Tillerson Says he and Trump Disagree over Iran Nuclear Deal

WASHINGTON - U.S. Sec- retary of State Rex Tillerson acknowledged on Tuesday that there are disagreements between he and U.S. President Donald Trump over the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, saying in a TV interview that he is "paying very close attention to" whether the deal is still going to be in place or a new strategy will be needed.

Trump has expressed concern that the deal did not adequately address Iran's regional behavior, enrichment activities, and support for terrorist groups. Tillerson said the U.S. is "paying very close attention to" the situation and will decide on the fate of the deal in the coming weeks. He added that any changes made to the deal need to be "substantially" better than the current agreement.

However, Tillerson also defended the deal, saying that it has prevented Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and that it is in the best interest of the United States to continue with the agreement.

BRICS Nations Unite to Fight Protectionism

SHANGHAI - From Russia to China and from Brazil to India, BRICS nations embraced the theme of "Building a New Global Governance System and a New Type of International Relations" at the BRICS summit on Tuesday.

The summit was attended by Presidents of India, Russia, Brazil, South Africa, and China, who reasserted the global economic order based on multilateralism and the core values of the United Nations.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, for example, reiterated the Russian position that the United States has been using unilateral sanctions as a way to exert pressure on other countries.

However, some experts have questioned the effectiveness of these sanctions, particularly in light of Russia's recent economic growth and its ability to diversify its economic partners.

Despite these challenges, the BRICS nations remain committed to working together to create a more just and equitable world order.

Tillerson Laments Sour Ties with Russian Diplomacy

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Tuesday that the Trump administration's relationship with Russia is getting "sourer" by the day.

"I can't go back and relate the relationship with Russia the way we had it," Mattis said during a joint news conference with his Russian counterpart, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu.

But Mattis added that the administration was "looking at all options" to bring about a change in Russian behavior.

The comments come as relations between the two countries have deteriorated over issues such as Syria, Iran, and the situation in Crimea.

US Vice President Says Future of Baltic States is 'In the West'

VALLETTA - Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat said on Tuesday that a TV interview that he had with CNN's Jake Tapper on Monday would be "helpful" in fostering greater understanding between Malta and the United States.

Muscat said that he had discussed topics such as the Maltese islands' role in the EU and the challenges faced by small island states in the European Union.

"We are working very hard to build stronger relationships with the US, and this interview is a great opportunity to do so," Muscat said.

UAE finished the naval exercise on Monday and Tuesday with over 250 Turkish and NATO ships and aircraft participating in the exercise, which was launched to protect the region's maritime security.

Turkey has long been a key player in the region, and the exercise highlights the importance of cooperation between Turkey and its allies in the face of regional challenges.

US Plans Trade Probe over China's Demands for Tech Transfers

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said Tuesday it will launch an investigation into China's demand for access to American technology in return for access to the Chinese market.

The move comes as relations between the US and China have deteriorated over trade tensions, with China accusing the US of imposing tariffs on its exports.

The US has launched a probe into China's requirements for access to American technology, including in the areas of artificial intelligence and 5G networks.

The investigation is expected to result in a list of restrictions on technology exports to China, which could include bans on the sale of American software and hardware.

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These restrictions could impact the US tech industry and put pressure on American companies to reconsider their business dealings with China.

In addition, the investigation could result in trade sanctions being imposed on China, which could further exacerbate tensions between the two countries.

The US government has not yet announced the specifics of the investigation, but it is expected to focus on China's demand for access to American technology in return for access to the Chinese market.

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Russia Takes over U.S. Compound in Moscow in Retaliation over Sanctions

Russia has taken over the U.S. compound in Moscow in retaliation for American sanctions, according to Russian media.

The move comes amid growing tensions between the US and Russia, with both countries imposing sanctions on each other in response to what they see as provocations.

The US has imposed sanctions on Russian officials and entities, while Russia has retaliated by expelling US diplomats and freezing assets of US officials.

The move to take over the US compound has sparked concerns about the potential for escalation between the two countries, with some experts warning of a new Cold War.

Overall, the relationship between the US and Russia continues to be characterized by mutual suspicion and a lack of trust, with both countries accusing each other of provocations.

UK: Parliament to Debate New GMO Rules

LONDON — The UK parliament is expected to debate new rules on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) next week.

The debate follows a series of protests against GMOs, with activists arguing that they are unsafe and that they could have negative impacts on the environment.

The debate is expected to involve discussion of the potential benefits and risks of GMOs, as well as the role of the government in regulating their use.

The debate is scheduled for next week and is expected to be attended by members of parliament from across the political spectrum.

The debate could result in new regulations being introduced, which could have implications for the UK's food industry and its relationship with other countries that have different views on GMOs.

Turkmenistan Developing Construction Materials Industry

The Turkmen government is investing in the construction materials industry in the country's Ahal province, according to a recent report.

The government has set aside a portion of the country's Ahal province for the development of a new construction materials industrial zone.

The zone is expected to provide the country with a domestic source of construction materials, which could help reduce its reliance on imports.

The report notes that the government is working with local entrepreneurs to develop the zone, with the aim of creating jobs and boosting the local economy.

In addition, the government is working with international partners to ensure that the materials produced in the zone meet international standards.

The construction materials industry is an important sector in the country, with a focus on cement and construction-related materials.

The country is expected to see a growth in the demand for construction materials in the coming years, with a focus on infrastructure development and residential construction.