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Elon Musk livestreamed a 74-minute conversation with Alice Weidel, candidate for chancellor and co-chair of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, on his platform X (formerly Twitter).



Musk's support for the AfD has therefore sparked controversy, as he has been accused of meddling in German politics and reinforcing far-right viewpoints.

Indeed, AfD is known for its tough stance on immigration and Islam, and under the accusation of using Nazi slogans in its speeches and downplaying the Holocaust.



The European Commission is currently monitoring X for compliance with the Digital Services Act.

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MUSK'S INTERVIEW OF AfD PARTY CHIEF ALICE WEIDEL



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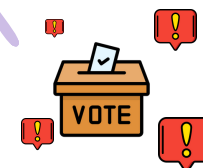
Alexander Lukashenko won 86.8% of the vote in Belarus, securing his 7th term as President of the country.



However, his time in office has been marked by accusations of authoritarianism, suppression of the political opposition and electoral fraud.



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This motivated the EU to attempt to issue a joint statement condemning the election process, as it was neither free and fair nor lawful.

But Hungary blocked it, as Orban maintains relations with Russia and Belarus, which raised concerns about his country's foreign policy stance at a time when the EU needs a unified foreign policy.

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HUNGARY BLOCKS EU STATEMENT CONDEMNING BELARUS ELECTION



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Following an anti-subsidy investigation which found that Chinese manufacturers benefited from significant government subsidies.



20.7%



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17%



18.8%



35.3%

Any car produced in China and put on the European market is subject to tariffs, including for non-Chinese companies like BMW or Tesla.

However, representatives of the car brands argue that the tariffs imposed are unfair, and consequently filed a complaint with the General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union, standing up for the principles of free trade and fearing China's retaliatory measures.

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TESLA JOINS COURT CHALLENGES TO EU TARIFFS ON CHINESE EV'S



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Following the collapse of Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria, calls to lift the sanctions imposed by the EU on the country since 2011 have grown louder.

Bashar al-Assad



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Abu Mohammed al-Jolani



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The EU wants to support Syria's reconstruction, and announced a “roadmap” that provides for a gradual lifting of certain sanctions in areas that are crucial for reconstruction.



Energy



Financial
Institutions



Transport

But the EU remains cautious and stresses that the easing is reversible and depends on the new Syrian authorities.

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SANCTIONS TO BE LIFTED ON SYRIA



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After 18 years of suspension, the EU announced the reactivation of the European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) in Rafah to monitor the border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt.



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Given the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, EUBAM, established in 2005 and suspended in 2007 after Hamas took control of the Gaza Strip, comes at a critical time to support Palestinian border personnel and facilitate the transfer of people from Gaza, especially the injured and sick.



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EU MINISTERS AGREE TO REVIVE RAFAH BORDER MISSION



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