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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.

