Biden Reiterates Importance of Australia in U.S. Military Pivot to Asia

United States - Turkey remains a "determined and committed partner" of the United States in the fight against terrorism, the Pentagon said Tuesday, amid reports that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has promised to consider expanding his country's role in the fight against the Islamic State and al-Qaeda. The statement was released ahead of a telephone conversation between President Biden and President Erdogan on Tuesday. The conversation was focused on the issue of cooperation between the United States and Turkey in the fight against the Islamic State and al-Qaeda. The United States and Turkey have been longtime partners in the fight against terrorism, and the Biden administration has been seeking to strengthen their relationship in the face of growing threats from the Islamic State and al-Qaeda.

Turkey Remains U.S. Partner despite rows

WASHINGTON - Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar has rejected reports that his country's relations with the United States have deteriorated. Akar said in a statement on Tuesday that he had not received any official communication from the U.S. government regarding the situation. The U.S. and Turkey have been working together to combat terrorism in Syria, and Akar said that the two countries were working toward a joint effort to defeat Islamic State and other extremist groups. Akar also thanked the U.S. for its support in the fight against terrorism. However, U.S. officials have expressed concern over Turkey's actions in Syria, including its support for the Turkish National Army (TNA) and its use of U.S.-supplied F-16 fighters in the fight against the Islamic State. The issue has caused tension between the two countries. Akar said that his country remains committed to working with the United States and other partners to defeat terrorism.

Turkey Probes 262 Military Judges and Prosecutors over Failed Coup Bid

ANKARA - Turkish authorities have launched an investigation into 262 military judges and prosecutors over their alleged role in the failed coup attempt of July 2016. The investigation, which was announced by the Supreme Judicial Council, is part of a wider crackdown on the judiciary and other institutions perceived to be aligned with the Fethullah Gulen movement. The coup attempt was led by a group of officers and civilians loyal to Gulen, who is a former teacher and now a leading figure in the United States. The investigation is part of a broader effort by the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to silence perceived critics and consolidate control over institutions.

US Launches Massive Dismissal in Key Security Agencies over Coup Purge

WASHINGTON - The U.S. government has dismissed more than 300 people from senior positions in national security agencies in the wake of the July 2016 coup attempt. The dismissals were announced on Tuesday, a year after the coup was attempted. The government has faced criticism for its handling of the aftermath of the coup, including the wide-ranging purges and dismissals of employees and officials perceived to be linked to the coup-plotters.

Moon Calls on World Leaders to Submit Ratification Documents of Paris Agreement

UNITED NATIONS - South Korean President Moon Jae-in has invited world leaders to submit their ratification documents of the Paris Agreement on climate change. In a speech at the UN on Tuesday, Moon emphasized the importance of the agreement in addressing climate change and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Moon called on world leaders to take action and submit their ratification documents as soon as possible. The Paris Agreement aims to limit global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100, with efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. However, many countries have not submitted their ratification documents, and there is concern that the agreement will not be sufficient to avoid severe climate impacts.

Turkey Heart disease kills around 200,000 people in Vietnam each year

HANOI - The number of deaths from cardiovascular disease in Vietnam has reached 200,000 per year, according to a new study. The study, published in the journal Circulation, found that cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Vietnam, accounting for 36% of all deaths. The study also found that the prevalence of cardiovascular disease is on the rise, with more than 25 million Vietnamese adults estimated to have high blood pressure.

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TEHRAN - The U.S. has been urged by several parties, including the Group of 20, to facilitate banking transactions with Iran. The Group of 20, which includes many of the world's largest economies, has called on the United States to lift its sanctions on Iran. The United States has imposed sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program, and this has made it difficult for Iran to engage in international banking transactions.

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Turkish Pressure on US Registrar

ANKARA - Turkish authorities have launched an investigation into the US Registrar of Climate Change, according to a report by Hurriyet Daily News. The investigation is part of a wider crackdown on the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its structures. The US Registrar is responsible for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, which aims to limit global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100, with efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. However, many countries have not submitted their ratification documents, and there is concern that the agreement will not be sufficient to avoid severe climate impacts.

US Expands Challenge to China's Raw Material Export WTO

WASHINGTON - The United States has expanded its challenge to China's raw material export restrictions to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The United States has already taken China to the WTO over its export quotas on rare earth minerals, antimony, indium, and cobalt. The new challenge includes additional exports of raw materials such as titanium, tantalum, and tin. The United States has filed the challenge on the grounds of WTO rules that require members to ensure that their trading practices are fair and non-discriminatory.

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