

# Erdogan Pledges Continued Fighting Against Terrorism

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed on Sunday to fight against terrorism "to the end," hours after a shooting attack on a night club in Istanbul left 39 dead.

In a written statement, the president voiced his determination to continue the struggle against terrorism, saying "as a nation we will fight to the end against not just the armed attacks of groups and the forces behind them, but also against economic, political and social attacks."

"We are aware that these



attacks carried out by different terrorist organizations targeting our citizens are not independent from incidents happening in our region," he said. "We are determined to destroy the attacks and threats against our country from its root."

Early Sunday morning, a gunman stormed into a popular night club known as Reina in the district of Besiktas, and shot at hundreds of people gathered there for New Year celebrations, killing 39 people and injuring 69 ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

## S.Korea Denounces DPRK Leader's New Year Address on Rocket Test-Launch



SEOUL - South Korea on Sunday denounced the New Year's address by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s top leader Kim Jong Un on rocket test-launch.

Seoul's unification ministry issued a short statement, saying the ministry strongly condemns the speech in which Kim said his country had entered a final stage to test-launch an intercontinental ballistic rocket.

The statement also slammed the top DPRK leader's pledge to continue to strengthen its nuclear and pre-emptive strike ca-

pabilities, describing the remarks as threats.

It urged Pyongyang to immediately stop shifting responsibility for the strained inter-Korean relations to Seoul and to stop intervening in internal affairs by mentioning the recent candlelit vigils and the impeachment of President Park Geun-hye.

The ministry reiterated its position that the DPRK's nuclear development will never be accepted by South Korea as well as the international community, warning that Pyongyang would face much stronger ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

## Islamic State Emirs Killed By Turkish Warplanes in Syria

ANKARA - Turkish airstrikes in Syria killed two Islamic State group emirs this week amid ongoing international negotiations over how to end the five-year-old Syrian civil war and halt the militant group also known as ISIS. Abu Ansari and Ebu Hussein Tunusi were both killed in separate airstrikes carried out by the government in Ankara, Turkish media reported Saturday.

Ansari was killed Friday by Turkish warplanes in the northern Syrian town

of al-Bab under the government's Euphrates Shield operation that began four months ago. In all, Turkey claimed 12 ISIS militants were killed in the attack that also involved Russian fighter jets providing support to Ankara for the first time in the area, Reuters reported.

Tunusi was killed in an airstrike in the same area Thursday when a vehicle transporting the ISIS leader and his bodyguards was reportedly hit. ISIS had recently directed Tunusi



to leave his post in Raqqa, the group's stronghold in Syria, to represent the militants in al-Bab.

Little else was known about Ansari and Tunusi. Turkey's air campaign in Syria has also resulted in the deaths of dozens of Kurdish fighters in northern Syria in recent months. ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

## US General Praises Iraqi Forces Fighting in Mosul

IRBIL, Iraq - A senior U.S. military commander on Sunday praised Iraqi forces fighting to recapture the northern city of Mosul from the Islamic State group, saying they were "at their peak" and adjusting well to changing realities on the battlefield.

Brig. Gen. Rick Uribe told The Associated Press he agrees with the forecast given by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi that it would take another three months to liberate Mosul, the last Iraqi urban center still in the hands of the extremist group.

"We are on pretty close to where we want to be," Uribe said, adding that military planners knew that while the initial push toward the city would be quick, progress would become "significantly" slower on the city's fringes.

Speaking in Irbil, capital

of the self-ruled Kurdish region in northern Iraq, Uribe said Iraqi forces north and south of Mosul have made progress since a new advance was launched last week after a two-week lull in fighting.

A government campaign to ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

## Parcel Bomb at Far-Right Bookshop Wounds Italian Policeman

ROME - A parcel bomb with a timer exploded early Sunday morning in front of a Florence bookstore run by a neo-fascist group, seriously wounding a policeman trying to defuse the device, authorities said.

Anti-terrorism police discovered the package while patrolling sensitive sites and called in the bomb squad, Florence police chief Alberto Intini told RAI state television.

The package detonated as a police expert was approaching it at about 5:30 a.m. (04:30 GMT), Intini said.

The officer was rushed to hospital where his

left hand was amputated, a police source told Reuters. The blast also left him blind in one eye, the source said.

Police are investigating and would not speculate on who placed the bomb or why.

"It's the third attack in a year on the bookstore," Gianluca Iannone, president of far-right group CasaPound, said in a statement. "It was a clearly political attack," he added.

In the 1970s and '80s, Italy was marred by far-left and far-right extremist attacks. In recent years such violence has become much less frequent. (Reuters)

## Spain: 1,100 Migrants Try to Breach N. African Border Fence

BARCELONA, Spain - More than 50 Moroccan and Spanish border guards were injured repelling around 1,100 African migrants who attempted to storm a border fence and enter Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta, Spanish authorities said Sunday.

A regional government spokesman told The Associated Press that 50 Moroccan and five Spanish border guards were injured early on Sunday when the large group of migrants tried to enter Spain.

The spokesman said two migrants managed to reach Spanish soil. Both were injured in scaling the six-meter (20-foot)

high border fence and were taken to a hospital by Spanish police. He spoke anonymously in line with government policy.

A further 100 migrants climbed the fence, but Spanish agents sent them directly back to Morocco.

Last month, more than 400 migrants succeeded in breaching Ceuta's fence in one of the biggest crossing attempts of recent years.

Hundreds of sub-Saharan African migrants living illegally in Morocco try to enter Ceuta and Melilla, Spain's other North African enclave, each year in hope of getting to Europe. ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

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### China's Investment in US in New Year Expected to Grow Fast

WASHINGTON - China's direct investment in the U.S. is expected to grow fast in 2017, but political realities pose major downside risk to it, according to a research report by a U.S. consulting firm.

Chinese companies invested a record of 45.6 billion U.S. dollars in the U.S. in 2016, tripling the amount in 2015, said the Rhodium Group in its recent report.

Although merger and acquisition remain the primary Chinese investment in U.S., greenfield

investment is continuing fast expansion, the report said. The rising Chinese investment to certain degree reflected China's economic restructuring.

"In contrast to the dominance of fossil fuel investments before 2013, more than 90 percent of Chinese FDI (foreign direct investment) in 2016 was targeting U.S. services and advanced manufacturing sectors," it said.

Real estate and hospital-ity, information and communications technology, entertainment, and financial ...*(More on P4)...(28)*

### Iran, Russia Presidents Urge Continuation of Anti-Terror Fight

TEHRAN - The presidents of Iran and Russia have welcomed the ongoing nationwide ceasefire in Syria, stressing the importance of carrying out more measures to fight terrorist groups.

In a telephone conversation on Saturday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin said the battle against terrorism and terrorist groups, including Daesh and Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, formerly known as al-Nusra Front, must continue.

and coordination among countries ahead of the Kazakhstan meeting," Rouhani said.

The Iranian president also stressed the importance of sending more humanitarian aid to the Syrian people, particularly those living in militant-held cities.

"It is very important that we protect and safeguard this ceasefire after the recent victories," he added.

The ceasefire agreement excludes the most brutal of terror outfits operating in Syria, namely Daesh and Jabhat Fateh al-Sham.

The truce was mediated by Russia and Turkey, which respectively represented the Syrian government and the anti-Damascus militants.

Ankara has stepped up its cooperation with Moscow recently, prompting speculation that Turkey might be moving away from the US, which is supporting Kurdish militants in Syria. (Presstv)

The two presidents exchanged views about cooperation among Iran, Russia and Syria ahead of the peace talks due to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, between the parties to the Syrian conflict.

"We welcome the ceasefire which was achieved in Syria as a result of cooperation among Iran, Russia and Syria, and we also regard as necessary further consultation

### Imran Rejects Electoral Ties with 'Parties Involved in Corruption'

KARACHI - Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan has predicted that his party will come out strong in the next general elections while reiterating that it will not develop electoral ties with any political party involved in corrupt practices.

"The PTI is the only party which can hold massive rallies in any city of the country. We'll go in the next elections with full preparedness and strength," he said at a press conference at the Insaf House, the party's provincial headquarters, here on Saturday.

Mr Khan said that Karachi was a city of literate and politically aware people where his party had

secured 800,000 votes in the 2013 general election. However, he admitted that the PTI could not materialise the astonishing support from the city's areas, which had historically been strongholds of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM).

"We were not organised then, but now we will take part with full strength in next elections in Karachi," he said. "Mafias rule the city putting it under the mountains of garbage amid continued shortages of water," he said. "Sindh police are plagued by political interference, which is why a good inspector general has been thrown out of office. (Monitoring Desk)

### Iran Hailed over 'JCPOA-Style' Gas Deal with Turkmen

TEHRAN - Iran's media have hailed the country's success to resolve a gas dispute with Turkmenistan despite demands from Ashgabat for Tehran to pay \$1.8 billion in alleged unpaid arrears for historic gas deliveries.

The country's IRNA news agency described the success as similar to a nuclear deal that Tehran sealed with world powers last year - a landmark achievement that drew local and international praise.

"Iran was able to use

smart diplomacy in gas talks with Turkmenistan and guarantee its national interests at minimum costs," wrote the news agency in an article.

"This deal proved that negotiation ... is still the best way to resolve differences. That is the reason why some describe the recent agreement [with Turkmenistan] as the JCPOA-style gas deal," it added in reference to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action that ...*(More on P4)...(29)*



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