British Can’t Have Trade Talks With Third Party Until It Exits EU: Mogherini

BRUSSELS - Britain can’t have trade deals with third parties until it has completed exiting the European Union, European Union Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini said on Monday in an interview with British newspapers.

"I think that the European Union will not go to the WTO to start trade talks with a third country if Britain is still part of the European Union," she said.

Mogherini also said the European bloc hopes that Britain will make the decision of whether to remain in the EU "very soon," as it is "the only way to ensure predictability in the relationship between the EU and the United Kingdom." She added that Britain's "future is in the European Union."