France Urges Turkey and EU States to Ease Tensions

PARIS - France urged several EU member states to calm tensions and said there was no reason to prohibit a meeting on its soil on Sunday between Ankara's foreign minister and a local Turk-ISH Parliamentarian.

Turkish Foreign Mini-ster Mevlut Cavusgo- lu addressed a pub- lic meeting in eastern France on Saturday, one day after the Neth- erlands barred its plan- ning from landing in a new airport in Ankara's political capital.

Merkel Meets Unpredictable Trump Amid Tense Relations

BERLIN - Europe's most powerful leaders, Angela Merkel and Donald Trump, met for the first time next week, promising to give politicians more time to consider the aftermath of Brexit. The summit will also be the first since he took office.

The two leaders are scheduled to meet on Monday at the German parliament to discuss the future of the European Union.

Merkel, who leads a center-right government, is expected to receive Trump at the following meeting, which will be held in Paris. She is also expected to travel to Brussels, where she will meet with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

Washington, on the other hand, is expected to travel to Brussels on Tuesday for talks with Juncker.

Brexit minister David Davis said the two sides were "very much in agreement" on the need for a "civilized" approach to resolving the issues surrounding Britain's exit from the EU.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss other key issues, including the situation in Syria and the relationship between the two countries.

In a statement, the German government said it was "fully aware of the challenges that lie ahead in the relationship with the United States." It added that it was "determined to work with the US to find a way forward on issues of mutual interest and mutual concern."