



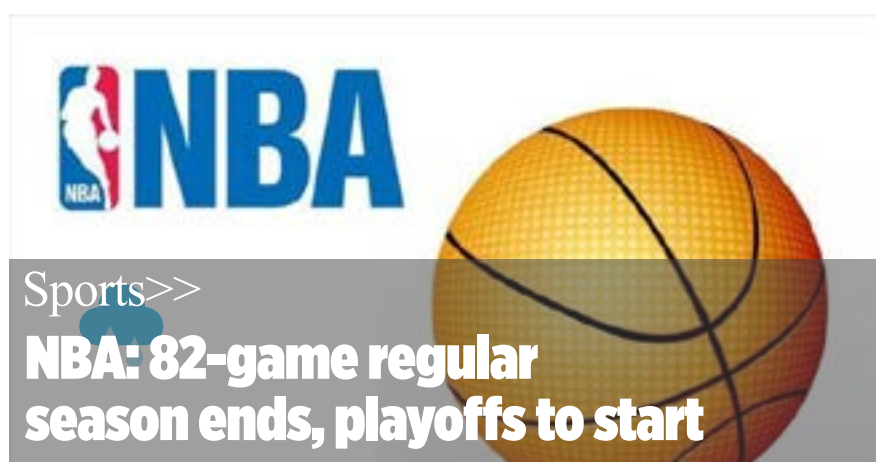
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Military seizes power in Sudan



'We won't replace one military coup with another,' opposition says following president's ouster by army

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KHARTOUM - Sudanese opposition parties and professional associations on Thursday voiced their "total rejection" of the "military coup" that appears to have removed President Omar al-Bashir from power. They made the assertion in a joint statement issued by the Sudanese Professionals Association and a number of opposition coalitions. "The regime has carried out a military

coup that will only replicate the same figures and institutions against which the Sudanese people have risen up," the statement read. It went on to urge Sudanese protesters to "maintain their ongoing demonstration outside army headquarters in Khartoum and in other parts of the country". It also called on demonstrators to remain in the streets "until power is handed over to a civilian government that reflects the will of the revolution". Earlier Thursday, the Sudanese army

announced the "removal" of al-Bashir and the imposition of a two-year "transitional phase". In a televised statement, Defense Minister Awad ibn Auf also announced the imposition of a one-month curfew -- starting Thursday evening -- and a three-month countrywide state of emergency. Ibn Auf further announced the suspension of Sudan's 2005 constitution, along with the dissolution of the Sudanese... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Explosives impounded at Turkey-Iran border

ANKARA - Turkish customs enforcement officers seized a large amount of explosives at the Turkish-Iranian border, officials said Thursday. According to a statement from the Trade Ministry, an Iranian citizen tried to cross the Esendere Customs Gate with a valid passport. He had six sacks and a suitcase with him, which he said, were filled with limes. The officers got suspicious

and brought sleuthhounds, trained to detect explosives. It was found the sacks carried 221 kilograms of potassium chlorate, a key ingredient used to make explosives. The suspect has been arrested and remanded in custody. An investigation has been launched to check possible links of the suspect with terror groups... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish FM hails 'historic' relations with Netherlands

ANKARA - Turkey's top diplomat on Thursday said one of the strengths of his country's bilateral relations with the Netherlands is their four centuries of history. "The long history of Turkish-Dutch bilateral relation is one of our strengths going back over 400 years," Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told the opening of the 7th meeting of the Wittenburg Conference in the Netherlands' capital Amsterdam. "This year, as the Turkish side, we wanted to

name the motto for this conference as Turkish-Dutch Partnership 2.0," Cavusoglu said, thanking his Dutch counterpart Stef Blok for the hospitality. He added that the conference would set the guidelines in bilateral relations in the future. Cavusoglu recalled that the two countries agreed on intensifying discussions on how to further enhance cooperation in various areas in 2008. "A memorandum of understanding... [MORE DETAILS](#)

UK police arrest WikiLeaks founder Assange



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LONDON WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been arrested in Ecuador's Embassy in London on Thursday, the Metropolitan Police said in a statement. "Julian Assange, 47, (03.07.71) has today,

Thursday 11 April, been arrested by officers from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) at the Embassy of Ecuador, Hans Crescent, SW1 on a warrant issued by Westminster Magistrates' Court on 29 June 2012, for failing to surrender to the court," the statement said. Assange has been "taken

into custody at a central London police station where he will remain, before being presented before Westminster Magistrates' Court as soon as is possible," the statement added. Assange was seen shouting "you must resist, you can resist" as he was carried by officers into a police van at

about 10.30 a.m. local time. The police said they had a "duty to execute the warrant, on behalf of Westminster Magistrates' Court, and was invited into the embassy by the ambassador, following the Ecuadorian government's withdrawal of asylum." In an updated statement, the Metropolitan... [MORE DETAILS](#)

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MOSCOW - Components of S-400 air defense systems can be produced in Turkey, Russia's presidential spokesman said on Thursday. "We are not talking about the complete production chain, as it is a new type of weapons. But the production

of some components can be organized," Dmitry Peskov told reporters in the capital Moscow. "The production can be on the territory of Turkey," he added. Sudan Also commenting on the recent situation in Sudan, Peskov said... [MORE DETAILS](#)

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