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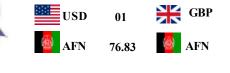
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## Cyprus accuses Turkey of expanding 'illegal drilling' in East Med

Cyprus has accused Turkey of extending "illegal drilling" in disputed Mediterranean waters but said it is ready to engage in dialogue with Ankara to resolve differences over exploration rights. On Tuesday, Turkey extended the operations of its Yavuz energy drill ship in the disputed area off Cyprus until October 12, in a move that could stir tension between the island's **Greek Cypriot government and** Ankara. "Yesterday, unfortunately a Turkish NAVTEX to expand il-

sel was extended when at the same time, a series of initiatives are ongoing that seek an end to Ankara's unlawful actions and de-escalation," President Nicos Anastasiades said on Wednesday, after a meeting with European Council President Charles Michel in Nicosia. Yavuz will be accompanied by three other Turkish ships, according to a Turkish maritime notice that added "all vessels are strongly advised not to enter" the area, Turkish broadcaster TRT reported. Anastasiades's comments come a week ahead of a special summit of European Union leaders on September 24-25 to discuss how to resolve the crisis between Cyprus and Turkey. Anastasiades said Turkey was continuing its provocations in the Eastern Mediterranean, adding Cyprus would enter dialogue - but not under threats. Meanwhile, the European Commission's president on Wednesday warned Turkey against trying to intimidate Greece and Cyprus. EU speech, Ursula von der Ley-

In her annual State of the en said Ankara was a key partner doing important work hosting refugees but stressed "none of this is justification for attempts to intimidate its neigh-Turkey, Greece and Cyprus have been locked in a dispute over energy resources and maritime borders in the region, with Ankara infuriating the EU countries by sending research

ships with naval escorts to work in contested waters. There have been fears of conflict erupting and Cyprus is pressing the rest of the EU to impose fresh sanctions on Ankara over the drilling, a move Turkey has decried as lacking legal basis. "Turkey is and will always be an important neighbour, but while we are close together on the map, the distance between us appears to be growing," Von der Leyen told the European Parliament. bled neighbourhood. And yes, it is hosting millions of refugees, for which we support them with and arson. considerable funding. But none of this is justification for at-Greece and Cyprus can count on Europe's "full solidarity on protecting their legitimate sovereignty rights", she

crisis. Aljazeera



Yoshihide Suga confirmed as Japan's new PM, eyes continuity Yoshihide Suga was elected nation and already struggling As the face of the Abe govas Japan's next prime minister with the long-term effects of the ernment - helming regular by the country's lower house of world's most elderly population news conferences as its chief



and promising to continue his economy shrank a record 27.8 including bureaucratic reform, signature economic policies. percent from April to June this digitalisation, and helping Ja-The 71-year-old Suga - the year compared with the previ- pan's rural communities son of a strawberry farmer - won ous quarter due to pandemic-through policies on agriculture the leadership contest of the related lockdowns that were and tourism. governing Liberal Democratic only relaxed in late May. The former Chief Cabinet Party (LDP) on Monday and was Unlike his predecessors, Secretary and Abe loyalist apall but assured the top job when his appointment went to a vote Suga does not come from a privileged background and rose to after he became prime minisin parliament given the party's the top of the LDP without be- ter, keeping about half of the two-thirds majority. longing to any of its powerful familiar faces from his prede-After years of economic stag- factions. familiar faces from his prede-cessor's lineup. AFP

Myanmar army probes 'wider patterns' of abuse against Rohingya The Myanmar military has it is investigating "possible fice of the Judge Advecate Con fice of said it is investigating "possi- fice of the Judge Advocate Gen- lagers in the north of Rakhine The foreign ministry deble wider patterns of viola- eral had reviewed a report by a state and burying them in mass | clined to provide further details, tions" before and during a 2017 government-backed commission graves. On Monday UN High citing reporting restrictions on

crackdown in Rakhine state that accused soldiers of commit- Commissioner for Human cases involving minors. that the United Nations has said ting war crimes and had expand- Rights Michelle Bachelet de- Save the Children said in a was executed with genocidal ed the scope of its investigations manded action to remedy the report last year that more than intent against Rohingya Mus- in response. The office was "investigat- fered by Rohingya minority. It ed in northeast Syria. More than 730,000 Rohingya ing possible wider patterns of comes less than a week after the The UK has taken a strict fled to neighbouring Bang- violations in the region of north- United Nations said that Myan- approach, stripping citizenship ladesh that year following the ern Rakhine in 2016-2017", the mar erased the name of Ro- from some of those suspected of launch of a sweeping security military said in the statement. hingya village of Kan Kya from travelling to support ISIS. campaign that refugees said in- "Allegations regarding vil- official maps. The military had Among the most high procluded mass killing, gang rape lages in the Maungdaw area are burned the Rohingya village to file cases is that of Shamima included in the scope of this the ground and bulldozed over Begum who was 15 when she The army has denied geno- wider investigation," the mili- its remains three years ago fol- and two other schoolgirls from cide, saying it was carrying out tary said, referring to a district lowing its brutal campaign east London left to join ISIS in a legitimate operation against on the border with Bangladesh against the Muslim minority. 2015. Rohingya rebels, but says it has that was a focus of its security About three miles (five km) She claims to have married court-martialled some troops operations in 2017. from the Naf River that marks a Dutch convert soon after arover incidents in certain villag- It provided no more details the border between Myanmar's riving in ISIS-held territory es, though details on the perpe- and an army spokesman did not Rakhine state and Bangladesh, who subsequently died. trators, their crimes, and sen- answer telephone calls by Reu- Kan Kya was home to hundreds Begum, now 20 and matences have not been released. ters seeking further comment. of people before the army drove rooned in a refugee camp, was The military, in a statement The announcement follows out hundreds of thousands of discovered nine months pregiakos Mitsotakis has called for day columniated for the country in another camp in Febru-European "solidarity" on the day, acknowledged for the first anmar soldiers have been tak
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with targeted lockdowns The Madrid region, one of He did not give details of the the worst hit in Spain, is to in- measures to be announced on troduce targeted lockdowns and Friday, but said the health deother restrictions on movement partment was considering lockon Friday in areas with high ing down areas with the high-COVID-19 cases, local authori- est incidence of the virus. ties said on Wednesday.

Since restrictions on move-Madrid accounts for around ment were lifted and mass testone-third of active coronavirus ing began in late June, infeccases in Spain, with a higher tions have risen in Spain from incidence in high-density and a few hundred a day to thoulow-income neighborhoods, sands, outstripping other hardmainly in the south of the city. hit nations such as Britain, Ita-"We are taking measures ly or France. but it is not enough ... Nothing Spain's cumulative number will work if we are not respon- of cases, at 603,167, is the highsible," Antonio Zapatero, head est in Western Europe, while of COVID-19 response in the number of deaths exceeded Madrid, told reporters. "There has been a relaxation Authorities in Madrid hope

Coronavirus: Madrid to

toughen COVID-19 measures

of behavior that we cannot afto start using quick tests from ford." He said people were or- next week, which would help ganizing parties, drinking in track coronavirus cases faster



**Brexit deal** 'cannot be changed' by law, says EU



en complained Wednesday that hopes of a post-Brexit trade deal are fading and warned Britain that its attempts to modify its withdrawal agreement are ille-"With every day that passes, chances for a timely agreement do start to fade," the president of the European Commission said in her annual State of the European Union address. "Negotiations are always difficult, and we are used to that... But talks have not pro-

## UK repatriates British child from Syria despite ISIS policy

it had repatriated a child from Britain annulled her UK The UK supreme court is set Syria, one of dozens of British citizenship on national securito decide on whether she can children thought to be trapped ty grounds after an outcry led return to Britain to fight the in the war-torn country. by right-wing media but Begum case in court.



