Turkey Warns of Civil War over Independence Referendum in Northern Iraq

ANKARA - Turkey objected Monday against a popular vote on independence for the Kurdish-controlled region of northern Iraq, saying it could lead to civil war. "The independence...will lead to a worse situation in the country even more than the current one," said in a televised interview. Turkey’s government, which is close to that of Syria in the region, would lead to a "new international crisis," it said. Turkey’s Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, during his visit to Baghdad, clarified that his government is opposed to a "referendum on independence" in the region. "We are outraged by the violence in demonstrations across the USA," the said. (Xinhua)

UN Expert on Russia Condemns Repression of Dissidents and Rights Groups

GENEVA - A group of UN human rights experts warned on Wednesday that racism and xenophobia are on the rise across the United States, saying they are deeply concerned about the proliferation and increasing prevalence of organized hate and racist groups. "We are outraged by the prejudices, the racial hatred displayed by right-wing extremists, neo-nazis and similar groups," the experts said in a joint statement issued Wednesday, in response to the recent reports of Russian encroachments on the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. The experts said they have "deeply regretted and condemned" Russian military operations in Karabakh, which has been a topic of concern for both the UN Security Council and the European Union. (Xinhua)

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Criticism, Praise Pour On Britain’s 1st Position Paper on Brexit

LONDON - Opposition politicians in Britain on Wednesday criticized government proposals for trading deal, due to be presented to Parliament with the first in a series of documents, which requires the UK to suspend its duties on EU goods, while also calling for a "return" to the EU. Both Prime Minister Theresa May’s cabinet and the country’s trade and customs services would be prepared to work together to secure a deal that is acceptable. (AP)

North Korea’s nuclear program is a serious threat to peace and stability in the region. The country’s leader, Kim Jong-un, has repeatedly threatened the use of nuclear weapons, and the world’s attention has been drawn to the possibility of a military confrontation. The situation is tense and requires diplomatic efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution. (Xinhua)

UN Leader Criticizes Trump Remarks Blaming “Both Sides”

COPENHAGEN - President Donald Trump’s remarks blaming “both sides” in weekend violence between those who propound fascist and anti-fascist groups threat to undermine the United Nations’ mission of promoting peace and security. The United Nations has condemned Trump’s remarks, which were made in response to weekend violence in the USA, as a “president’s personal opinion” and a “disgrace.” Trump’s remarks were made in the context of a broader debate about the role of the United Nations in promoting peace and security in the world. (Xinhua)

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