

Kurdish fighters will be ‘eliminated’ Says Turkish FM

AFP, Istanbul

Turkey said yesterday that it was “only a matter of time” before Syrian Kurdish fighters – seen by the West as essential in the fight against Islamic State jihadists – will be wiped out.

“Conditions in Syria have changed. We believe it’s only a matter of time before PKK/YPG is eliminated,” Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan told a news conference in the capital Ankara.

Turkey sees the People’s Protection Units (YPG) – the main component of the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) – as a terror group linked to its outlawed domestic foe the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK).

Fidan warned against any Western support for Kurdish fighters in Syria.

“If you (the West) have different aims in the region, if you want to serve another policy by using Daesh as an excuse to embolden the PKK, then there is no way for that either,” he said, using an Arabic acronym for IS group.

Turkey has long been rankled by the United States’ support for the Kurdish-led SDF in northern Syria.

But Washington has long seen the SDF as crucial to preventing a resurgence of the group. New Syrian leader Ahmed al-Sharaa, whose HTS group has long had ties with Turkey, told Al Arabiya TV on Sunday that the Kurdish-led forces should be integrated into the national army.



A farmer removes snow from his vegetable field after a fresh snowfall in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India yesterday.

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NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA US taking steps to clear hurdles: Sullivan

REUTERS, New Delhi

The United States is finalising steps to clear hurdles for civil nuclear partnership with Indian firms, US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said yesterday, seeking to give fresh momentum to a landmark deal between the two countries.

Washington and New Delhi have been discussing the supply of US nuclear reactors to energy-hungry India since the mid-2000s.

But a longstanding obstacle has been the need to bring Indian liability rules in line with global norms which require the costs of any accident to be channelled to the operator rather than the maker of a nuclear power plant.

The deal was signed by then President George W Bush in 2007, a major step

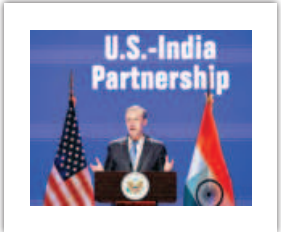
toward allowing the United States to sell civilian nuclear technology to India.

“United States is now finalising the necessary steps to remove long-standing regulations that have prevented civil nuclear cooperation between India’s leading nuclear entities and US companies,” Sullivan said in New Delhi yesterday.

He is on a two-day visit to the Indian capital, days before President-elect Donald Trump is due to be sworn in.

Washington expects the impact of Chinese upstream dams, artificial intelligence, space, military licensing and Chinese economic overcapacity to be discussed while Sullivan is in New Delhi, a US official said on Saturday.

The two countries agreed in 2019 to build six US nuclear power plants in India.



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Iran executed over 30 women in 2024: report

AFP, Paris

Iran in 2024 executed at least 31 women, an NGO said yesterday, warning that female prisoners were increasingly being caught in a surge in the use of capital punishment in the Islamic republic.

Norway-based Iran Human Rights (IHR), which closely tracks executions in Iran, said in a report that the figure for 2024 marked the highest number of women to be hanged in Iran since it started documenting the use of capital punishment in 2008.

It added that 241 women were executed from 2010 to 2024, mostly on drug and murder convictions.

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HUGE WINTER STORM 60m people across US under weather alert

AFP, Washington

Dangerous wintry conditions descended Sunday on a large swath of the central United States as a severe storm system tracked eastward, prompting travel and work disruptions from Kansas City to Washington.

Around a dozen states from Kansas to New Jersey were under winter storm warnings Sunday afternoon, according to the National Weather Service (NWS), while areas across the US South faced possible tornado and cold weather threats.

Nationwide, over 60 million people were under some sort of weather alert, according to broadcaster CNN, while air traffic monitoring site FlightAware showed almost 2,200 flight cancellations and over 25,000 delays.

Gusty winds from the storm system, the first of the year, brought blizzard conditions to Kansas and Missouri, while states farther east were blanketed in multiple inches of snow. Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear implored residents to “please stay home” after reporting multiple vehicle crashes had closed a major highway.

The NWS also warned that accumulations of up to a half-inch of ice in some areas – as well as widespread tree damage from powerful wind gusts – could lead to “prolonged power outages.”

A mix of freezing rain, sleet and snow began hitting Kansas Sunday morning. Storm chaser Brian Emfinger said on X that roads around Kansas City were “a skating rink.” Video posted by the Weather Channel showed cars skidding off ice-coated highways and tractor trailers jack-knifing in Kansas, where some areas were expecting over a foot of snow.

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10.	Industrial Development	(1) Automotive Engineering (2) Constructions (3) Pharmaceuticals (4) Transportation (5) Chemical Industry (6) Industrial Manufacturing (7) Prospects & Challenges of RMG (8) Entrepreneurship (9) SME (10) Textile Engineering
11.	Human Resource & Skill Development	(1) Efficiency Assessment of Training in Different Government Institutions (2) Training Activities for HR Development in Public & Private Sector (3) Training for the People of Special Needs (4) Freelancing (5) Skill Gap, Skill Mismatch, Skill Shortage
12.	Environment & Climate Change	(1) Climate Change & Mitigation (2) Air Pollution, Water Pollution and Sound Pollution (3) Disaster Management (4) Green Climate Resilient Development
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