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May wins vote of confidence

London

UK Prime Minister Theresa May has seen off a bid to remove her government from power, winning a no confidence vote by 325 to 306.

Rebel Tory MPs and the DUP - who 24 hours earlier rejected the PM's Brexit plan by a huge margin - voted to keep her in Downing Street.



Theresa May

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn argued that Mrs May's "zombie" administration had lost the right to govern.

Mrs May will be making a statement from Downing Street at around 2200 GMT.

The PM won the vote by margin of 19, including 10 votes from the DUP. Had the party voted against her, she would have lost by one.

Giving her reaction to the result, Mrs May told MPs she would "continue to work to deliver on the solemn promise to the people of this country to deliver on the result of the referendum and leave the European Union".

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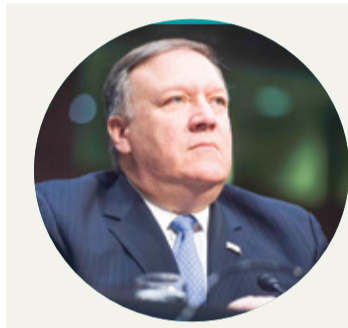


Iran launches satellite, fails

Tehran

Iran launched a satellite that failed to reach orbit, after the US warned against the launch earlier this month.

The satellite "did not reach enough speed in the third stage and was not put into orbit," Mohammad Jahromi, the country's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, told the official IRNA news agency after a ceremony was held for the launch at Imam Khomeini



"We have been clear that we will not stand for Iran's flagrant disregard for international norms."

POMPEO

Spaceport.

The minister said Iran would

launch another satellite soon.

US Secretary of State Mike

Pompeo warned Iran earlier this month to scrap its planned satellite launch, threatening to increase sanctions on the country.

He issued a statement Tuesday condemning the launch but did not say whether the US plans to levy new sanctions against Iran in response.

"We have been clear that we will not stand for Iran's flagrant disregard for international norms. The United States is working with our allies and partners to counter the entire range

of the Islamic Republic's threats, including its missile program, which threatens Europe and the Middle East," the statement said.

Pompeo has argued that such space launches violate a UN Security Council resolution passed in support of the 2015 nuclear deal, saying in a statement that Iran's launch vehicles "incorporate technology that is virtually identical to that used in ballistic missiles, including in intercontinental ballistic-missiles (ICBMs)."

Far from defeat

Daesh Syria attack kills at least 16, including US soldiers

● **Attack comes after Trump vowed to pull out US troops after defeating Daesh.**

● **Targeted a restaurant where US personnel were meeting members of the local militia supported by Washington.**

Beirut

A bomb attack claimed by Daesh killed US troops in northern Syria yesterday, weeks after President Donald Trump said the group was defeated there and he would pull out all American forces.

A US official who declined to be named said four US troops had been killed and three wounded in the blast, which a Daesh-affiliated site said was the work of a suicide bomber. Others said only two had been killed.



The aftermath of a suicide attack in the northern Syrian town of Manbij.

The US-led coalition fighting Daesh said that "US service members were killed during an explosion while conducting a routine patrol", and that it was still gathering details.

Unusually, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan gave his own death toll for the attack, saying it had killed 20 people, including five US troops.

Erdogan said he did not believe the attack would impact Trump's decision to withdraw from Syria.

The attack, which took place in the town of Manbij, controlled by rebels opposed to Syrian President Bashar Al Assad, appears to be the deadliest on US forces in Syria since they deployed there in 2015.

2,000

US troops will be withdrawn from Syria in the coming days as per Trump plan.

A Pentagon spokeswoman said only two US troops had previously been killed in action in Syria. There were two additional non-combat fatalities.

Last month, Trump made a surprise announcement that he would withdraw all 2,000 US troops from Syria after concluding that Daesh had been defeated there.

Trump's announcement helped trigger the resignation of his defence secretary, Jim Mattis, stunned allies and raised fears of a long-threatened Turkish military offensive against US-backed Kurdish forces in northern Syria.

APOLITICAL

Facebook brings stricter advertising rules to India ahead of polls

San Francisco

Facebook Inc told Reuters that it would extend some of its political advertising rules and tools for curbing election interference to India, Nigeria, Ukraine and the European Un-

ion before significant votes in the next few months.

As the largest social media service in nearly every big country, Facebook since 2016 has become a means for politicians and their adversaries to distribute fake news and other propaganda. Buying



Facebook ads can widen the audience for such material, but some of those influence efforts may violate election rules and the company's policies. Under pressure from authorities around the world, Facebook last year introduced several initiatives to increase oversight of political ads.