



Respect UK in Brexit talks, May tells EU

London

UK Prime Minister Theresa May yesterday said the EU must treat the UK with more "respect" in Brexit negotiations.

In a statement at Downing Street she said for EU leaders to reject her plan with no alternative at this "late stage of negotiations" was "not acceptable".

She said talks had reached an "impasse" and could only be unblocked with "serious engagement" from the EU side.



Throughout this process, I have treated the EU with nothing but respect.

MAY

European Council President Donald Tusk said a "compromise" was possible but the UK proposals had to be "reworked".

The two sides are trying to reach a deal by November so it can be ratified in time.

They want to avoid a hard border - physical infrastructure like cameras or guard posts - between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic but cannot agree on how.

Ms May says her plan for the UK and EU to share a "common rulebook" for goods, but not services, is the only credible way to avoid a hard border.



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Foreign minister heads to New York for UNGA 73

Manama

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has affirmed the keenness of the Kingdom to actively participate in the meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations (UNGA 73).

This came as he headed to New York, accompanied by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and state institutions, to participate in UNGA 73, to be held under the theme of "Making the United Nations relevant to all people: global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful,



Shaikh Khalid

equitable and sustainable societies".

The kingdom's participation is in line with its established policy of openness and cooperation with the world and the United Nations and in support of the international efforts seeking a more stable and prosperous world at all security, political and economic levels.

The UNGA 23 will address the most important issues and developments on the international arena and their repercussions and effects on all countries of the world.

Elaborating on UNGA 73, the minister said the meetings constitute an important opportunity to discuss means of intensifying international

cooperation and seeking sustainable solutions to the crises and problems facing the international community.

The meetings will also look into ways of formulating viable solutions to support the efforts of sustainable development and the establishment of international peace and security in response to peoples' expectations, he added.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs will deliver the speech of the Kingdom of Bahrain before UNGA 73 and hold meetings with several officials from brotherly and friendly countries as well as senior UN officials.

Palestinian killed by Israeli fire

Gaza City

A Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in new clashes along the Gaza border yesterday, the health ministry in the Hamas-controlled territory said.

A spokesman for the ministry told AFP the man, whose identity was not yet known, was killed during protests east of Gaza City.

More than 100 other people were wounded, the spokesman said.

Palestinians have been demonstrating along the border for months now.

An act of aggression

Mirage, F-4 and Sukhoi-22 jets took part in a joint aerial military drill carried out by Iran

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Geneva

The Iranian Revolutionary Guards and army carried out a joint aerial military drill in the Gulf yesterday in what official media said indicated the "pounding reply" that awaited the country's enemies.

Tehran has suggested in recent weeks that it could take military action in the Gulf to block other countries' oil exports in retaliation for US sanc-



Russian-made MiG-29 fighter jets of the Iranian army fly past during a military parade to commemorate army day in Tehran.

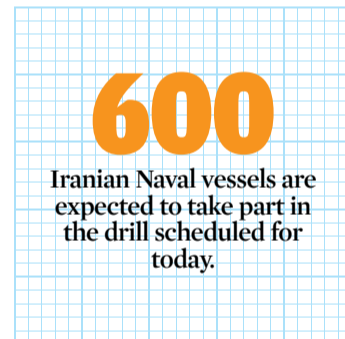
tions intended to halt its sales of crude.

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"In addition to a show of strength, this ceremony is a message of peace and friendship for

friendly and neighboring countries," Colonel Yousef Safipour, the deputy commander of the army for public relations said, according to the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA).

"And if the enemies and arrogant powers have an eye on



the borders and land of Islamic Iran they will receive a pounding reply in the fraction of a second."

Mirage, F-4 and Sukhoi-22 jets took part in the exercise on Friday, according to IRNA.

The Islamic Republic has a large naval military drill, including approximately 600 naval vessels, planned on Saturday, IRNA reported.

Separately, a prominent Iranian cleric said yesterday that the time had come for Israel to say goodbye. He did not give any further information on what that could mean.

"Mr Netanyahu, you and your

intelligence services know well that the time to say goodbye has arrived and what position of strength the resistance of Hezbollah and the people of Gaza are in," Hassan Abu-Torabi Fard, the temporary Friday prayers leader in Tehran, said, according to Fars News.

However, experts were quick to cast doubt on whether Iran's air power presented any genuine threat.

"This is the second exercise involving the Iranian army and the IRGC regarding scenarios for the Strait of Hormuz," Dr Theodore Karasik, senior adviser with Gulf State Analytics in Washington and a leading security analyst, was quoted by Arab News.

Iran attracted widespread international ridicule in August when it unveiled what it said was its first domestically designed and manufactured fighter jet. The Kowsar was said to be a "fourth-generation" warplane with advanced avionics, radar and fire-control systems, to be used for short aerial support.

HISTORIC MILESTONE

First Saudi woman presents main news bulletin on Saudia TV

Jeddah

Wiam Al Dakheel has become the first woman to anchor the main evening news bulletin on Saudi Arabia's main national TV station, media reported.

Al Dakheel presented the news alongside Omar Al Nashwan on Thursday on Saudia TV channel.

Saudis took to Twitter to celebrate her achievement and the new milestone for Saudi women.

Writer Rayan Al Jidani said: "Her performance was distinctive in terms of concentration, presence and clear articulation. I wish her more success in her career in media with the national channel @saudiatv."



Al Dakheel presents the news alongside Omar Al Nashwan on Thursday on Saudia TV channel.

Television broadcaster Wael Rafeeq said: "Today, we are very pleased with this great development and quantum leap that the national television is un-

dergoing."

"It is beautiful to see our national channel in this honorable image. I hope this level of dedication at work is maintained, and developments continue being executed," Twitter user @abukhaled2030 said.

Al Dakheel previously worked for CNBC Arabia and was an intern at Dar Al Hayat Newspaper.

Women have presented the news on other Saudi channels like Al Ekhbariya for several years.

Their increasing profile in Saudi Arabia's media comes amid the sweeping social reforms brought in by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, including the lifting of the ban on women drivers.