**UN Urges Lebanon to Pick President, End Political Vacuum**

Beirut - A United Na-

tional Assembly meeting called on Monday to choose

a president for the country failed, leaving the country

in a political vacuum.

**Germany Protests Russia’s Ejection of Conservative MP from Moscow**

Germany’s foreign minister has condemned Russia’s ejection of a conservative MP from Moscow’s airport on the weekend.

**Only Iran is Confronting Islamic State: Paramilitary Chief**

Only Iran is confronting Islamic State, according to a senior paramilitary chief in Tehran.

**Pakistan Seeks FBI Assistance in Alleged Al Qaeda’s Syria Wing Attacks**

Pakistan has sought the help of the FBI in investigating an attack blamed on the Islamic State’s Syria wing in the country.

**US-Turkey Airag on Support for Syrian Rebels: Turkey**

Turkey has reiterated its support for Syrian rebels, saying it is providing them with both military and non-military support.

**UN Chief Seeks ‘Global Action’ on Climate Change This Year**

A UN official has called for “global action” on climate change this year.

**Uzbek President to Pay 8th Visit to South Korea**

President of Uzbekistan will pay his 8th official visit to South Korea this month.

**US Defense Chief’s Criticism of Iraqis Raises Questions**

The US defense chief has criticized the government in Iraq for its handling of security issues.

**Iran FM Slams UNSC’s Resolution on Pakistani Territory**

The Iranian foreign minister has attacked the UN Security Council’s resolution on the disputed Pakistani territory.

**Top Muslim Body Urges Protection of Syrian Palmyra**

A Muslim body has called for the protection of the ancient city of Palmyra in Syria.

**Chin Loundles Challenge with US over Spy Plane**

A Chinese official has challenged the US over its decision to send a spy plane over the South China Sea.

**Unsolved Mystery**

The unsolved mystery of the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 continues to puzzle investigators.

**US, Allies Conduct Air Strikes against Islamic State in Syria, Iraq**

The US and its allies have launched air strikes against Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.

**Hezbollah Captures Hilltops from Al Qaeda’s Syria Wing**

Lebanese Hezbollah fighters have captured several hilltops from an Al Qaeda-linked group in Syria.

**Poland Ties after Duda’s Victory**

The Polish president has congratulated his Russian counterpart on his re-election.

**Perspective on Afghanistan**

The perspectives on Afghanistan vary widely, with some calling for a negotiated settlement and others urging military action.