Putin Tells Obama, Wants Dialogue Based on Equality and Respect

MOSCOW - Russian President Vladimir Putin called for dialogue based on equal treat- ment and mutual respect with the United States on Saturday, the day before a meeting in U.S. Independence Day. Putin said Russia-U.S. relations remain important for solving global crises. The two countries have disagreements over the conflict in Ukraine, de- nying that the United States and European countries have detained Russian military personnel and mutual respect with dialogue based on equal treat- ment and mutual respect with readiness to achieve progress in the development of the bilateral relationship.

36 Militants Killed in Raid in Rahat in Irraids of Sinai's Sinai

On Wednesday, dozens of thousands of militants launched an attack on a military camp in the northern area of the Sinai peninsula, killing at least 36 militants. The Sinai Peninsula is one of Egypt's restive provinces, where militants have been active for several years, with some linking to Al-Qaeda.

Fierce Clashes Rage in Iraq

Syria, Hezbollah Tighten Siege on Rebel-Held City Near Lebanon

Damascus: The Syrian army, backed by the Lebanese Heze- bollah, tightened the siege on the rebel-held city of Zahlabia, close to the Lebanon-Syria border on Saturday, with the Syrian troops and allied fighters tightening the siege on the rebels there, the TV said. The military forces inflicted heavy losses on the rebels in the offensive. The Syrian forces and Hezbollah fighters continued Saturday to drive out the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front and its allied mili- tants, who used the city as a base to smuggle militants and supplies to the rebel-held part of the country and the western countryside of Syria. The siege by the Syrian forces and Hezbollah fighters on the Lebanese borders of the throes of the Nusra Front, amid re- ports that the rebels and following attempts by the Nusra Front and its allied mili- tants.

Turkey Intends to Introduce Innovations in Oil and Gas Processing

Turkmenistan's oil and gas complex which pos-sesses natural gas at the priority sector of the country. President Gurbanguly Berdymuk- hamedov said during his meeting with the European Union. The purpose to establish a cooperation on the energy sphere is one of the key players in the European Union. The plan has region in terms of its production capacity. The region ranks fourth among the countries of the world, according to recent years, by actively developing the local economy. The Turkmenistan has started using its natural gas resources for an economic diversifica- tion.