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NEWS BLOCK:

Trump Follows Through With High Tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/trump-follows-through-tariffs>

How have Canada, China and Mexico responded to Trump's tariffs?

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/2/how-have-canada-china-and-mexico-responded-to-trumps-tariffs>

China to sue US over Trump's new tariffs

<https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/china-to-sue-us-over-trump-s-new-tariffs>

USAID Website and Social Media Goes Dark Amid Trump's Foreign Aid Pause

<https://news.antiwar.com/2025/02/02/usaids-website-and-social-media-goes-dark-amid-trumps-foreign-aid-pause/>

USAID security leaders on leave after trying to keep Musk's DOGE from classified info, officials say

<https://apnews.com/article/doge-musk-trump-classified-information-usaid-security-35101dee28a766e0d9705e0d47958611>

Trump fires consumer bureau director Chopra, source says

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-fires-consumer-bureau-director-chopra-source-says-2025-02-01/>

Seven dead, 19 injured in 'high-impact' air ambulance crash in Philadelphia

<https://apnews.com/article/philadelphia-plane-crash-medical-transport-8617dab53471190832dd73db149489fa>

Recovery efforts in Washington helicopter-plane collision identify 55 of 67 victims

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/dc-official-55-victims-identified-washington-helicopter-plane-collision-2025-02-02/>

Thieves take NY subway train on joyride

<https://www.rt.com/news/611982-new-york-subway-train-theft/>

Los Angeles' Eaton Fire is 100% contained, Cal Fire says

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/los-angeles-eaton-fire-is-100-contained-cal-fire-says-2025-02-01/>

Israeli forces demolish 100 buildings in Jenin amid ongoing invasion

<https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/israeli-forces-demolish-100-buildings-in-jenin-amid-ongoing>

Israel releases Palestinians in exchange for Gaza hostages

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20250201-israel-releases-palestinians-in-exchange-for-gaza-hostages/>

Hamas condemn Israeli abuse of released Palestinian prisoners

<https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/hamas-condemn-israeli-abuse-of-released-palestinian-prisoner>

New Syrian resistance faction begins operations against Israeli occupation forces

<https://thecradle.co/articles/new-syrian-resistance-faction-begins-operations-against-israeli-occupation-forces>

Thousands of Egyptians protest Trump's suggestion of displacing Palestinians

<https://www.africanews.com/2025/02/01/thousands-of-egyptians-protest-trumps-suggestion-of-displacing-palestinians/>

Arab nations reject Trump's Gaza displacement plan

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20250201-arab-nations-reject-trumps-gaza-displacement-plan/>

Turkiye rejects Trump's proposal to expel Palestinians from Gaza

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20250202-turkiye-rejects-trumps-proposal-to-expel-palestinians-from-gaza/>

UK High Court clears way for legal challenge against arms to Israel

<https://thecradle.co/articles/uk-high-court-clears-way-for-legal-challenge-against-arms-to-israel>

Violence against females in UK increasing – watchdog

<https://www.rt.com/russia/612054-violence-females-uk-growing-nao/>

UK to become first country to criminalize AI child abuse tools

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/2/uk-to-become-first-country-to-criminalise-ai-child-abuse-tools>

Belgium set for new government after months of negotiations

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/world/2025/02/01/belgium-set-for-new-government-after-months-of-negotiations>

PROPAGANDA WATCH:

FCC Probe Into NPR, PBS Denounced as 'Attack on the Freedom of the Press'	https://www.commondreams.org/news/fcc-investigation
CBS to provide unedited version of Harris 'word salad' interview	https://www.rt.com/news/612050-cbs-unedited-version-harris-interview/
Pentagon swaps desk for New York Times reporters for New York Post	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/01/pentagon-media-rotation
The University of Michigan has suspended a pro-Palestinian group for 2 years	https://apnews.com/article/university-michigan-pro-palestinian-israel-hamas-campus-63904385a9413b0931784f195009c7b2
Harvard reinvests \$150m in travel company listing Israeli settlements	https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/harvard-reinvests-travel-company-listing-israeli-settlements
Woman fined \$500 for promoting 'child-free lifestyle'	https://www.rt.com/russia/612015-woman-fined-promoting-child-free/
Dozens of WhatsApp users targeted by Israeli spyware company	https://thecradle.co/articles/dozens-of-whatsapp-users-targeted-by-israeli-spyware-company

KICKER:

Groundhog Day 2025 – Wiarton Willie (Ontario), Shubenacadie Sam (Nova Scotia), Lucy the Lobster (Nova Scotia), Fred La Marmotte (Quebec) and Punxsutawney Phil	https://youtu.be/xSfTQJJEiVs
Groundhog Day 2025 – General Beauregard Lee (Georgia)	https://youtu.be/f3sKfhPGXF0
Groundhog Day 2025 – Staten Island Chuck (New York)	https://youtu.be/jLi49YSlyzs
Groundhog Day 2025 – Woodstock Willy (Illinois)	https://youtu.be/9GO4eVAKwrM