



BRITISH DAILY THE INDEPENDENT PUBLISHES LAST PRINT EDITION

One of the U.K.'s leading newspapers The Independent has published its final print edition on Saturday. The paper will be available in a digital-only format. In a letter published in the final edition, the Russian owner of the paper, Evgeny Lebedev, thanked to the readers of the paper who have contributed to its success since it was launched in 1986. >>EUROPE

MONK ACCUSES NOMINATED HEAD OF THAI BUDDHISM OF FRAUD



Activist monk who led protests leading to 2014 coup says senior monk protects wealthy temple accused of distorting Buddhist, having links to divisive political clan. A Thai activist monk has accused a clergyman nominated to lead the country's Buddhist establishment of being unfit for the post, due to his involvement in a tax scandal and protection of a wealthy temple with alleged connections to a divisive political clan. >>ASIA-PASIFIC

TURKISH PRESIDENT'S EASTER MESSAGE



Freedom to pursue tradition, beliefs, are fundamental rights, president says Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday released an Easter message to mark the Christian feast. "We believe that not being exposed to religious, linguistic and ethnic discrimination, and being able to freely pursue one's own culture, tradition and beliefs - today, as in the past - are fundamental human rights," Erdogan said in a statement. >>TURKEY

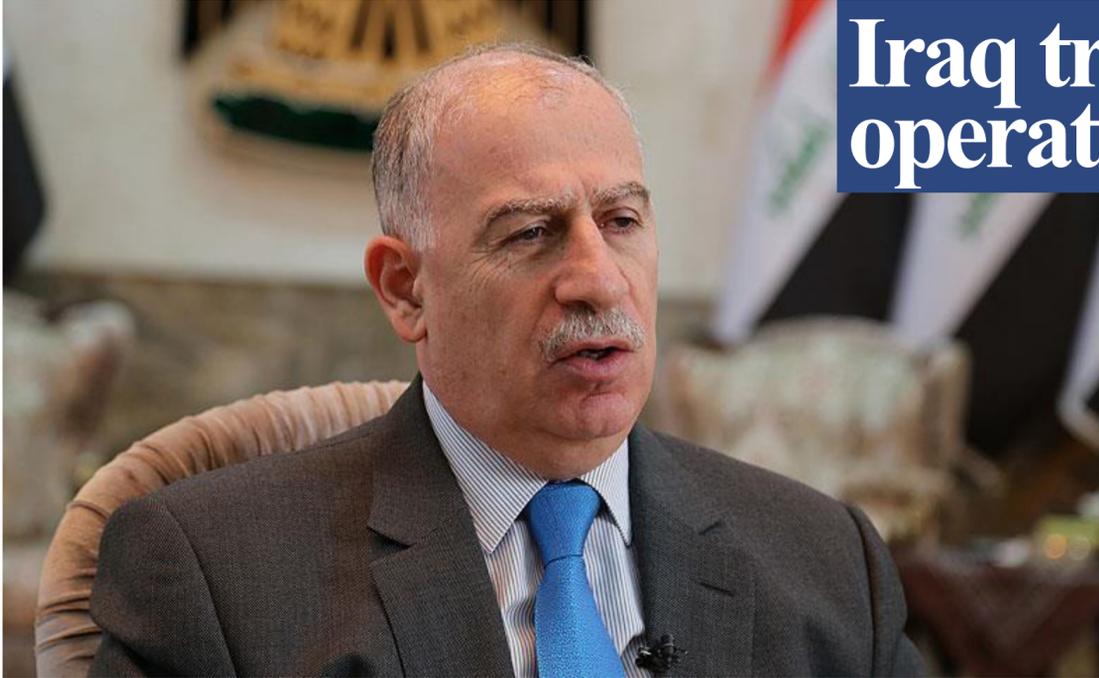
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Iraq trusts Turkey during operations in Mosul

Iraqi vice president Osama al-Nujaifi expressed condolences for Turkish soldiers martyred in Mosul province

Iraqi Vice President Osama al-Nujaifi has expressed gratitude for Turkey's support for the people of Mosul in Iraq. Al-Nujaifi spoke at a press conference after official meetings in Istanbul, Turkey on Saturday. "Today, I found the opportunity to thank President Erdogan and PM Davutoglu for their efforts and Turkey's role while fighting with the Daesh ter-

rorist organization, which is a common threat for all the world, the U.S. and the EU. Turkey's help is considerable and we hope Turkey will go on helping during the coming period," he said. Nujaifi expressed his condolences for the Turkish soldiers martyred in Iraq's town of Bashiqa town in Mosul province. He added the plan to retake of Mosul had been

discussed in meetings held with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu. "A new operation started just three days ago in the south. What we expect is to accelerate and expand this operation to rescue Mosul. [...] We think that Mosul will be retaken by the help of Iraqi army and peshmergas from the south." >>MORE DETAILS



Jordan's information minister and government spokesman Mohammed Mumuni on Saturday dismissed claims that Jordan's King Abdullah II used

Jordan denies King made accusatory remarks against Turkey

accusatory remarks against Turkey during his visit in the U.S. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Mumuni responded to claims by certain websites that said King Abdullah uttered accusatory remarks against Turkey on his visit on

'Turkey-Jordan relations are historic and based on mutual respect principle,' says government spokesman

Jan. 11. "Turkey-Jordan relations are historic and based on mutual respect principle," said the Jordanian government spokesman, adding that these claims could not impact the relation between the two countries. "This kind of news is devoid of the minimum of vocational professionalism," Mumuni added. Allegedly, King Abdullah of Jordan accused Turkey of "exporting terrorists to Europe", according to a story published by the Middle East Eye. Mumuni's remarks came a day ahead of an official two-day visit to be paid by Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu to Jordan. >>MORE DETAILS

Stray projectile martyrs Turkish soldier in N Iraq



One Turkish soldier was martyred and another wounded by a stray projectile in northern Iraq, the Turkish General Staff said on Saturday. The incident came during a gun battle between Daesh terrorists and Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga forces on Saturday around the Gedu military base located in northern

Iraq. "Due to projectiles that fell on the base, our hero fellow soldier has been martyred and one hero fellow soldier was slightly injured," said the statement. The army said the injured soldier was taking medical treatment at a state hospital in the southeastern Turkish province of Sirnak. >>MORE DETAILS



Turkey's president chides foreign envoys

Istanbul-based diplomats were criticized by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday over their appearance at the espionage trial of two Turkish journalists. Can Dundar, editor-in-chief of the Cumhuriyet

newspaper, and Erdem Gul, the paper's Ankara bureau chief, are charged with espionage, attempting to overthrow the government and revealing state secrets over a story accusing the government of attempting to deliver arms to Syria. At the first day of their trial in Istanbul on Friday, a number of European diplomats, including the consul generals of Britain and France, Leigh Turner and Muriel Domenech, attended the hearing. >>MORE DETAILS

Turkish security forces kill 38 PKK terrorists

Turkish security forces killed 38 PKK terrorists on Friday, the military said in a statement Saturday. In a statement, the Turkish Armed Forces said 13 were killed in Nusaybin, Mardin province; nine in Yuksekova, Hakkari province; one in Silvan, Diyarbakir province; two in Hatay province; and 13 in Sirnak province. >>MORE DETAILS

Yemen's Saleh calls for holding talks with Riyadh

On first anniversary of Saudi-led intervention in Yemen, former president and Houthi ally appeals for dialogue. Ali Abdullah Saleh, Yemen's former president and an ally of the Shia Houthi militant group, called on Saturday for direct talks with Saudi Arabia with a view to ending the ongoing conflict in Yemen. Saleh issued his appeal in his first public speech since the launch of "Operation Decisive Storm", a Saudi-led military campaign in Yemen that began exactly one year ago. >>MORE DETAILS

Turkish gov't to speed up process for new constitution



The process for a new constitution is to be accelerated to meet the expectations of Turkish people, said Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu on Saturday. Davutoglu spoke during World Turkish Entrepreneurs Assembly of Foreign Economic Relations Board in Istanbul. Stating that a roadmap had been set, he added a constitution committee had been established within the Justice and

Development (AK) Party "Today, we carried out a long and detailed work with the members of this committee in Dolmabahce office. As of the following week, our committee will start writing it [the new constitution]. I hope, we are planning to complete writing it within the next month. During this process, we are open to any proposal from our business world." >>MORE DETAILS

N. Korean army units fighting for Syria regime

The head of the Syrian opposition's delegation in Geneva, Asaad al-Zubi, said that two North Korean army battalions had recently been seen fighting alongside Assad regime troops. In an interview with Anadolu Agency in Geneva, al-Zubi said there were two North Korean Special Forces battalions fighting for the regime, which, he said, had been "identified as Kore-

ans". He identified the two battalions as North Korea's "Chalma 1 and Chalma 7" battalions. "The first was seen fighting alongside the regime in Jobar," a neighborhood of Damascus, he said. "When we asked regime sources that we trust, they said they were Koreans... they were identified as Asians; they came to support the regime," al-Zubi added. >>MORE DETAILS