Diplomats expelled as tension rises between Russia, West

Western countries act in coordinated response to ‘poisoning’ of ex-spy. US shuts down a Russian consulate. US and EU countries expel many Russian diplomats

At least 43 Russian diplomats expelled across Europe. ‘Russian Federation is responsible, there is no plausible alternative explanation’ says EC President

US expels 60 Russians, including 48 embassy employees and 12 people from Russia’s UN mission in New York

Children return to school in Afrin after 2 years

AFRIN - Children forced out of school by YPG/PKK terrorists were overjoyed to return to their classrooms in Afrin, northwestern Syria, two years later. Turkey has undertaken a school renovation project in Afrin where a counter-terror operation is ongoing. The Keçioren district Municipality of Turkey’s capital Ankara has completed the renovation of a school in a village. The municipality spearheaded a similar project in Jarabulus, Syria in the wake of Turkey’s Operation Euphrates Shield in 2016-early 2017. The walls, floors and playgrounds of the school have been repaired, and chairs and desks replaced.

“The children have not gone to school for two years due to the pressures of the PYD/PKK terrorist...”

PKK in Sinjar ‘won’t be tolerated’

President Erdogan says an Iraqi official will meet with Turkish counterparts in Ankara

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday said an Iraqi official was to arrive in Turkey the same day to discuss the terrorist activities in Iraq’s northern Nineveh province of Sinjar district. Erdogan’s statement came during a news conference held ahead of his visit to the Bulgarian city of Varna to attend the EU-Turkey summit.

He affirmed the reports that PKK terrorists were withdrawing from the Sinjar district and Iraqi troops were being deployed to the region, saying that the Iraqi army did intervene against the terrorists. “We hope that the Iraqi Central Government is on top of this operation in Sinjar. If there is an issue with achieving success in this operation then let’s hold our bilateral talks. We [Turkey] will take the necessary steps in Sinjar as well,” he added.

Erdogan noted that Sinjar is located about 60-70 kilometers away from Turkey’s border, stressing that his country has “no more tolerance” for presence of terrorists in Sinjar. The president also announced the impending arrival of an Iraqi official to Turkey in order to provide information regarding latest developments.