**Russian Warships Strike IS Terrorists in Syria with Cruise Missiles**

MOSCOW - Two Russian frigates and a submarine de- ployed in the eastern Mediterranean have fired six Ka- lose cruise missiles at Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) targets in Syria, Russia's Defence Ministry said.

The "sudden massive missile strike" came after the Russian military had repeated warned that new coordinated terrorist attacks were being prepared.

"This strike, which was a response to the terrorist threats posed by ISIS to the countries across the region, was carried out in line with the demand from the UN Security Council," the ministry said.

The three Russian Frigates, Admiral Gorshkov and Admiral Chabanenko, as well as the submarine Kazan, launched cruise missiles from a position off the coast of Syria.

**Post-IS Vacuum in Syria Could Lead to Clash of Powers**

BRUSSELS - The European Union (EU) and China are working on a plan to deploy their forces to Syria, according to a high-ranking EU official.

The plan would be implemented if the United Nations Security Council fails to agree on a resolution to end the conflict in Syria.

The EU and China have agreed to work together on the issue, with EU officials saying that they believe a resolution is necessary to prevent a new conflict in the region.

The plan would involve the deployment of EU and Chinese forces to Syria to help stabilize the situation and prevent a recurrence of the conflict.

**EU Leaders Slam China’s Brexit Citizens Plan**

BRUSSELS - Leaders of the Group of 20 and the EU's economic forecasters have criticized China's plan to allow British citizens to vote in the 2020 Chinese elections.

The EU has urged China to reconsider its decision, saying it would send the wrong message to the global community.

Chinese authorities have defended their decision, saying it is a matter of national sovereignty.

**Visegrad Group of four to meet in Bratislava tomorrow**

BRUSSELS - The Visegrad Group of four, comprising the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, will hold a meeting in Bratislava tomorrow to discuss issues ranging from migration to energy security.

The meeting is expected to be attended by the leaders of the four countries, who will have the opportunity to exchange views on a range of topics.

**President Condems Blast in Quetta**

ISLAMABAD - President Mamnoon Hussain strongly condemned the bomb blast in Quetta that claimed the lives of at least 14 people.

The president expressed深切的同情 for the families of those who lost their lives and wished the injured a quick recovery.

The president also expressed hope that the unfortunate incident would not lead to any further deterioration.

**Iran Nuclear Chief Urges West to Save Historic Deal**

LONDON - Iran’s nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, urged the West to save the historic nuclear deal that came into force in January 2016.

Salehi said that the deal was a "good start" but not yet complete, and that the international community needed to work together to implement it.

**Turkey, Russia to Deploy Troops in Syria**

ANKARA - Turkey, Russia and Iran have agreed to deploy troops to de-escalation zones in Syria, according to a senior Russian official.

The agreement was reached during a meeting between the three countries in Moscow last week.

The deployment of troops is seen as a step towards stabilizing the situation in Syria and ending the conflict.

**Turkey Refuses Closings Military Base in Qatar under Arab States Demand**

ANKARA - Turkey will not close its military base in Qatar, Turkish Defence Minister said on Friday in a response to a call from the four Arab countries that border Qatar to close the base.

The Turkish military base is not operational and is not on Qatar’s soil, the minister said, adding that Turkey will continue to use it for training purposes.

The US has threatened to close the base if it is not closed by the end of the year, a move that is seen as part of a broader effort to discourage Turkey from developing closer ties with Russia.

**EU to Hold a Meeting on G5 Force in Brussels**

BRUSSELS - The European Union is to host a meeting on the G5 Sahel Force in Brussels on July 7-8, according to a high-ranking EU official.

The meeting is expected to bring together representatives of the five G5 Sahel countries and other international partners interested in the G5 Sahel Force.

The G5 Sahel Force is a regional military initiative aimed at countering terrorism and extremism in the Sahel region of northern Africa.