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Iran marks Army Day with parade



**Turkey to** 

extend state

by three

months

extended the country's state of

emergency for three more

the country's presidential of

fice sweeping new executive

powers.

The "Yes" campaign won with 51.4 percent of the vote with 100 percent of ballots counted, according to unofficial

results.

Birol Akgun, a political scientist, told Al Jazeera that the ruling AK Party now faces expectations following the vote to fulfill its promises of stability and security, and to implement changes following a divisive campaign. "The government

campaign. "The government should focus on structural changes that will complement this constitutional reform.

These range from the disap pearance of the Prime Minister post to the restructuring of the executive, legislative and

Turkey's government has

of emergency

Apart from President Rouhani, the chiefs of the Iranian Army, Air Force, and Navy, as well as the heads of the main divisions of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) were in attendance.

President Rouhani delivered a speech during the event. He said the Iranian Armed Forces were not disposed to launch an act of aggression against anyone.

"Our Armed Forces will not be a threat to others... We move in the direction of avoiding confrontations and to reliable to the properties in the state of the properties in the properties in the state of the prop tions and tensions; however, we should always maintain our alertness against conspiracies by others and should enhance our deterrent power day by day," he said.

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Hamal 30, 1396 HS Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Photo: Karima Malikzada

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## vice president says JALALABAD: At least 335

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acres of land were cleared in Ghani Khel, and 125 acres of land were cleared in Khogyani district. The Kabul Times

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killed in Kunduz
KUNDUZ CITY- At least sixteen Taliban insurgents including the shadow governor of the group for Northeastern Takhar province were killed in an operation in Kunduz province.
The Kunduz police commandment in a statement said the attack was carried out by the Afghan Air Force or the Use force based in Afghanistan.

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## Melania nudges Trump to raise hand during national anthem

US First Lady Melania during the annual White House south lawn where several thou- hand a few seconds later. Trump has reminded President Easter egg roll on Monday, had sand families and children were The delay was captured on Donald Trump to put his hand to nudge her husband to cross waiting for the festivities to camera prompting some to leave messages on social me-"In fairness to Trump, it wasn't the Russian national anthem," read one tweeted mes-



tional Anthem & Flag. It shows how much he cares about Flag ladies since 1878.

"Trump reminded by Melania to raise his hand for Na-

military band and singer The first lady and her son threw it back into the crowd Melania Trump, who was standing next to the president along with their son Barron

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Melania Trump, who was standing on the anthem. covered their hearts at the besinstead of ginning of "The Star-Spangled er.

White House balcony facing the Banner," but Trump lifted his Pressty

& Country," read another mes-The event has been traditionally arranged by US first During an address to the crowd ahead of the roll, Trump said the US will be "stronger and bigger and better" than before during his presidency. The president also drew attention on social media for another incident Monday after he signed someone's hat but then

'North Korea not to act like Syria in case US attacks'

The war of words between North Korea and the United different from Syria and that Syria. There is no internal confiring the first missile would flict in North Korea. If the US States has intensified in recent trigger a heavy barrage of mistries a cruise missile strike days. Pyongyang has said that siles on Washington's allies like what is done in Syria, then Washington is pushing the rea and its military bases in the re- the North has the very serious gion to the brink of an all-out nuclear war, after the US warned that the period of strategic patience was over with gion.

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Capability of going to war against South Korea and targeting US bases," Osgood noted.



action, prompting a swift re-In an interview with Press action, prompting a swift re-sponse from North Korean of-escalation of tensions between and missile programs. TV, Carl Osgood, a US-based ficials who said the missile Washington and Pyongyang is political commentator, cautests will continue on a weekthe measures the British govtioned the US officials about the grave consequences of military action against Pyongyang, stressing that North Korea is test will continue out a week-ly, monthly and yearly basis.

"The potential for escalation is something serious and very real. North Korea is not the British government adopts because it is afraid of any rapprochement between the US and Russia or China. Presstv

North Korea over its nuclear ened North Korea with military He also opined that the

## Theresa May calls snap general election for June 8

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British Prime Minister Theresa May called for an ear-	only way to guarantee certainty and stability for the years	larising campaign.  She had previously said
ly general election to be held	ahead is to hold this election,"	there would be no early elec-
on June 8, in a surprise an-	she said. The leader of the	tion under her leadership.
nouncement on Tuesday as Brit-	Conservative party added that	Al Jazeera's Duncan Go-
ain prepares for delicate nego-	the UK needed an election be-	lestani, reporting from London,
tiations on leaving the Europe-	cause other parties are opposed	said: "May has rolled the dice,
an Union. May said she will go	to her Brexit plans to leave the	she is taking her gamble. She
to parliament on Wednesday to	EU. May became prime minis-	wants to increase her majority
seek approval for the snap vote.	ter without winning an elec-	and her mandate to lead the
"We need a general elec-	tion in July last year following	country through Brexit."
tion and we need one now. We	the resignation of David Cam-	Under Britain's fixed-term
have at this moment a one-off	eron after millions of Britons	parliament act, which sets the
chance to get this done be-	went against his advice and vot-	date for the next election for
fore the detailed talks begin,"	ed to leave the EU. May had also	2020, May must win the approv-
said May, speaking in front of	backed the Remain camp in the	al of two-thirds of parliament
10 Downing Street.	June 23 referendum, but kept	before proceeding with an ear-
"I have concluded that the	a low profile throughout a po-	lier election. Aljazeera

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