Holland Abandons Constitution Reform, Moving Towards eu Integration

Netherlands' Prime Minister Mark Rutte announced on Wednesday that his government had decided not to push forward with a referendum on constitutional reform, citing a lack of public support.

Rutte said in a statement that the proposal had not gained enough backing from the political parties and the public, despite efforts to engage with citizens and stakeholders.

The proposed constitutional changes included measures to strengthen the role of the European Union in the country's foreign policy and to increase the transparency of government operations.

However, the decision to abandon the reform process was met with mixed reactions. While some welcomed the move, others expressed concern that it could undermine the country's commitment to Europe.

Syrian Opposition Rejects Assad's Statements About New Syrian Government

The Syrian National Council (SNC) has rejected a statement by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in which he announced the establishment of a new government without the participation of the opposition.

The SNC, which represents the main opposition groups in Syria, said in a statement that the new government is not legitimate and that it would not take part in any talks with the Assad regime.

The government, named by Assad on Wednesday, includes five ministers and a deputy prime minister, with most of the positions going to members of the ruling Baath party.

The SNC reiterated its demand for a political transition in Syria, including the withdrawal of all government forces from opposition-held areas and the establishment of a national unity government.

U.N. Calls for Solidarity to Expand Pathways for Syrian Refugees

The United Nations has called for an increase in programs to support Syrian refugees, who have fled their country to escape the war.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, said that the number of Syrian refugees in the region has grown to nearly 5 million, with more than 4 million in neighboring countries and another 1 million in Europe.

Grandi called for an expansion of humanitarian pathways, including legal pathways for refugees to travel to European countries, and urged countries to provide resettlement opportunities for Syrian refugees.

Iran's Top Leader Defends Missiles Program

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has defended the country's missile program, saying it is necessary for national defense.

Khamenei said that the missiles are used for defensive purposes and that Iran has the right to develop the necessary technology to protect itself.

He added that the missiles are an important part of Iran's deterrence strategy and that they play a key role in maintaining regional stability.

Ukraine's Independence Day Message: Boiko

Boiko said that the independence of Ukraine had been achieved through the sacrifice of many soldiers and civilians.

He called on all Ukrainians to continue to uphold the values of freedom, democracy, and tolerance, and to work together to build a brighter future for the country.

Boiko also expressed his gratitude to the international community for their support and assistance in the country's transition to independence.

The Ukrainian leader also highlighted the importance of unity and cooperation among all Ukrainians, regardless of their background or beliefs.

Boiko's message came as Ukraine marked its 30th anniversary of independence, which was declared on August 24, 1991.