U.S. Military Must Get Ready to Deal with “Challenges”: Hagel

HAGUE – U.S. Defense Secretary Hagel urged the coun-
try’s military leaders to be prepared for “challenges” that could pose a threat to the U.S., including “military attacks” on U.S. national security on Thursday.

In an address to the U.S. Army Se-
diers’ Legislative Institute in Fort Bliss, western Texas, Hagel mentioned threats such as “funding cuts” and “global de-
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insula, the Islamic State of the Levant, the Islamic State in West Africa and “other challenges” to national security, according to the website of the Depart-

The HAGUE - The large number of refugees from Muslim extremists across Europe and other parts of the world has contributed to a sense of frustration among military leaders that Europe is being asked to take on “too much” of the burden of dealing with the influx of migrants, Hagel said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Hagel said that the U.S. military was doing its part in helping to deal with the flow of refugees, but that Europe needed to do more in order to ease the burden on the U.S.

“Europe has to do more than they’ve done in the past,” he said. “Europe needs to take a more active role in dealing with this issue.”

Hagel said that the U.S. military had been working with European forces to help deal with the flow of refugees, but that Europe needed to do more in order to ease the burden on the U.S.

“We are doing our part, but we need Europe to do more,” he said.

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