EU Plans to Tackle Throw-Away Economy

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department State has approved a long-standing request for aid by the Turkish Air Force for hardware, guided bombs and other munitions, two officials said Wednesday. This would mark the sale of armed munitions approved since the U.S. government adopted a policy in February for expediting sales of weapons that have plays key role in exports of the new type of raw materials. The agency has requested an extra 70,000 evacuees over the previous record of 84,000 set during 2015. The request includes 30 refugees per day visit to Athens, and a second one to other EU countries, joining Bulgaria and Italy.

First RefugeesOfficially Relocated from Greece to Luxembourg

ATHENS - The first batch of 30 refugees, who had recently arrived in Greece, were offloaded at a Turkish military airbase on Wednesday to be flown to Luxembourg. They included a nine-year-old boy and his younger sister. The refugees will be housed in Luxembourg. Among them is a woman who had been flee from the civil war in Syria and came to Greece last year. The delegation was led by Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Bohuslav Sobotka.

German, French Raids Against Human Smuggling Operations

BEIJING - French authorities raided a network of human traffickers, according to a statement Wednesday. The network is said to have been operating in the north of France and in the southern part of Belgium. The network is said to have been operating since 2015. The French authorities said they had seized 300,000 euros in cash and other assets from six properties in the Paris region. The operation was part of an international investigation into human smuggling.

Sismit Visits Britain to Discuss Terror and Trade

ISTANBUL - Turkey's foreign minister, Mevlut Cavusoglu, has arrived in Britain for talks on counter-terrorism and trade. Turkey has been seeking to strengthen its ties with Britain, following the Terrorist attacks in Manchester and London. Cavusoglu is expected to meet with British foreign minister, Boris Johnson, and to discuss measures to combat terrorism, including the sharing of intelligence and joint military operations.

US Approves Italy’s Request to Arm Its Drones

WASHINGTON - US and NATO ally Italy has been approved to purchase drones for its military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. The approval follows a request made by the Italian government, which is seeking to expand its drone fleet for use in the Middle East.

Operations Against PKK Militants in SE Turkey

ANKARA - During operations between Turkey and PKK militants in southeastern Turkey, ten PKK militants were killed, including two commanders. The operation was part of a larger military operation launched against PKK militants in southeastern Turkey.

Sweden Wants EU Help to Resolve Refugees

STOCKHOLM - Sweden has asked the European Commission for help in managing a wave of migrants who have arrived in the country in recent weeks. The commission has agreed to send a team of experts to Sweden to help with the influx of migrants.

NATO Tests its Capabilities, and Wants Russia to Take Note

ZAGREB - NATO is putting its forces and capabilities to the test in a large-scale exercise involving 100,000 troops. The exercise is part of an effort to deter Russian aggression in the region. The exercise will test the readiness of NATO forces to respond to a crisis.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel Visits Italy to Discuss Future of European Union

BERLINO - German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited Italy to discuss the future of the European Union and the eurozone. The visit comes amid growing concerns about the stability of the eurozone and the prospects for改革.