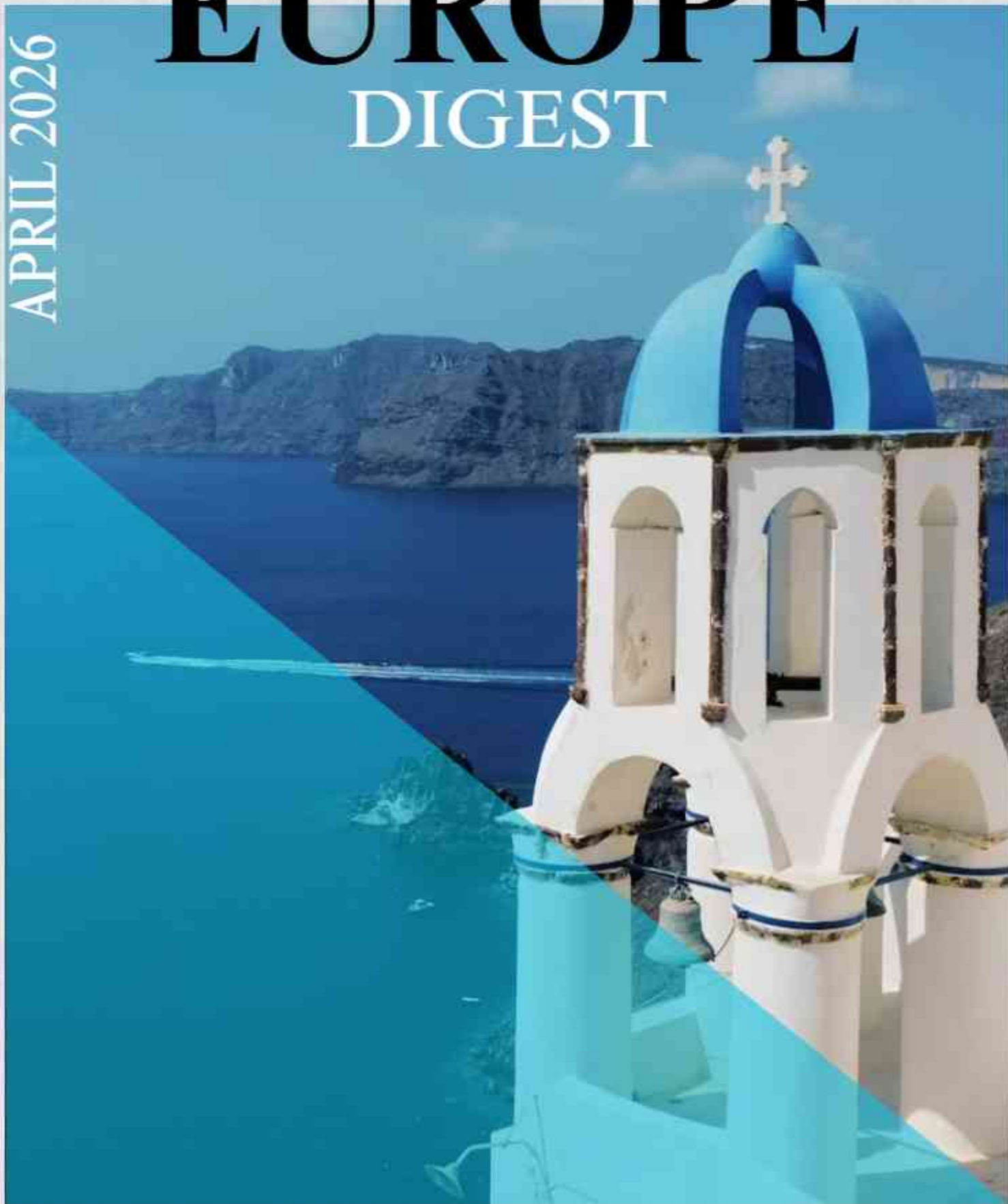


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Pro-Russian Candidate Leads Bulgaria Election

A decisive victory for Bulgaria's pro-Russian former president, signalling a potential shift in the country's foreign policy orientation. The result could complicate EU unity on Russia and Ukraine, reflecting growing political divisions within Europe over geopolitical alignments.



Hungary's Ruling Party Strengthens Parliamentary Majority

Hungary's ruling party expanded its parliamentary majority after final vote counts, reinforcing Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's political dominance. The outcome strengthens Budapest's negotiating position within the EU while continuing tensions over governance, rule-of-law issues, and foreign policy differences.





UK Probes Iran Links to Attacks on Jewish Sites

UK authorities are investigating possible Iranian connections to arson attempts targeting Jewish sites in London. The incidents raise concerns about foreign-linked security threats and domestic safety, reflecting spillover effects of Middle East tensions into European internal security environments.

Norway Takes Control of Rare Earth Project

Norway's government assumed planning control over Europe's largest rare earth deposit. The move underscores Europe's strategic push to secure critical minerals and reduce dependency on external suppliers, particularly amid intensifying global competition over supply chains.





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EU Advances Ukraine Loan and Russia Sanctions

The EU is preparing to finalise financial support for Ukraine alongside new sanctions on Russia. The measures reflect continued European commitment to Ukraine while maintaining pressure on Moscow amid the ongoing conflict.

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France Moves to Offset Iran Crisis Costs

France plans a spending freeze to manage the economic impact of the Iran crisis, estimated at €6 billion. The move highlights fiscal pressures on European economies stemming from geopolitical instability and rising energy and security expenditures.

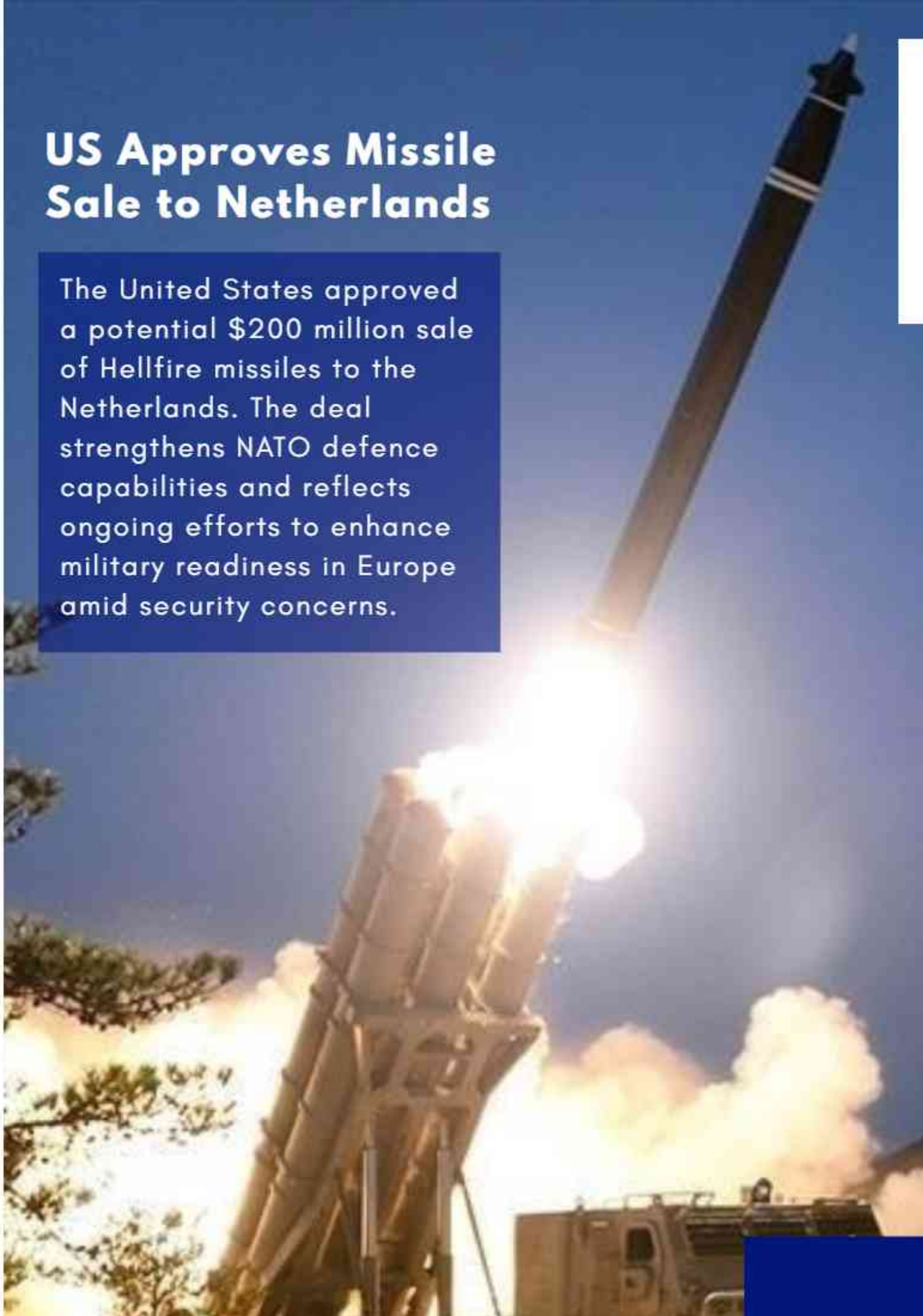
Prince Harry Visits Kyiv, Urges to End War


Prince Harry visited Kyiv in a symbolic show of support for Ukraine, calling on Russia to end the war. The visit underscores continued international solidarity with Ukraine amid the prolonged conflict.



US Approves Missile Sale to Netherlands

The United States approved a potential \$200 million sale of Hellfire missiles to the Netherlands. The deal strengthens NATO defence capabilities and reflects ongoing efforts to enhance military readiness in Europe amid security concerns.





Italy Set to Become Eurozone's Most Indebted Nation

Italy is projected to surpass Greece as the eurozone's most indebted country. The development raises concerns over fiscal sustainability and economic stability within the EU, particularly amid rising spending pressures linked to geopolitical crises.



Zelenskiy Seeks Security Cooperation After Saudi Visit


Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy pursued expanded security cooperation following talks in Saudi Arabia. The visit reflects Kyiv's efforts to diversify partnerships and strengthen diplomatic outreach beyond traditional Western allies.



US-EU Deepen Critical Minerals Cooperation

The US and EU are enhancing cooperation on critical minerals, aiming to secure supply chains and reduce reliance on China. The initiative signals growing transatlantic coordination in response to strategic resource competition.

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King Charles Visits US Amid Policy Differences on Iran Conflict

King Charles arrived in the United States for a state visit overshadowed by disagreements over the Iran conflict. The visit highlights diplomatic engagement despite policy divergences between allies.



Hungary and EU Discuss Release of Frozen Funds

Hungary and the EU began negotiations over the release of billions in frozen funds. Talks highlight ongoing disputes over governance and rule-of-law concerns, alongside Budapest's efforts to unlock financial resources.





Romania Political Alliance Challenges Pro-EU Coalition

Romania's largest party aligned with far-right opposition forces to challenge the ruling pro-European coalition. The development reflects rising political fragmentation and shifting dynamics within EU member states.





Malta Calls Early Elections Amid Crisis

Malta announced early elections, with leadership emphasising stability amid the Iran conflict's global impact. The move reflects domestic political recalibration in response to external economic and security pressures.

US Defence Deliveries to Europe Delayed

Finland and Estonia reported delays in US defence deliveries due to the Middle East conflict. The disruption highlights how regional wars are affecting broader military supply chains and European security preparedness.



Germany Signals Stable Ties with US Despite Tensions

Germany's leadership affirmed stable relations with the US despite disagreements over Iran policy. The statement underscores efforts to maintain transatlantic cohesion amid differing strategic approaches.



A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a blue blazer over a white top, is speaking at a podium. The podium features the European Union flag and a circular logo. In the background, another woman is visible, and the European Union flag is prominently displayed on a blue wall.

EU Revives Mercosur Deal to Counter Trade Pressures

The EU is accelerating efforts to finalise the Mercosur trade agreement to offset economic pressures linked to US policies. The move reflects Europe's push to diversify trade partnerships and strengthen global economic positioning.

Lithuania Considers Joining US Hormuz Coalition

Lithuania's president suggested joining a US-led coalition in the Strait of Hormuz. The proposal highlights Europe's growing involvement in Middle East security and maritime stability amid escalating tensions.





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