

Small business lending falls sharply (CNN Money)

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Despite emergency stimulus measures, small business lending continues to fall. In the just-ended quarter, the Small Business Administration's flagship program backed 30% fewer loans than it did a year ago, and 55% fewer loans than it did in 2007, before the recession set in.

French PM seeks to raise business profile in Iraq (AFP via Yahoo! News)

French Prime Minister Francois Fillon made a lightning visit to Baghdad on Thursday with a delegation of officials and business leaders seeking to raise France's profile in Iraq.

BAT Triggers South African Listing Review, Business Report Says (Bloomberg)

July 3 (Bloomberg) -- South Africa's National Treasury is reviewing the criteria used to classify whether companies trading on Johannesburg's stock exchange are foreign companies, Business Report said, without saying where it got the information.

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