EU to Address Syria's Political Future with Regional Players

BRUSSELS - The European Union (EU) will send a high-level delegation to the Middle East, with key actors in the region on a two-day visit to the political process in Syria, EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said on Monday. The delegation will hold meetings in Ankara, Istanbul, and Brussels.

"We have had a very good discussion with the prime minister, Ali Babacan," Mogherini told reporters in Brussels.

The EU delegation will meet with President Bashar al-Assad and Prime Minister Mohammad Naji al-Odah in Damascus Tuesday. The delegation will also hold talks with Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu in Ankara and Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz in Brussels.

The EU hopes the Assad regime will extend the ceasefire to the whole country, and allow humanitarian aid to reach rebel-held areas.

The envoy of the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, ChristianTIMER, Iran's Air Force on Tuesday successfully conducted an air strike on an outpost of Islamic, Press TV reported. The strike was reported to be the result of showcasing the pro-Asian state's air power and capability of protecting the country, even if only a fraction of the power was being used in preserving and defying Iran's skies.

The drills include airpower, cruise missiles, reconnaissance planes, ground-to-air missiles, ground-to-air surface-to-air missiles, and airpower.

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