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This is Danielle Jalowiecka with the BBC News. Hello.

Donald Trump has acknowledged that a period of difficult transition is inevitable as his trade policies continue to cause upheaval on international markets.

There's been further turmoil on Wall Street with the Dow Jones index closing 2.5% down.

Speaking during a cabinet meeting, Mr. Trump insisted the measures undertaken were long overdue.

"In the end it's gonna be a, it's gonna be a beautiful thing. We're doing again what we should have done many years ago. We're letting it get out of control and we'll have some countries to get very big and very rich at our expense and not gonna, can't let that happen. It's not a sustainable formula."

A helicopter has crashed into the Hudson River in New York City. U.S. media reports say six people on board, five passengers and a pilot were killed. The mayor of New York, Eric Adams, said the helicopter was carrying a family of five from Spain including three children. Pratiksha Ghildial reports.

The incident here on the Hudson River in lower Manhattan prompted a swift police and fire department response. Rescue workers in wetsuits were seen docking after completing a rescue mission.

Helicopters were hovering and scores of lights were seen flashing from emergency response vehicles as some onlookers gathered.

Video showed the helicopter having crashed upside down and almost completely submerged. Some witnesses told local media that the main rotor blade may have come loose from the aircraft.

A general strike against public spending cuts in Argentina has severely disrupted transport. All domestic flights have been cancelled. Trains and metro services have been suspended in Buenos Aires and other parts of the country. It's the third general strike since President Javier Milei took office at the end of 2023.

Thousands of people in the Dominican Republic have been paying their last respects to the much-loved singer Rubby Pérez, who died when the roof of the nightclub where he was performing collapsed in the early hours of Tuesday. At least 220 people are known to have died. With more on the cause of the disaster, here's Rafael Rojas.

What the authorities know as of now is that there were excessive loads on the structure which was not designed for this. This was a structure that was previously a movie theater, so it wasn't designed to hold the AC units, the air conditioning units, and the power generators. They had to fit in the roof space in order for the nightclub to function. So local media outlets are saying that that's what probably caused the incident.

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A Palestinian who was sentenced as a 13-year-old for taking part in a knife attack against two Israelis has been freed after spending more than nine years in jail.

Ahmad Manasra had been arrested in 2015 after he was caught with his cousin Hassan, who had stabbed the two people in East Jerusalem.

Lawyers and activists have long campaigned for him to be released, mainly because of his unlawful interrogation, sentencing and imprisonment.

The British government says it will give Ukraine an additional \$450 million of military support to be spent on new drones and to repair armored vehicles. The announcement comes as the U.K. and Germany host the latest meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group in Brussels, which until recently was led by the U.S.

The artificial intelligence firm, OpenAI, is suing Elon Musk over claims that he's repeatedly attempted to slow down its business for his own benefit. Our North America technology correspondent Lily Jamali has more.

OpenAI has accused Elon Musk of using bad faith tactics against the company, which competes with his startup xAI.

They say Mr. Musk wants to seize control of the leading AI innovations for his personal benefit.

OpenAI is going on the offensive after being sued last year by Mr. Musk, who co-founded OpenAI with its CEO Sam Altman in 2015. He accuses Mr. Altman of fraud and is seeking to block OpenAI from changing its structure from a non-profit to a for-profit company.

Police in the U.K. say 35 people have been arrested in raids on hundreds of shops suspected of being fronts for Kurdish and Albanian organized crime gangs.

The operations last month targeted what officials said were cash-intensive businesses that they believe have been used for money laundering and other criminal activities. Some of the establishments raided included nail salons, barber shops and vape shops.

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