

A Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Bank Asia, hands over a blanket to a woman on the premises of Bank Asia-Maa Amiran Hospital at Malkhanagar in Munshiganj on January 3 when Bank Asia Foundation distributed around 2,000 blankets among financially insolvent people. Aminul Islam, the foundation's executive director, and SM Anisuzzaman, company secretary of the bank, were present.

China starts lifting restrictions on foreign investment

China has started lifting major restrictions on foreign investment in its financial sector. a move long demanded by the United States as the world's two biggest economies are locked in a fierce trade battle.

From the start of 2020, foreign banks can now set up wholly-owned branches in China without a local partner holding the majority stake, the banking regulatory authority, CBIRC, announced on Friday.

In the past, foreign banks were required to have a local Chinese partner and not allowed to hold more than 49 percent of their respective joint ventures.

The announcement could be seen as a gesture of goodwill by China towards the US as Washington says a preliminary trade agreement between the two sides looks set to be signed this month.

The world's top two economies have been waging a merciless trade war since March 2018, resulting in mutual tariffs being slapped on hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of annual trade.

Beijing has long promised to further open up its economy to foreign investment, but it was slow to do so in the financial

In October, China unveiled a timetable for lifting a number of the restrictions. And in December, the Swiss bank UBS was authorised to take a majority stake in its activities in the country.

But starting from January 1, foreign companies specialising in futures contracts will now be able to invest in China with no limits on the amount of capital held.

Fund management companies will be able to do so from April 1 and brokers from December 1, 2020.

Amid tech turmoil, celebration at global electronics show

The Consumer Electronics Show opening Tuesday offers a chance to showcase the newest and shiniest gadgetry, looking past the turmoil engulfing the global technology industry.

annual Las Vegas gathering with more than 4,500 exhibitors brings out about 175,000 attendees searching for innovations of the future.

For an industry facing unprecedented turbulence, the facing hope is that what happens in Vegas does not stay in Vegas after it closes on Friday, but filters into the world where consumers can adopt new technologies for health, communication, transportation, the home and lifestyles.

The show opens against the backdrop of mounting concerns on how data gathered from Brown of the Consumer Technology connected devices can be exploited by marketers, governments and hackers. There has also been a wave of attacks from politicians and activists against dominant entire CES -- AI embedded in all tech platforms, as well as intense these technologies." trade frictions between the world's

the United States and China.

Roger Kay, an analyst with Endpoint Technologies Associates, said consumers are slowly coming to terms with the digital world and its privacy tradeoffs, and still appear to be driven toward new gadgetry. "People always want to see a shiny new object," Kay said.

"I think people are going to adjust to this world and adopt the technology that comes along that suits them.

CES 2020 will feature devices infused with artificial intelligence for cars, homes, smart cities and for personal health, with many gadgets embracing voice assistants from Amazon, Google and others.

"We will see AI and apps being used to make people's lives easier, such as speech recognition and object recognition," said Sarah Association, which organizes the show that includes media previews Sunday and Monday.

"You will see that across the

Trade and industry attendees

economic and technology powers, will see wearables offering more both athletes and seniors; cars understand or express emotion.

A series of panel discussions precise health monitoring, for will also explore questions around consumer privacy, the importance with better computer vision of 5G wireless, technology for to avoid accidents; televisions travel and tourism, the promise designed as smart home hubs; of quantum computing and how and robots with features to help lifestyles will change in "smart cities." Some of the new CES



The CES logo is seen inside the Las Vegas Convention Center during an annual gathering in Las Vegas, US.

gadgets will collect and analyze data such as facial expressions and tone of voice -- creating the opportunity for more personalized services, but with risks as well.

This could mean a robot might be a better personal companion for the elderly, and a vehicle may adapt to signs of driver fatigue or impairment.

According to a report by the consulting firm Accenture, emotional data "is reaching a tipping point of opportunity" for firms which can decode human emotions for marketing, market research and political polling purposes.

Emotional data will challenge companies because reading people's emotions is a delicate business," an Accenture report said. "Emotions are highly personal, and users will have concerns about privacy invasion, security breaches, emotional manipulation, and bias."

Although CES is not about politics, it takes place while US-. China tensions simmer over trade, tariffs, industrial espionage and national security.

Some Lebanon banks close over angry clients' demands

Banks in a region of northern Lebanon were closed until further notice on Saturday, the National News Agency said, after lenders balked at customer anger over a liquidity

Since September banks have arbitrarily capped the amount of dollars that can be withdrawn or transferred abroad, sparking fury among customers who accuse lenders of holding their money hostage.

There is also a limit on Lebanese pound withdrawals. Clients wanting dollars often have to stand in queues

for hours to make withdrawals, only to be told bills have run out once they reach the counter. On Saturday all banks in the northern region of Akkar were closed, the NNA said, following a call from the

Association of Banks for them to shut their doors "until further notice" On Friday, citizens entered a bank branch in the town of Halba to protest about customers being unable to withdraw enough dollars or their salaries in Lebanese pounds in full,

NNA reported. They said they would not leave until a customer -- who suffered an unspecified health complaint while waiting -was given a guarantee that he would be paid in full.

The 10-hour standoff -- which included security forces firing teargas inside the building -- ended with the man being taken to hospital and management promising to pay him in full. The Association of Banks the same day called for lenders in the area to close over the incident, which it described as an "attack" and "a threat to the lives and safety of employees".

Unprecedented anti-government protests have gripped Lebanon since October 17, in part to decry a lack of action over the deepening economic crisis.

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Gulf markets plunge on US-Iran tensions

REUTERS, Dubai

Gulf stocks fell sharply in early trade on Sunday, led by Kuwaiti shares, on escalating tensions between the United States and Iran. Iranian military commander Oassem Soleimani, the architect of Tehran's overseas clandestine and military operations was killed on Friday in a US drone strike on his convoy at Baghdad airport.

The killing is seen by Tehran as an act of war that risks regional conflagration. The Kuwaiti index, the best performer in the region in 2019, was down nearly 3.8 percent in early trade, Dubai stocks were down 1.8 percent and the Abu Dhabi index fell 1.1 percent.

The Saudi market plunged 2 percent at the market open, with shares of in oil giant Saudi Aramco down 0.7 percent.

"A US-Iran war could shave 0.5 percentage points or more off global GDP, mainly due to a collapse in Iran's economy but also due to the impact from a surge in oil prices," Jason Tuvey, senior emerging markets economist at Capital Economics, said in a note last week.

He said while a US-Iran conflict would probably pressure equity and bond markets in the Middle East, Gulf countries' currency pegs to the US dollar would likely remain intact.



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Amazon may open stores in Germany

Amazon.com is considering opening stores in Germany, its second biggest market after the United States, the ecommerce company's head in the country was quoted as saying on Saturday.

"The fact is that we know that customers shop offline and that they like variety," German newspaper Welt am Sonntag quoted Ralf Kleber as saying in an interview, adding that he declined to give concrete details or a timetable.

Amazon already operates stores in the United States and Britain, including the Whole Foods grocery chain and checkout-free Amazon Go food stores.

Kleber also told the newspaper that Amazon wants to push shopping via its Alexa voice-controlled devices, noting that it was selling its Echo Dot device at a low price to encourage widespread adoption.