

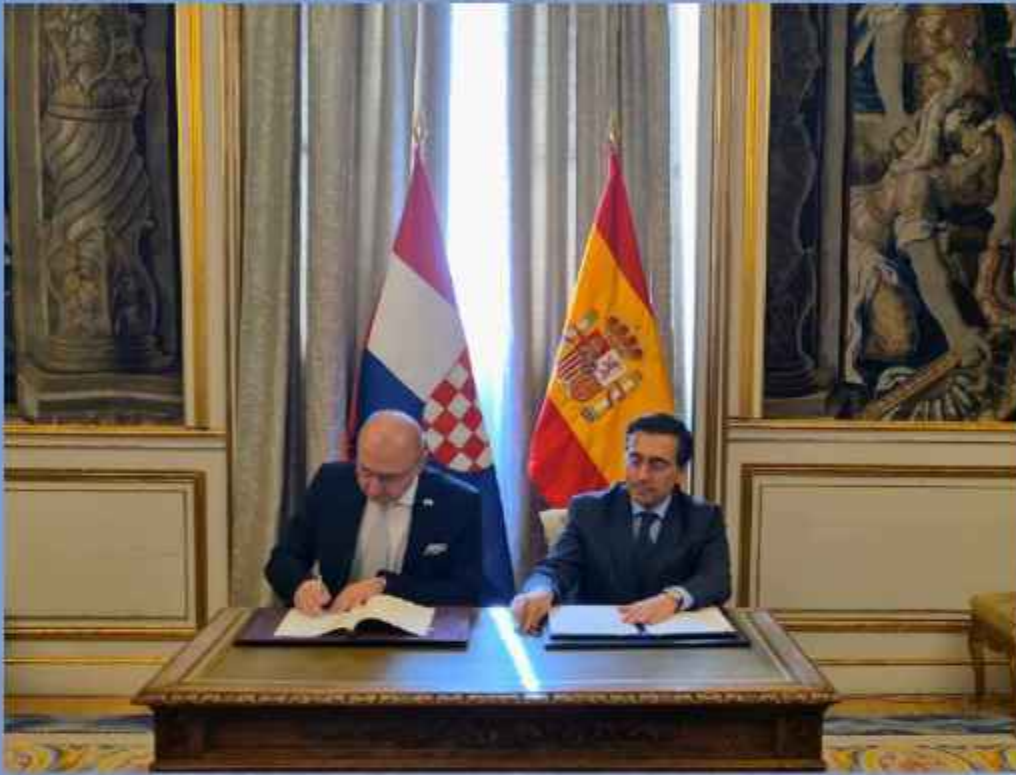


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Spain and Croatia Sign Political Consultation Agreement

Spain and Croatia signed a political consultation agreement aimed at institutionalizing regular diplomatic dialogue and strengthening bilateral cooperation. The agreement enhances coordination on EU matters, regional stability, economic engagement, and multilateral issues, marking a step forward in deepening ties between Madrid and Zagreb.

A photograph showing two men in suits shaking hands in a formal setting. On the left is José Manuel Albares, the Spanish Foreign Minister, wearing a dark suit and glasses. On the right is the Cuban Foreign Minister, wearing a grey suit. Behind them are the flags of Cuba and Spain. The background features ornate architectural details, including a chandelier and a clock.

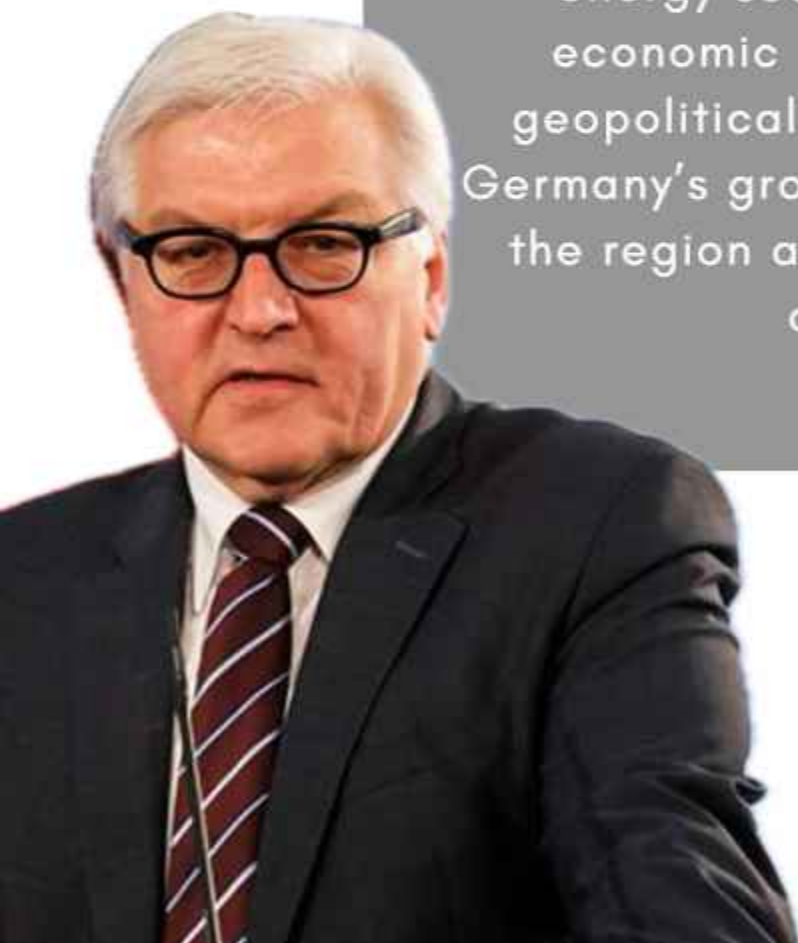
Spain Hosts Cuban Foreign Minister in Madrid

Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares welcomed his Cuban counterpart to Madrid for discussions on bilateral cooperation, EU-Cuba relations, and regional issues. The meeting reflects Spain's continued engagement with Latin America and its role as a bridge between Brussels and Havana.



Germany Strengthens Partnership with Central Asia in Berlin Meeting

Germany hosted the Foreign Ministers of Central Asian states in Berlin to expand strategic cooperation. Discussions focused on energy security, connectivity, economic diversification, and geopolitical stability, reinforcing Germany's growing engagement with the region amid shifting Eurasian dynamics.





Munich Security Conference 2026 Highlights Germany's Strategic Role

At the Munich Security Conference 2026, Germany underscored its leadership role amid global geopolitical upheaval. The conference focused on Ukraine, NATO cohesion, emerging security threats, and transatlantic cooperation, reaffirming Germany's central position in European security debates.

UK Announces Largest Sanctions Package Against Russia Since 2022

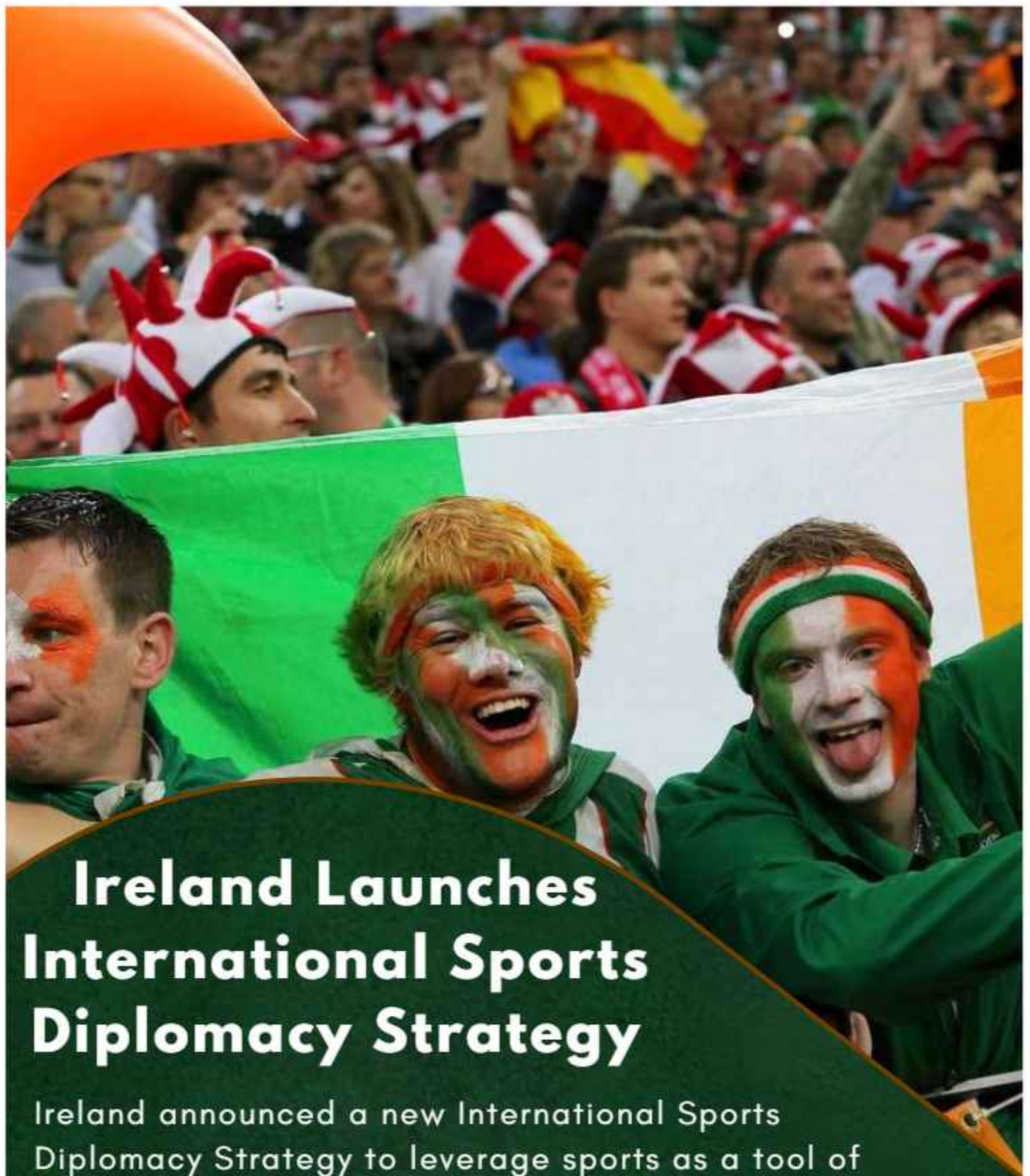
The UK unveiled its most extensive sanctions package against Russia since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The measures target individuals, entities, and supply chains supporting Moscow's war effort, signaling London's continued commitment to sustained economic pressure on Russia.





Ireland's Minister Byrne Meets Montenegro's President

Irish Minister Thomas Byrne met Montenegro's President Jakov Milatović to discuss EU enlargement, regional stability, and bilateral cooperation. The meeting reaffirmed Ireland's support for Montenegro's EU accession aspirations and strengthened diplomatic engagement with the Western Balkans.



Ireland Launches International Sports Diplomacy Strategy

Ireland announced a new International Sports Diplomacy Strategy to leverage sports as a tool of foreign policy. The initiative aims to promote cultural engagement, soft power, and international partnerships while supporting Ireland's broader diplomatic and development objectives.

Estonia Reaffirms Support for Moldova's EU Accession

Estonia's Foreign Minister Tsahkna met Moldova's Deputy Prime Minister Gherasimov, reiterating Tallinn's strong backing for Moldova's EU accession process. Estonia's opening of an embassy in Moldova signals deepened bilateral ties and support for democratic reforms.



Sweden and Slovakia Deepen Defence Cooperation

Sweden's Minister for Defence met his Slovak counterpart to discuss security cooperation, NATO coordination, and defence industrial collaboration. The meeting reflects strengthening Nordic–Central European defence ties amid heightened regional security concerns.



Sweden Launches Reform Cooperation Strategy for Eastern Europe and Türkiye

Sweden introduced a new strategy to support reforms in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans, and Türkiye. The framework focuses on democratic governance, rule of law, and economic modernization, aligning with EU enlargement and stabilization objectives.





Norway and Germany Sign New Defence Arrangement

Norway and Germany signed a new defence cooperation arrangement aimed at enhancing interoperability, joint training, and security coordination. The agreement strengthens bilateral defence ties and contributes to broader European security integration.

France and Norway Advance Bilateral Collaboration

France and Norway announced a new chapter in bilateral cooperation, expanding collaboration in defence, green transition, energy, and maritime security. The partnership reflects deepening strategic ties between the two European states.





India–Greece Prime Ministers Hold Bilateral Talks

India's Prime Minister met Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis to expand cooperation in defence, shipping, connectivity, and energy. The talks reinforced growing strategic convergence between New Delhi and Athens, particularly in the Indo-Pacific and Mediterranean contexts.





India–France Joint Statement Signals Deepened Strategic Partnership

India and France issued a joint statement reaffirming their comprehensive strategic partnership. Cooperation spans defence, space, nuclear energy, Indo-Pacific security, and technological innovation, underscoring Paris and New Delhi's long-term strategic alignment.



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