British PM May to Meet Finance Bosses on Brexit

LONDON - Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May will meet executives from major companies on Thursday to give them a clearer idea of what Britain'sEuropean Union exit deal will mean for them. There are concerns that British companies are already planning to move operations to other parts of the continent to continue to preserve their access to the EU market.

The meeting is one of a regular series of roundtable events being held by British leaders and will also be attended by finance minister Philip Hammond, according to a Bloomberg report.

EU Hails Inter-Korean Talks as “Encouraging Signal”

BRUSSELS - The European Union's foreign policy chief Monday applauded the inter-Korean talks to start tentative talks on denuclearization and urged the two sides to make efforts to improve the relations between the two sides.

EU Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini said in a statement that the talks showed a “positive step” towards denuclearization and urged the two sides to continue to work hard to make things work.

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Southern Europe Leaders’ Address to Key EU Issues in Rome

ROME - Leaders from southern European countries will gather in Rome on Wednesday to address some “crucial” issues on the European Unionagenda.

The agenda would focus on an economic recovery, the implementation of the Schengen agreement, the Eurozone debt crisis, and the implementation of new fiscal policies.

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Huge DNA Library Created in China

CHINA - Chinese scientists have created the world's largest DNA library, which contains more than 1 billion unique DNA sequences.

The library, called the Chinese Academy of Sciences' (CAS) DNA Library, is located in Beijing and is expected to be used for a variety of research projects, including the study of human genetics.

Democratic Republic Warns of Russian Activities

North Korea - North Korea warned Thursday of the danger of a possible nuclear crisis, as tensions between the two countries have escalated in recent weeks.

The warning came after North Korea announced that it would resume nuclear and missile tests, following a series of similar announcements by the United States.

The United States has called for a diplomatic solution to the crisis, while North Korea has insisted on its right to develop nuclear weapons for self-defense.

IranCanWellUp-SpeedNuclearActivities,IncludingEnrichment,Official

TEHRAN - An Iranian nuclear official says Iran has decided to speed up its nuclear activities, including enrichment, starting next week.

The official, who was not named, said that Iran will begin to enrich uranium at a rate of 30% per week, a move that could push the country closer to developing a nuclear weapon.

Kuala Lumpur - The report on the ongoing elections across Asia-Pacific region has been highly critical of Malaysia’s government, especially the prime minister, Najib Razak, who is expected to face a tough election battle in the upcoming general elections.

The report, released by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, found that Malaysia’s government has failed to address the country’s economic, social, and political challenges.

The report also highlighted the country’s failure to implement key reforms, including the privatisation of state-owned enterprises, the reduction of bureaucracy, and the improvement of the business environment.

In addition, the report noted that Malaysia’s government has failed to address the country’s social and political challenges, including the rise of anti-government movements.

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The resignation is a significant setback for Erdogan's ruling party, which has been under pressure to deliver on its promises to strengthen the country's economy and improve living standards.

The resignation comes after Erdogan announced earlier this month that he would dissolve parliament and call early elections.

The move is likely to trigger a political crisis in Turkey, with the main opposition parties calling for Erdogan's resignation and for early elections.

However, Erdogan has rejected the calls for early elections, saying that the country needs stability and continuity in government.

Turkey's economy has been hit by political uncertainty and a drop in foreign investment in recent years, following the country's involvement in Syria's civil war and the economic problems caused by the US-led war in Iraq.

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Turkey Urges Russia, Iran to Stop Syrian Army Offensive in Idlib

ANKARA - Turkey called on Russia and Iran on Wednesday to pressure the Syrian army to cease offensive operations in the northwestern province of Idlib, which is home to the largest rebel-held territory in the country.

The call came after the Turkish military said that it was ready to intervene if the Syrian army continued to advance in Idlib.

The Turkish military said that it was ready to take military action if the Syrian army continued to advance in Idlib, in response to the Russian military air strikes that have hit rebel-held areas in the province.

Turkey has repeatedly called on Russia and Iran to stop the offensive in Idlib, as it believes that the military actions are aimed at weakening the Syrian opposition and advancing the regime's interests.

The call comes amid a surge in tensions between Turkey and Russia, with Ankara accusing Moscow of violating its airspace and providing military support to the Syrian regime.

The Turkish government has also been批评ed for its failure to take action against the Syrian army's offensive, with the Ankara government accused of being too soft on the regime.

Turkey's military has been engaged in a conflict in Syria since 2011, and has been fighting against the regime's forces and the Islamic State group.

The Turkish military has also been involved in a conflict in Syria's northwestern province of Idlib, where it has been fighting against the regime's forces and the Islamic State group.