Russia

Kiev behind Deteriorating Situation in East Ukraine

MOSCOW - Moscow urged Kiev to end its “irresponsible actions” in east Ukraine, a day after Kiev reported the heaviest shelling by pro-Russian fighters since a truce was agreed in February. The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday that the situation in Ukraine “worsened rapidly” in the last few days, with reports that “the threat of military operations” is on the rise.

"Unfortunately, Kiev’s bellicose rhetoric has sharply increased," the ministry said. "We call on the Ukrainian authorities to stop irresponsible actions," the statement said, referring to the cease-fire deal signed in February as the "Minsk protocol." According to the ministry, Moscow is preparing a response to Kiev’s “irresponsible actions.”

Turkey Vows to PKK until its Disarmament

ANKARA - Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday vowed to continue military operations against the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) until it surrenders. "The war will go on until we achieve our demands," Erdogan said in a statement.

"We spoke to our military commanders yesterday and decided on new plans," he said. "We will clean the area around the PKK bases" in northern Iraq as well as the Savur region to the west of the border to secure our national sovereignty," he added.

Obama to Host North Summit in Washington next week: White House

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Barack Obama will host a fourth Nuclear Security Summit in Washington in 2016 to continue coordinating global efforts to fight nuclear terrorism, the White House announced on Tuesday. The nuclear security summit is scheduled to be held in March 2016, a day after April 1 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, the White House said. The summit will continue discussion on the evolving threat and highlight steps that can be taken together to minimize the use of nuclear material, secure vulnerable materials, counter nuclear smuggling and nuclear theft, and disrupt and disrupt attempts at nuclear terror, the statement said.

"The U.S. seeks a strong global nuclear security architecture that is comprehensive, verified in a single context, builds standards, builds confidence, and strengthens international partnerships to prevent nuclear terrorism, to secure vulnerable nuclear materials, to secure the global nuclear supply chain, and to strengthen the global nuclear non-proliferation enterprise," the statement said. "We call on the Minsk agreements to be fully observed and any actions that undermine the implementation of the Minsk agreements are irresponsible actions," the statement said, referring to the cease-fire protocol signed in February 2015 as the "Minsk protocol." According to the ministry, Moscow is preparing a response to Kiev’s “irresponsible actions.”

Greece: Leaders Call for Early Talks to Resolve Debt

ATHENS - Greece and the Eurogroup yesterday “early details” of how to coordinate international efforts to fight Islamic State (IS) have been given, with regional stakes in the talks being increased.

"Finally, we have white smoke," a Greek Foreign Ministry Foreign Secretary said. "We have obtained a clear and confident understanding of the issue at hand and we have achieved a clear, common understanding." According to the ministry, Moscow is preparing a response to Kiev’s “irresponsible actions.”

Around 40 Belarus - Pakistan Agreements Signed Since Early 2015

Minsk - Around 40 economic, military, technical and educational agreements have been signed since the early part of 2015, when Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif concluded a bilateral cooperation agreement on the expansion of trade and economic relations. A number of documents were signed in the areas of science and technology, investment, information and communication. A joint economic and commercial commission was signed in the city of Minsk.

Trade Turnover between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Increases by 81% in 2014

BERGH - The volume of trade turnover between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan has increased significantly in the first half of 2015, the Belarussian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation announced on Tuesday, BelTA has learned.

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China Holds Forum on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

UMLUM - Nishat Respublica, including city-atoria and industrial sector, will jointly discuss cooperation on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) major project in China. The forum will be attended by 30 officials and delegates from the national and social organizations of the state governments of the Chinese and Pakistani governments.

The forum is expected to focus on exploring the gplings of the CPEC, the cooperative agreement on economic cooperation between Pakistan's CPEC office and the Chinese government and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor - Pakistan Railways. The forum will also discuss six sub-forums on Pakistan's economic development, the role of the CPEC in Pakistan, the CPEC's role in China's BRI, the CPEC's role in the Chinese economy, the role of the CPEC in China's economic development, the role of the CPEC in the Chinese economy, the role of the CPEC in China's economic development, the role of the CPEC in China's economic development, and the role of the CPEC in China's economic development.