**International Indian Government Indications Willingness to Amend Budget**

**India** - Government officials have indicated a willingness to amend the draft budget that has led to high-cadence strikes with the European Union. Talks between the two sides have been described as significant, with both sides saying their focus in the budget discussion is on growth, development and "debt sustainability" and that they would "not miss a question of principle" in the level of detail.

**Their comment laid out their position, with the government indicating it is willing to consider the EU's concerns but not to renege on its already announced plans for the budget. The EU has been pressing India to undertake a comprehensive reform of its tax system and to address issues related to corporate taxation.

**ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI - Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said in a press conference that the government is committed to implementing the budget as planned. He added that the budget is "unprecedented" in its scale and that it will be "an unmatchable success."**

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**Hundred Protests in Tunisia against Saudi Crown Prince's Visit**

**The first day of protests against Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's visit to Tunisia turned violent on Tuesday, with thousands of people taking to the streets in several cities to express their opposition to the visit.**

**TUNIS - Hundreds of Tunisians took to the streets on Tuesday against a visit by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, expressing anger against the killing of Jamal Khashoggi.**

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**Asian Shares Rise despite Trump's Latest Talk on Tariffs**

**SINGAPORE - Asian shares were higher on Tuesday, after a sharp drop on Wall Street on Monday, as investors awaited US-China trade talks.**

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**Contender to Lead Merkel’s Party Takes Heat from Rivals**

**BERLIN - A top contender for the leadership of Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union (CDU) dropped out of the race, saying that he was not the “right choice” for the party.**

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**Days of Tajikistan’s Culture Held in Qatar**

**QATAR - Days of Tajikistan’s Culture have been underway in Doha, with events ranging from music concerts to film screenings.**

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**Turkmenistan Offers to Hold Int’l Forum on Security in Central Asia**

**ASIA - Turkmenistan has offered to host an international forum on security in Central Asia, aiming to promote peace and stability in the region.**

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**Uzbek Region Reveals Results of State Property E-Drum Sale**

**ASIA - The results of an electronic auction for state property in the Uzbek region of Samarkand have been announced.**

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