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UK 'strongly' agrees with Erdogan on Idlib

By Michael Hernandez

WASHINGTON - The UK's UN ambassador "strongly" agreed with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday amid a mounting offensive on northwestern Syria's Idlib province. "We strongly agree with President Erdogan," Karen Pierce told the UN Security Council citing an op-ed penned by Erdogan. Erdogan on Monday said in

the Wall Street Journal: "All members of the international community must understand their responsibilities as the assault on Idlib looms. The consequences of inaction are immense." "A regime assault [in Idlib] would also create serious humanitarian and security risks for Turkey, the rest of Europe and beyond," he added. He noted the regime's criminal acts... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Berlin: 'Tough action Syria chemical attack'

By Ayhan Simsek

BERLIN - Chancellor Angela Merkel signalled Wednesday that Germany could support U.S.-led retaliatory airstrikes on Syria if the regime would further use chemical weapons against civilians. Addressing German lawmakers at the parliament,

Merkel reaffirmed her government's support for a political solution in Syria but also stressed that Berlin could not remain indifferent to another chemical attack by the Assad regime. "Simply claiming that we could turn a blind eye to the use of chemical weapons, to the violation of... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey nabs key suspect of 2013 Reyhanli attack

Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) has captured Yusuf Nazik, a key plotter and perpetrator of the 2013 Reyhanli bombing from the Syrian port city of Latakia



YUSUF NAZIK
A key plotter and perpetrator of the 2013 Reyhanli bombing that killed 53 people

HE WAS IN 'BLUE CATEGORY' ON A LIST OF MOST WANTED TERRORISTS

REYHANLI BOMBING
Fifty-three people lost their lives in twin bombings in Hatay's Reyhanli on May 11, 2013

Blast damaged
nearly 1,000 residences,
891 workplaces
148 vehicles

On February 23, 2018, a court sentenced 9 suspects to aggravated life imprisonment and 13 others to jail terms of 10 to 15 years

OPERATION
MIT grabbed Nazik in Latakia in a carefully planned and executed operation

MIT received no intelligence or logistical support from a foreign state during the entire operation

Nazik confessed to planning and organizing the bombings during his initial interrogation

Police have issued a 'red notice' for 8 terrorists, including Yusuf Nazik

Before the bombings, MIT had passed on an intelligence memo to the then Reyhanli prosecutor, Ozcan Sisman who was a member of the FETO terror group. It was later discovered that Sisman had buried the intelligence memo provided by MIT



Anadolu Agency Infographics

Yusuf Nazik brought to Turkey from Syria's Latakia following operation by Turkish intelligence organization

By Hasan Oymez

ANKARA - Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) said on Wednesday it has captured a key plotter of the 2013 Reyhanli attack from the Syrian port city of Latakia. According to information gathered by Anadolu Agency, the MIT brought Yusuf Nazik to Turkey with a "pinpoint operation" and began interrogation on the deadly attack that killed scores of people in southern Turkey. Nazik, 34, who was marked in the blue category of the Interior Ministry's wanted terrorists list, confessed that on a tip off from Syrian intelligence units, he scouted the crime scene prior to the attack and moved explosives from Syria to Turkey. He added that he procured two vehicles to move the explosives. Nazik, who was born in Antakya city in Turkey's southern province of Hatay, confessed that he was acting on orders from Syrian intelligence units, adding: "I was not able to escape from the Turkish state," in video footage available with Anadolu Agency. "I am calling out to my friends in Syria, turn back while there still is time. The Turkish state will protect us. I am calling out to the... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Austrians react to govt.'s headscarf plan



Putin agrees to peace deal with Japan by year end

By Elena Teslova

MOSCOW - Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday offered an olive branch to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, with a proposal for a peace treaty without any preconditions by the year end. Russia and Japan were unable to sign a peace treaty after

World War II due to a dispute over Kuril Islands located between the two countries. This treaty would become a basis for resolving all controversial issues, Putin said at the plenary session of the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok. "We have been negotiating for 70 years. Shinzo said: 'Let's change our... [MORE DETAILS](#)