

Spain threatens direct rule as Catalan leader calls for talks

Catalonia is prepared to enter into a dialogue on independence from Spain "without preconditions," Catalan President Carles Puigdemont told CNN on Wednesday, as the Madrid government took the first steps to imposing direct rule on the region.

What comes next?

Catalonia's President Carles Puigdemont has delayed a formal declaration of independence from Spain to encourage dialogue with Madrid, in an effort to defuse the crisis over the future of the country's richest region.

Catalan families divided over independence

The independence issue has separated Catalans not just on the streets, but also at the dinner table. CNN's Atika Shubert has been speaking to divided families about the issue.

US ambassador to Turkey slams Ankara over staff arrest

The US ambassador to Turkey has slammed the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan over the arrest of a consular staff member.

The Americans detained in Turkey

The diplomatic row between Turkey and the United States unfolded rapidly over less than a week -- Turkey arrested a US consular staff member, Washington responded by freezing most of its visa services in the country and Ankara did the same.

The making of a Russian disinformation campaign

Michael Weiss argues that Putin's influence operation on the US electorate, modeled after Soviet false flag operations, required a willing audience in America

Merkel changes tune on refugee cap

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has agreed to aim for a limit on Germany's refugee intake, marking a significant retreat from her previous rejection of a cap.

Opinion: May's weak leadership is hurting Brexit

To measure just how weak British Prime Minister Theresa May is at the moment, consider this: Even the most embattled of leaders have had the option to reassert authority by hiring and firing ministers.

Police arrest hundreds on Putin's birthday

Russian police arrested 290 protesters in 26 cities as marches took place against President Vladimir Putin on the leader's 65th birthday, according to independent monitoring group OVD.

Marseille knife attacker had 7 identities

A man who stabbed two women to death at a train station in the French city of Marseille on Sunday had several registered identities.

Divers find body parts of Kim Wall

Divers have found a bag containing the head and legs of Swedish journalist Kim Wall, Danish Police said at a press conference Saturday.

Man freed after London car collision

A man arrested in a London car collision that injured at least 11 people has been released and is under investigation.

Probe asks: Who betrayed Anne Frank?

A new investigation into the circumstances surrounding the discovery of Anne Frank's hiding place in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, which eventually led to her death, has been launched by a retired FBI agent.

Theresa May's nightmare speech

British Prime Minister Theresa May's attempt to relaunch her faltering premiership was badly derailed Wednesday when a keynote speech was marred by an interruption from a prankster, a prolonged coughing fit and finally the disintegration of the stage set behind her.

Chemistry Nobel Prize for work in biomolecules

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2017 has been awarded to three scientists for their pioneering work developing new methods of visualising biomolecules, such as the Zika virus.

Pony Racing on the sands of the Emerald Isle

Most people go to the seaside to sit back, relax and get away from the rush of everyday life.

Farm grows, harvests crop without people

A farm in the United Kingdom is the first in the world to successfully plant, tend and harvest a crop without a single person ever setting foot in the field, according to researchers and developers involved in the project.

A Holocaust survivor's daughter visits Poland

Frieze Week: Curator's picks for what to see outside the fair

Since its founding in 2003, Frieze London has transformed from an art world flyover fair, tucked away in Regent's Park, into an internationally recognized cultural event that engages galleries and museums -- and any other space that can repurposed to showcase art -- across the city.

Canfranc Station: New life for grand European ruin?

At the Spain-France border, Canfranc Station saw WWII spying and gold trafficking before it was left as a ruin. Find out how it could be restored.

The 10 best cities for weekend breaks revealed

A weekend city break is the perfect opportunity to recharge -- a chance to escape the everyday for 48 hours of exploring.

Inside Denmark's giant LEGO house

Iceland smallest nation to reach World Cup

Russia brace yourself -- the "Viking thunder clap" is heading your way.
Iceland become smallest nation in history to qualify for a World Cup.

Best German bars around the world

It's easy to stereotype the German gastro scene as all oompah bands, gargantuan beer steins, and buxom waitresses wearing dirndls.

Gene Simmons on Prince: He 'did it all'

KISS bassist Gene Simmons speaks to CNN's Pamela Brown about his immense respect for Prince.

Mysterious fireball lights up night sky

A bright glowing object, believed to be a meteor, flashed through the atmosphere above northeast Scotland, lighting the night sky and startling residents.

The crystal Bible to last a billion years

Researchers in the U.K. have developed digital data discs that can survive possibly longer than the human race.

Cricket spaghetti sold in France

This business in northeastern France is making pasta out of creepy crawlies.

What is the European Union?

CNN's Max Foster explains the origins and founding philosophy of the European Union.

500-year-old shipwreck emerges from river

A 15th century merchant ship has been raised from a riverbed in the Netherlands.