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POLITICS & ECONOMY

- Russia's gross domestic product (GDP) has been growing in quarterly terms since the second quarter of 2016 and the central bank expects GDP to grow 1–1.5% in 2017 and 1–2% in 2018–2019. The central bank does not expect that the country's economy will start shrinking even if the oil price falls, and does not rule out a slower pace of growth only in late 2017–early 2018, Nabiullina said. Investor activity is gradually restoring, unemployment remains at a stable low level, and growth of capital investment is expected in January–March.
- Russia can become the world's top liquefied natural gas producer, Russian President Vladimir Putin said.

POWER & COAL

- SOWITEC Russia, a unit of Germany's SOWITEC Group, plans to build a 6.5 billion ruble wind power plant in the city of Kurgan in the Urals, Managing Director Yury Manzhilevsky told.