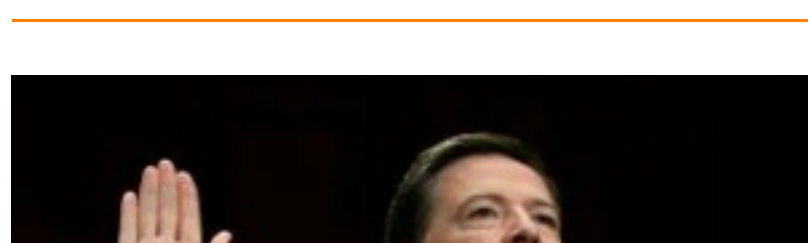


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## China's Silk Road threatens the mighty Mekong River

As China pushes ahead with its massive trade network spanning Asia and Europe, fears are growing for the future of a section of the Mekong between Thailand and Laos, which Beijing wants to blast with dynamite in order to allow 500kg freight ships to pass. Reuters Special Correspondent Andrew R.C. Marshall is there.

## Microsoft, Apple scramble to keep up with Google school success



## Bitcoin soars to all-time high near \$1,500



## Construction of large neutrino telescope underway in Siberia



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