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## Trump touts coal but utilities aren't listening

President Donald Trump wants to end the "war on coal" with fewer environmental regulations. But cheap natural gas, falling solar and wind power costs and remaining state regulations suggest that it will take more than the stroke of the president's pen to end the war.

- Interactive: Natural gas dethrones 'king coal'

## Wednesday Morning Briefing

8:16AM EDT

## North Korea test-fires missile into sea ahead of Trump-Xi summit

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## U.S. court rules 1964 civil rights law protects LGBT workers from bias

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## EU lawmakers adopt Brexit resolution, reject pro-Gibraltar hint

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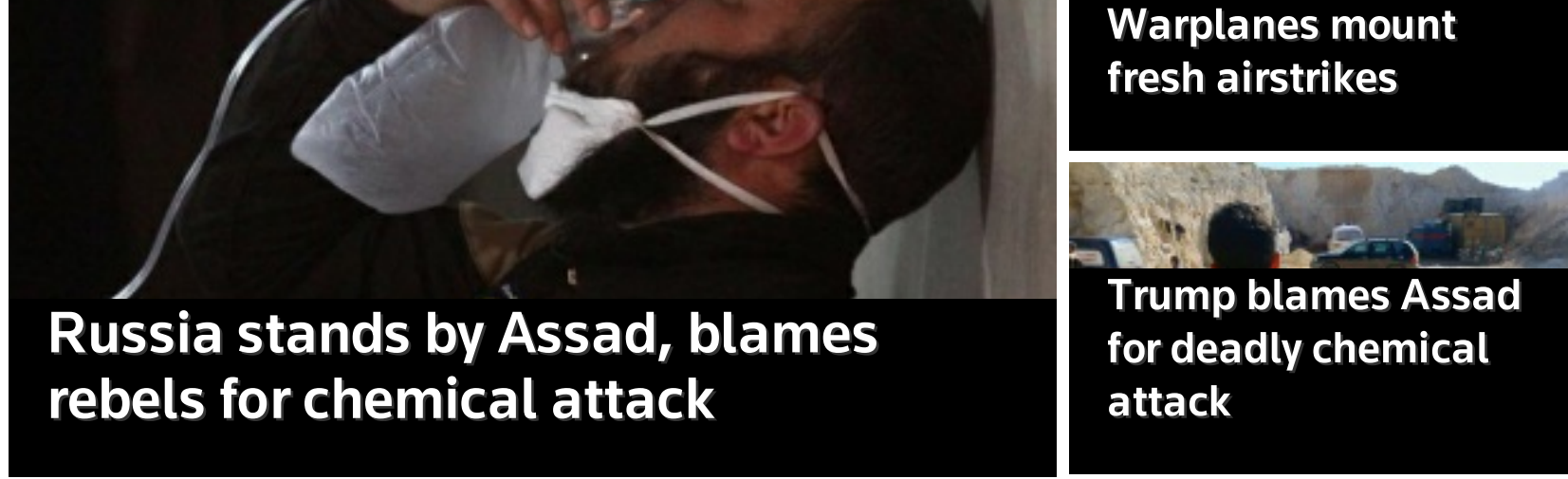
## LIFE INSURANCE

Did You Know?

According to trends studied from 1992, 75% of small businesses make it to the 2-year mark while 50% survive 5 years.

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## SYRIA



## Russia stands by Assad, blames rebels for chemical attack

## Warplanes mount fresh airstrikes

## Trump blames Assad for deadly chemical attack

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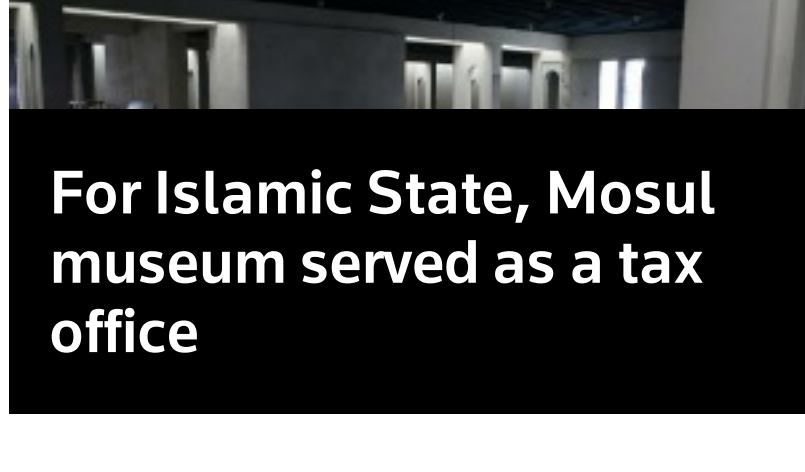


## Contentious cases await Gorsuch

## Senators to Tillerson: Meet with Russian activists

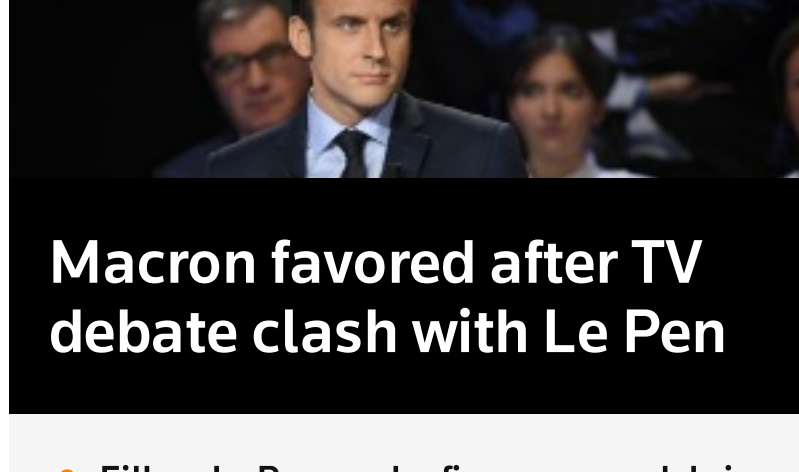
## Door closing for GOP assault on regulations

## IRAQ



## For Islamic State, Mosul museum served as a tax office

## FRANCE



## Macron favored after TV debate clash with Le Pen

- Fillon, Le Pen, under fire over scandals in French election debate

## MORE TOP NEWS



## No big bets ahead of Trump-Xi meeting; oil, metal prices firm

Caution prevailed across major markets on Wednesday before a potentially tense meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping this week, although metals and oil prices firmed on hope of better global demand.

7:41AM EDT



## EU clears ChemChina takeover of Syngenta with conditions

ChemChina [CNCC.U] won EU antitrust approval on Wednesday for its \$43 billion bid for Swiss pesticides and seeds group Syngenta, a crucial deal that could help China boost its domestic agricultural output.

6:42AM EDT



## Malaysia passes child sex crimes law, does not ban child marriage

A Malaysian MP said girls as young as nine were "physically and spiritually" ready for marriage, as the Muslim-majority Southeast Asian country passed a law on sexual offences against children without criminalizing child marriage.

6:17AM EDT



## U.S. private sector adds 263,000 jobs in March: ADP

U.S. private employers added 263,000 jobs in March, more than the number they hired in February and well above economists' expectations, a report by a payrolls processor showed on Wednesday.

8:44AM EDT



## Ferguson mayor re-elected in his first election after shooting

Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III was re-elected on Tuesday in his first election bid since a white police officer fatally shot an unarmed black teen in his Missouri city that became a paradigm of racial profiling and police use of deadly force.

3:41AM EDT



## JAB Holding to buy bakery chain Panera Bread in \$7.5 billion deal

JAB Holdings, the owner of Caribou Coffee and Peet's Coffee & Tea, said on Wednesday it would buy U.S. bakery chain Panera Bread Co in a deal valued at about \$7.5 billion, including debt, as it expands its coffee and breakfast empire.

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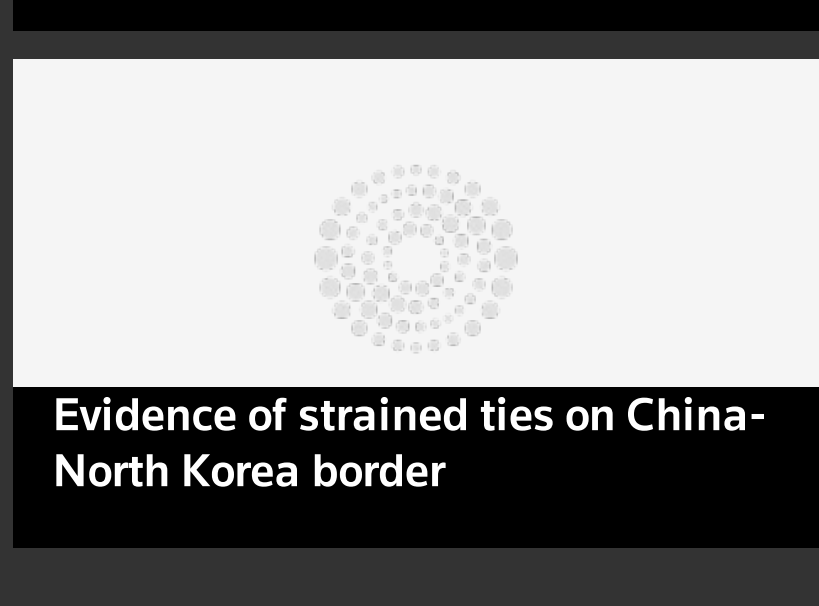
## REUTERS PICTURES



## Outrage over Venezuela court power grab



## Editors Choice Pictures



## Evidence of strained ties on China-North Korea border

## BUSINESS



## Monsanto posts better-than-expected jump in second-quarter profit

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## MARKETS



## Lloyds Banking Group to close 100 branches and cut over 325 jobs

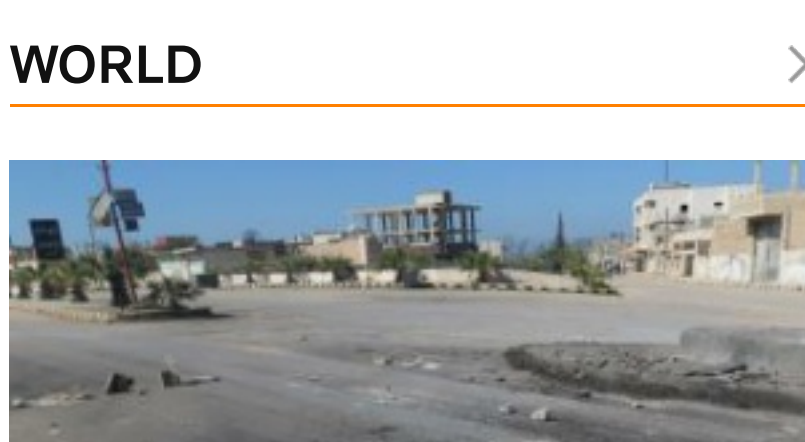
LNG producers turn to trading, risk taking to maintain market share

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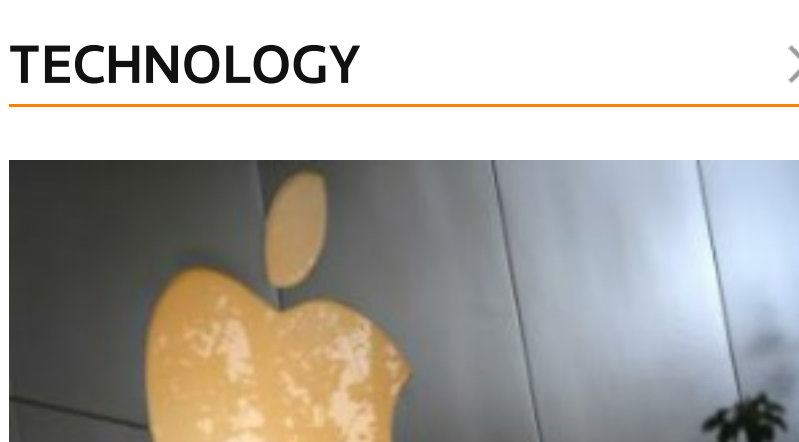


## Russia denies Assad to blame for chemical attack, on course for collision with Trump

Britain, France renew call for Assad to go after Syria chemical attack

Xi says China, Finland to increase cooperation under China-EU framework

## TECHNOLOGY

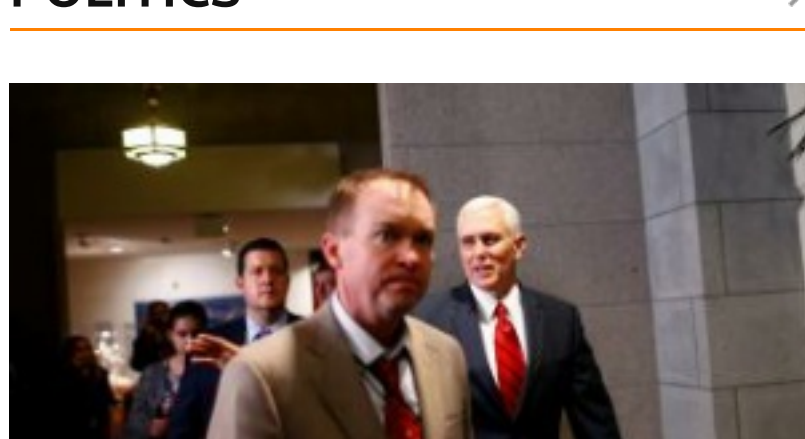


## Apple aims for more control, less cost as it accelerates in chip design

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Samsung to ride soaring chip profits in first quarter, Galaxy S8 aura in 2017

## POLITICS

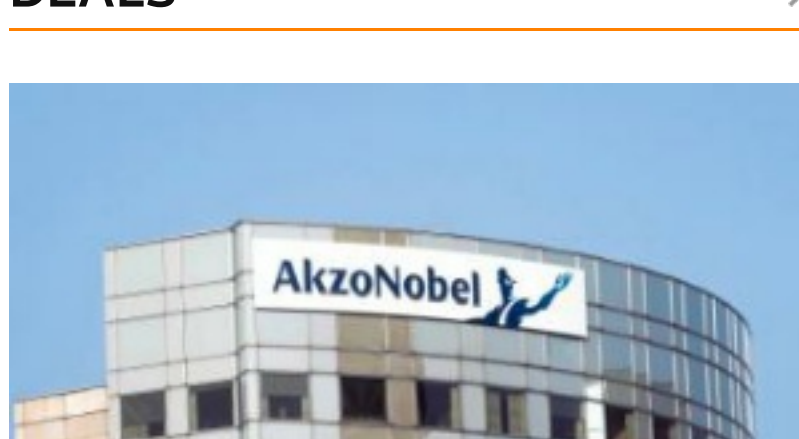


## More talks but no decisions on Republican push to overhaul healthcare

Contentious cases await Trump's U.S. high court nominee Gorsuch

Window closing for Republican stealth assault on U.S. regulations

## DEALS



## PPG says ready to address Akzo Nobel objections to offer

Blackstone to sell \$2.7 billion Australian mall portfolio: source

Actelion shareholders back R&D spinoff, keep J&J deal on track

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## China squeezes North Korea as Trump-Xi meeting looms

Ahead of Donald Trump's meeting with Xi Jinping, there are signs that China is strongly squeezing North Korea's economy on the countries' shared border.

## Musk mocks short-sellers after Tesla stock surge

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## Zuma under pressure after credit downgrade

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## Dalai Lama meets guard who escorted him 58 years ago

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## Japan welcomes spring with blooming of cherry blossoms

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