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UK HOSTS NIGERIAN PRESIDENT FOR STATE VISIT

King Charles welcomed the Nigerian president to the United Kingdom for a state visit, signalling continued British diplomatic engagement with Africa. The visit is expected to focus on trade, security, investment, and strengthening bilateral cooperation.



The image is a vertical composition. At the top, the Spanish flag (three horizontal stripes of red, white, and red, with the national coat of arms in the center) flies on a pole against a cloudy sky. Below the flag, a soldier in a dark helmet and uniform is visible, looking towards the right. In the bottom right corner, a woman with dark hair, wearing a blue jacket and a patterned scarf, stands at a podium with a microphone, looking slightly to her left.

SPAIN PLANS TROOP RELOCATION FROM IRAQ AMID IRAN CONFLICT RISKS

Spain announced plans to reposition its troops stationed in Iraq due to rising security risks linked to the Iran conflict. The move reflects growing European concerns over force protection and regional escalation in West Asia.

A large aircraft carrier is shown at sea, viewed from a distance. In the foreground, a group of people, including men and women, are gathered on the deck. They are wearing white hard hats and dark jackets. One man in the center is speaking into a microphone. The carrier's superstructure, including a radar mast and various antennas, is visible against a cloudy sky. The sea is a dark blue-grey color.

FRANCE NAMES NEW AIRCRAFT CARRIER 'FREE FRANCE'

French President Emmanuel Macron named France's upcoming aircraft carrier Free France, invoking the legacy of resistance and national resilience. The move underscores Paris' broader defence modernisation and strategic emphasis on maritime power projection.

EU CONSIDERS WAYS AROUND HUNGARY'S UKRAINE LOAN VETO

European Commission VP Kaja Kallas said the bloc has mechanisms to bypass Hungary's obstruction of financial aid to Ukraine. The remarks reflect deepening frustration within the EU over internal divisions on support for Kyiv.





GREEK-OPERATED AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM INTERCEPTS IRANIAN MISSILES

A Greek-operated air defence system reportedly intercepted Iranian missiles over Saudi Arabia, highlighting Europe's indirect but active security footprint in the broader Middle East theatre amid intensifying regional tensions.



UK CUTS AFRICAN AID, PRIORITISES CONFLICT ZONES

The United Kingdom announced it will refocus its reduced aid budget on conflict-affected countries, resulting in funding cuts for parts of Africa. The shift reflects London's changing development priorities amid fiscal constraints and geopolitical instability.



A black and white photograph showing a group of men in suits at a meeting. In the background, the European Union flag is visible. The scene is set in a room with large windows overlooking a modern building.

EU VOWS CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the EU would find alternative pathways to deliver financial assistance to Ukraine despite internal opposition. The statement signals sustained European political commitment to Kyiv.





RUSSIA TIGHTENS SECURITY AFTER ASSASSINATIONS OF MILITARY OFFICIALS

Russia plans to strengthen protection for senior military officials following a series of assassinations. The move points to rising domestic security concerns and the increasingly volatile environment surrounding Russia's wartime command structure.



ECB SIGNALS INFLATION VIGILANCE AMID RATE HIKE EXPECTATIONS

European Central Bank officials signalled continued caution on inflation, prompting market expectations of further rate hikes. The development reflects persistent economic pressures across the eurozone despite broader concerns about slowing growth.



NETHERLANDS BOOSTS PROTECTION FOR IRANIAN DISSIDENTS

The Netherlands tightened security for Iranian dissidents after the shooting of a man critical of Iranian authorities. The incident raises concerns over transnational repression and foreign-linked threats on European soil.

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US AND UKRAINE SET TO DISCUSS DRONE COOPERATION

American and Ukrainian negotiators are scheduled to meet in Miami to discuss a possible drone-related agreement. The talks reflect continued Western efforts to enhance Ukraine's military capabilities amid the ongoing conflict with Russia.



A composite image featuring a man in a suit and glasses in the foreground, and a tank with a Union Jack flag in the background. The man is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, looking slightly to the right. The tank is in the center, with a soldier visible in the turret. The Union Jack flag is on a tall pole to the right of the tank. The background is a dark, wooded area.

UK APPROVES US USE OF BASES FOR STRIKES ON IRAN TARGETS

The UK reportedly approved the use of British bases by the United States for strikes on Iranian missile sites targeting maritime assets. The decision underscores Britain's strategic alignment with Washington during escalating regional tensions.



IRAN FIRES MISSILES TOWARD US-UK BASE IN INDIAN OCEAN

Iran reportedly launched missiles toward a joint US-UK base in the Indian Ocean, further intensifying regional confrontation. The development reflects the widening geographic scope of the Iran-related conflict and its strategic implications.





UK NUCLEAR SUBMARINE POSITIONED IN ARABIAN SEA

A UK nuclear-powered submarine has reportedly been positioned in the Arabian Sea amid rising regional tensions. The deployment signals Britain's readiness to reinforce deterrence and maritime security in a volatile strategic environment.



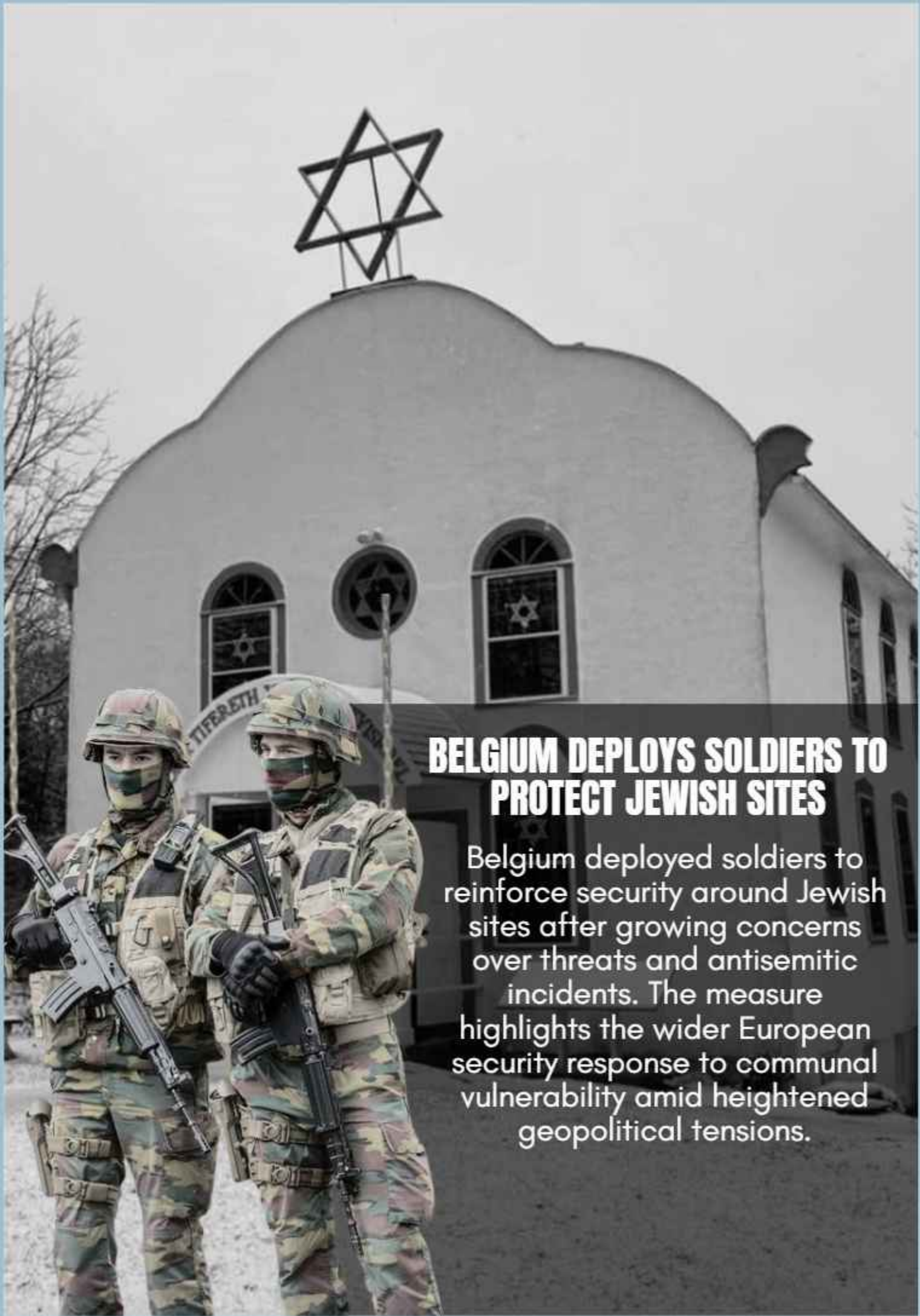
ANTISEMITIC ATTACK TARGETS JEWISH COMMUNITY AMBULANCES IN LONDON

Ambulances belonging to a Jewish community organisation in London were set on fire in what authorities described as an antisemitic attack. The incident has intensified concerns over rising hate crimes and communal tensions in Europe.



UK SUMMONS IRANIAN AMBASSADOR OVER ESPIONAGE CHARGES

Britain summoned Iran's ambassador following charges against individuals accused of spying. The move reflects mounting diplomatic friction between London and Tehran, amid broader concerns over Iranian-linked security threats in Europe.



BELGIUM DEPLOYS SOLDIERS TO PROTECT JEWISH SITES

Belgium deployed soldiers to reinforce security around Jewish sites after growing concerns over threats and antisemitic incidents. The measure highlights the wider European security response to communal vulnerability amid heightened geopolitical tensions.



AUSTRALIA AND EU SEAL TRADE DEAL ON CRITICAL MINERALS

Australia and the European Union finalised a trade agreement aimed at strengthening cooperation and reducing dependence on China for critical minerals. The deal reflects strategic efforts to diversify supply chains and build economic resilience.



UK AND SAUDI ARABIA DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman discussed the ongoing Middle East conflict, underlining London's diplomatic engagement with Gulf partners during a period of heightened regional instability.





CYPRUS SEEKS NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENT FOR UK BASES

Cyprus is reportedly pursuing a revised security arrangement for British military bases on the island. The move highlights the continued strategic importance of these facilities amid evolving security dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean and West Asia.



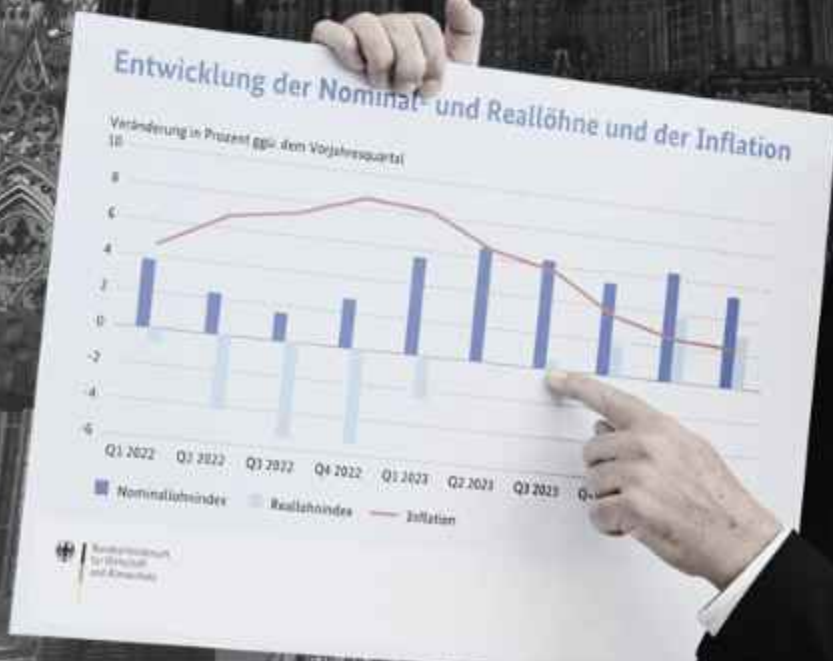
A woman with her hair pulled back, wearing a dark blue blazer over a light-colored top, stands at a podium. She is looking off to the side with a serious expression. The podium has a Danish flag on it. In the background is a large, multi-story classical building with many windows and a prominent columned portico. The scene is lit with dramatic, low-key lighting, creating strong shadows and highlights.

DENMARK'S PRIME MINISTER RESIGNS AFTER ELECTION DEFEAT

Denmark's prime minister submitted the government's resignation following an electoral defeat. The development marks a political transition in Copenhagen and may influence Denmark's domestic agenda as well as its broader European positioning.

GERMANY UNVEILS BROAD ECONOMIC REFORM AGENDA

Germany's finance minister presented sweeping reform plans aimed at boosting growth and improving competitiveness. The initiative reflects Berlin's efforts to address economic stagnation and strengthen Europe's largest economy amid mounting fiscal and structural challenges.





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