

UKRAINE

Zelenskyy turns to Turkey for peace help

U.S., Russia quiet in shaping plan

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in Ankara on Wednesday and is scheduled to meet Thursday with U.S. military leaders in Kyiv amid reports that the Trump administration is quietly working with Russia to iron out a peace deal.

The Ukrainian leader used the Wednesday meeting, which was held after an overnight Russian drone and missile attack on the western Ukrainian city of Ternopil, to “reinvigorate negotiations” and to discuss whether Mr. Erdogan can assist Ukraine in achieving peace. U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff was scheduled to join the discussion with Mr. Zelenskyy but canceled his trip unexpectedly.

Mr. Zelenskyy and Mr. Erdogan, in brief statements to the press, expressed their commitment to finding a peaceful settlement to the war. Turkey is a key broker in the Black Sea region, preserving relations with both Ukraine and Russia.

“We count on the strength of Turkish diplomacy, on [how] it’s understood in Moscow,” Mr. Zelenskyy said.

“Turkey’s important and active involvement in the Coalition of the Willing, especially in its naval component, is crucial. Everyone understands the importance of security in the Black Sea, and such security can only be guaranteed together with Turkey,” Mr. Zelenskyy wrote on X. “I am grateful to Turkey and personally to President Erdogan for this assistance. We value the trust that exists between us and between our states, and

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MOSCOW’S MARK: Rescue workers cleared the rubble of a residential building Wednesday after an overnight Russian strike on Ternopil in western Ukraine. At least 19 of the reported 25 people killed, including three children, were burned alive.

Mystery drones swarm, take footage of NATO’s heartland

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BREST, FRANCE | The French town of Mulhouse, nestled between the country’s borders with Switzerland and Germany, was the scene of an unexplained incident on Nov. 11. Around midnight, a local police officer reported an unidentified drone buzzing over the police station’s courtyard before drifting toward a nearby rail depot.

Moments later, the aircraft positioned itself directly above a military convoy

transporting Leclerc main battle tanks and filmed the armored column at close range before vanishing into the night.

Authorities have opened an investigation into the unauthorized overflight of a “restricted defense area” but have been unable to recover the drone or identify its operator. The local prosecutor’s office said “at this stage, there is no evidence to suggest whether this was a deliberate flight over these areas or simply an accidental overflight by the aircraft during another journey.”

The pattern has become disturbingly

familiar over the past few months across Europe. Barely 48 hours earlier and 500 miles to the west, another drone twice breached the airspace above the Eurenco ammunition and explosives plant in Bergerac, one of France’s most sensitive defense-industrial sites.

The facility manufactures the propellants used in Europe’s artillery shells, including ammunition earmarked for Ukraine.

This time, however, French

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CONGRESS

Revolt rises to ban stock trades for lawmakers

Pelosi’s big gains ignite public fury

By SUSAN FERRECHIO
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The public is growing increasingly frustrated with congressional lawmakers profiting from the stock market, and a bipartisan House coalition may soon introduce limits on their trading activities.

Pressure is mounting on Republicans and Democrats to enact legislation that restricts or prohibits lawmakers from owning stocks and other investments.

At a House Administration Committee hearing Wednesday, lawmakers denounced the appearance of insider trading by former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, former Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Richard Burr and others who have made lucrative stock transactions that appeared to be informed by their access to insider information while serving in Congress.

“In recent years, social media accounts have generated significant media attention for aggregating the stock trades of members of Congress. Understandably, it’s fueled public concern that lawmakers may be using their positions of authority to personally benefit themselves,” said Rep. Bryan Steil, Wisconsin Republican and Administration Committee chairman.

Outside the hearing room, a bipartisan group of lawmakers seeking to aggressively restrict members of Congress from trading stocks said they were growing impatient with Republican leadership on the issue.

They threatened to force a vote on their own hard-line proposal, the Restore Trust in Congress Act, if the hearing was not followed quickly with action to advance their bipartisan measure.

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‘DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE’



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First lady Melania Trump and second lady Usha Vance met Wednesday with North Carolina students and Marines on a trip to mark the approach of Thanksgiving and salute military families, which Mrs. Trump called “the quiet strength of our nation.”

BUSINESS

Trump backs more foreign workers for U.S. chipmakers

Tells his wary supporters: ‘This is MAGA’

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President Trump made a new pitch Wednesday to bring more foreign workers to the U.S. to prepare the nation’s semiconductor chip industry for the challenges of artificial intelligence.

The president insisted that the workers are needed only to help train Americans to do the jobs, but he acknowledged that his fondness for foreign assistance is earning him a “little heat” from some in the MAGA movement who want fewer foreign guest workers.

“If you have to bring people to get those plants opened, we want you to do that, and we want those people to teach our people how to make computer chips

and how to make other things,” Mr. Trump said at the U.S.-Saudi Investment Forum in Washington.

He added: “I love my conservative friends, I love MAGA, but this is MAGA.”

The president’s views on highly skilled foreign workers have long been tricky for him and his administration. He has regularly emphasized the need for such workers, particularly those coming to the U.S. on the H-1B visa, even as his administration has worked to tighten the program.

The issue erupted earlier this month in an exchange with Fox News’ Laura Ingraham, who said U.S. workers deserve the jobs.

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ABORTION

After Dobbs, pro-life pregnancy centers thrive vs. Planned Parenthood

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The nation’s pro-life pregnancy centers have flourished since the Supreme Court’s landmark 2022 decision rejecting a nationwide right to an abortion, adding patients, services and locations despite

an onslaught of Democratic attacks.

The number of new clients surpassed 1 million in 2024 for the first time, up from 974,965 in 2022, according to a report released Monday by the Charlotte Lozier Institute, the research arm of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America.

Meanwhile, the number of crisis

pregnancy centers increased from 2,750 in 2022 to 2,775 in 2024, including bricks-and-mortar facilities and mobile units, with locations in all 50 states.

“In terms of the pregnancy center movement, this is not just surviving post-Dobbs. These pregnancy centers are showing that families can thrive

post-Dobbs,” Karen Czarnecki, Lozier executive director, said on a press call. “Pregnancy centers are rooted in compassion, professionalism and hope.”

Pro-life pregnancy centers, which offer a host of free goods and services but

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1 MILLION CLIENTS: Crisis pregnancy centers are expanding in number and are now operating in all 50 states.

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