“Our Goal is not War”: Mattis


North Korea has had a contentious relationship with the United States. Mattis emphasized diplomatic efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear and missile crisis as he stood at a podium at the Pentagon on Thursday. North Korea has threatened to test a new hydrogen bomb and launch a long-range missile, with some experts warning it may be preparing for a nuclear test.

**U.S. Imposes New Sanctions on DPRK Officials, Entities**

In a statement, Mattis said, “Today’s sanctions target the North Korean (KPA) military and its officials engaged in flagrant disregard of international human rights. Today’s sanctions include targeting officials engaged in disregard of international human rights, and their military counterparts.”

**Catalonia Declares Independence from Spain, Defies Madrid Run-Ins**

BARCELONA/MADRID - Catalonia’s parliament declared independence from Madrid on Friday in defiance of the Madrid government, which has vowed to use direct rule over the region if it is approved. The vote, which must still be approved by Spain’s Constitutional Court, would make Catalonia independent and form a new state.

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**U.S. House Approves Senate-Version, Steps Toward Tax Reform**

WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives passed the Senate’s $1.5 trillion tax reform bill on Wednesday, a key step toward lower taxes and increased economic growth. The bill, which would cut taxes for individuals and businesses, is expected to be signed into law by President Donald Trump this week.

Bread Talks Can’t Move on Without Clarity over Cyprus

DUBLIN - Britain’s talks on exiting the European Union must be put on hold, Prime Minister Theresa May said on Thursday, as she prepared to travel to Dublin to meet Ireland’s leader as part of efforts to break the Brexit impasse.

**Brexit: Talks Can’t Move on Without Clarity over Cyprus**

The border with Northern Ireland, which will be the UK’s only land frontier with the EU after its departure, is one of three issues Brussels wants broadly solved before talks on trade can make any meaningful progress.

**Present-Day Pakistan is Peaceful, Stable: Mamnoon**

KARACHI - Peace and stability are the priorities of the Pakistani government, President Mamnoon Hussain said on Friday.

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