### **China Restricts Americans from Buying McDonalds**

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#### **Elephants have Announced a World Congress on Ivory Poaching**

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### Gold Has become Sentient - Vows to Respond to Decade of 'Genocidal Mining'

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### Islay Dog and her Cadre of Dog-ciples go on Strike to Receive higher Treat-pensation

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## Canadian Junior Miners Continue Trend of Getting Absolutely Fucked

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## Justin Trudeau Resigned, but not really, but kind of

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#### Reported US and Danish Lobbying in Greenland Gives Credence to President Trump's Goals

Last year, US and Danish officials pressured the CEO of Greenland's largest rare earths project, Tanbreez Mining, to avoid selling it to Chinese-linked firms, underscoring US interest in Greenland's critical minerals. Ultimately, the project was sold to Critical Metals, despite higher offers from China which highlights the growing competition between China and Western nations for rare earths, crucial for high-tech industries. The US has increased its engagement in Greenland's mining sector, aiming to counter China's dominance in rare earth extraction and processing.

#### Canadian Minister Disputes Trump's Claims of Resource Independence

Canadian Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson has refuted President Donald Trump's recent claim that America does not need anything from its northern neighbour as "simply false", stating that Canada's critical role as a supplier of resources the US lacks feasible alternatives for, including crude oil, uranium, potash, and critical minerals.

#### President-Elect Donald Trump Reaffirms Desires to see Canada as the 51st State

At a Press Conference in Mar-a-Lago, President Elect Donald Trump reaffirmed his intentions to economically persuade Canada to join the US as the 51st State. His official rational is that Canada is subsidized by, and exports unnecessary goods to, the US. His private rational is more likely liked to Canada's natural resources, and its sovereignty over the largest portion of the Northwest Passage.

#### Donald Trump Jr. Visits Greenland to further Explore The US' Purchase of the Island Territory

Donald Trump Jr. landed in Nuuk Airport in southern Greenland to push admittance of the Island Territory into the United States. The logic behind such a move would be enhance national control over the North-West Passage, with Alaska in the West and Greenland in the East, and gaining access to Greenland's vast mineral reserves.

#### Justin Trudeau Resigns as Prime Minister of Canada

Justin Trudeau, who has been Prime Minister since 2015, has resigned as PM but will stay on until the Liberal Party has selected its next leader, with no chance of a Federal Election until after march 24 as a result of his request for prorogation. With Pierre Poilievre likely to be the next Prime Minister, and his stance on bringing Canada's natural resources to market, the future looks bright for Canada's extractive industries. With a CAD/USD increase, Forex markets are also optimistic.



#### Rio Tinto and Glencore Discuss Potential Merger

A potential merger between Rio Tinto and Glencore could significantly reshape the mining sector, particularly in copper, a critical resource for the global energy transition. Combining Rio Tinto's 720-kilotonne target with Glencore's 1 million tonnes would rival BHP's production and surpass its market value. However, with a history of failed mergers and challenges like declining valuations, fluctuating commodity prices, and geopolitical risks, the deal's success remains uncertain but could transform industry dynamics.

## Mark Carney to Launch bid for the Liberal Leadership in Edmonton on Thursday

Mark Carney will officially launch his Liberal Party leadership campaign on Thursday in Edmonton, highlighting his Alberta roots and experience as former governor of the Bank of Canada and the Bank of England. Supported by MPs George Chahal, Chandra Arya, and Jaime Battiste, as well as former MP Frank Baylis, Carney is positioning himself as a leader with a public service legacy akin to Lester B. Pearson.

Chrystia Freeland Plans to Scrap Carbon Tax and Replace it with a System that Provinces Support

Former finance minister Chrystia Freeland is expected to announce her Liberal leadership bid soon and plans to scrap the Trudeau government's consumer carbon tax, a policy she previously defended. A source close to Freeland stated she aims to develop a collaborative emissions strategy with provinces and territories while ensuring major polluters pay. Freeland has garnered caucus support from several MPs and hinted at forthcoming announcements.

Premier Ford says Canada must come first as Premier Smith breaks with other premiers on Trump

Ontario Premier Doug Ford urged Canadian unity against President-elect Donald Trump's proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods, criticizing Alberta Premier Danielle Smith for prioritizing Alberta's oil industry over national interests. Following a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other premiers, Ford emphasized the need to retaliate if Trump's tariffs proceed, while Trudeau signalled all options, including restricting oil exports, are on the table. Smith refused to sign a joint communique supporting Canada's plan, citing federal threats to Alberta's energy exports.

## Saudi Arabia to Scale up Lithium Expansion as it Diversifies from Oil

Saudi Arabia's Aramco-Ma'aden venture aims to start lithium production by 2027, supporting the Kingdom's Vision 2030's goal to diversify from oil. With domestic lithium demand set to surge, the kingdom is expanding its mining sector and acquiring international assets, positioning itself as a key future supplier.



### President Trump Delivers his 2025 WEF Speech to Conference Attendees in Davos

President Trump outlined his vision for revitalizing the U.S. economy through reduced inflation, lower energy costs, and AI and crypto leadership, while vowing to penalize offshoring with tariffs and reward domestic manufacturing. He pledged to boost fossil fuel production, pursue sweeping deregulation, and criticized green energy initiatives as a "Green Scam." On foreign policy, Trump called for higher NATO defense spending, cooperation with China to resolve the Russia-Ukraine war, and lower oil prices from OPEC, threatening tariffs otherwise. Domestically, he emphasized free speech, a merit-based system, and executive orders enforcing traditional gender definitions, framing his agenda as a "revolution of common sense" for global peace and prosperity.

#### Ontario Invests Over C\$7M to Boost Critical Minerals Supply Chain

Ontario is investing over \$7 million through the Critical Minerals Innovation Fund to advance technologies critical for battery and electric vehicle production, strengthening Canada's supply chain. Key projects include low-carbon nickel processing and bioleaching pilot plants in Timmins, supporting sustainable growth and global competitiveness. This initiative bolsters critical mineral production, creates jobs, and positions Ontario as a leader in advanced manufacturing and innovation.

## Saudi Arabia Set to Buy Stake in Massive Pakistan Based Copper and Gold Mining Project

Saudi Arabia's Manara Minerals plans to acquire a 10-20% stake in Pakistan's Reko Diq copper project, a key \$9 billion mine for the clean energy transition. The investment secures critical minerals for Saudi industrial diversification and strengthens ties with Pakistan. Reko Diq is expected to produce 400,000 tonnes of copper annually, marking a major shift in the global copper supply chain.

## **Trump Suspends Offshore Wind Leasing Pending Review**

President Trump issued an executive action suspending offshore wind leasing from all areas of the outer continental shelf pending an environmental and economic review.

## Alberta Government Lifts Coal Mining Moratorium, Critics say it's 'Open Season'

Alberta has lifted its moratorium on coal exploration in the eastern slopes of the Rockies, citing reduced regulatory confusion. Critics warn this opens protected areas to mining, sparking environmental concerns. While the government promises stricter selenium controls, the policy is undeveloped. The move may also resolve lawsuits from coal companies seeking compensation for past restrictions.

