

# U.S. F-16s Arrive at Turkey's Incirlik base to Fight Against IS

ANKARA - Six F-16 fighters arrived at Incirlik Air Base in Adana province in southern Turkey on Sunday, private Dogan news agency reported.

These fighter planes are expected to conduct air strikes against Islamic State (IS) targets in neighboring Syria and Iraq.

Along with them, about 300 airmen from the 31st Fighter Wing also arrived at the Incirlik Air Base on Sunday, according to the report.

On Wednesday, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said that U.S.



aircrafts and drones arrived at the Incirlik air base, adding that the two

countries will soon kick off a "comprehensive battle against the Islamic

State (IS) altogether." Incirlik airbase is strategically located beside

the Syrian border and is a key military base for various international

campaigns in the Iraq war.

The Turkish government granted permission for anti-IS coalition forces, including the United States and other regional countries, to deploy manned and unmanned aircrafts in Turkey's military airbases, a Turkish foreign ministry statement said on July 24. Following a recent deadly suicide bombing in the border town of Suruc, the Turkish military launched military operations against IS targets within Syria and adopted a more obvious role in fighting IS. (Xinhua)

## Hiroshima, Nagasaki a Pricy Lesson for Militarism

BEIJING - The memorial services in Hiroshima and Nagasaki should serve as an opportunity for Japan not only to commemorate the victims of atomic bombs but also to have a thorough reflection upon its history of militarism.

Starting Thursday, Japan has held several high-profile events to mark the 70th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the only two nuclear attacks in human history. Hiroshima's me-

morial services on Thursday were attended by the city's mayor and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, both of whom had addressed a crowd of about 55,000 people, including survivors of the attack, their descendants, peace activists and representatives from about 100 countries and regions. Abe also attended, accompanied by U.S. ambassador Caroline Kennedy, the memorial services in Nagasaki Sunday. It is undeniable that

the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 70 years ago are real tragedies for the whole mankind. It is worth sympathizing as hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians died in the blasts of the atomic bombs, or from after-effects in the months and years to follow. However, considering what has been said and done by the incumbent prime minister since he took office, a hidden context behind those commemorating

events needs particular attention. While keeping evading from Japan's responsibilities in its war past, Abe and his cabinet have been attempting to re-brand their country as a victim of World War II and glorify its war criminals, who are revered in the notorious Yasukuni Shrine. As full sympathy should be given to the innocent lives perished in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, it should also be kept... (More on P4)... (24)

## UN Chief calls for Greater Efforts to Ensure Indigenous Peoples' Rights

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Saturday called upon the international community to do more to ensure the rights of indigenous peoples across the world. In his message to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, the secretary-general said more efforts are really important at a time when the world body celebrates its 70th anniversary and will adopt a global de-

velopment agenda next month. On the International Day, Ban said, "I call on the international community to ensure that they are not left behind. To create a better, more equitable future, let us commit to do more to improve the health and well-being of indigenous peoples." As the United Nations commemorates its 70th anniversary this year, it is important to look back on major ad-

vances for humanity, said Ban, who believed the 2007 adoption by the General Assembly of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was "one of many successes achieved through the fruitful partnership between indigenous peoples and United Nations member states." "The year also marks a watershed in human development," he said. "The period of the Millennium Development

Goals is drawing to a close to be succeeded by a post-2015 development agenda designed to advance inclusion and shared prosperity." "The Declaration affirms the right to maintain indigenous health practices as well as to have access to all social and health services for the enjoyment of the highest standards of physical and mental health," he said. "We must make every effort... (More on P4)... (25)

## Nuclear deal Balances all sides' Interest: Iran FM

TEHRAN - The deal on Iran's nuclear issue balanced the interests of all sides involved in the negotiations, Iran's Foreign Minister said here on Sunday. "In the deal, no side has imposed its will on the other side. Otherwise, it could not have been called a deal but a document of surrender," FM said.

According to the recent UN Security Council resolution, and based on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, Iran will no longer be banned to cooperate with other countries on peaceful nuclear activities, but instead countries are encouraged to interact with Iran in this regard, he said. In addition, Iran is no longer forbidden for continuing its missile program except for some restrictions for a specific period of time, he said.

The deal also says that Iran's nuclear case will no longer be on the agenda of the UN Security Council, and it will be closed after 10 years.

FM said, adding that the agreement can benefit all sides. Also, Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Ali-Akbar Salehi said on Sunday that although Iran accepted some limitations on its nuclear program in the JCPOA, it is not going to limit its peaceful nuclear activities. (Xinhua)

## UN Chief Slams Deadly Attack in Central Mali

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Saturday condemned an attack in Serebole, a town in central Mali, which led to killings of 13 people, including at least one United Nations contractor, while urging all the Malian people to "remain united in their pursuit of a just and sustainable peace." A number of soldiers from the Malian Armed Forces have also reportedly been killed and injured in the incident which remains ongoing, the secretary-general



noted in a statement issued here by his spokesman. "This attack will not lessen the determination of the United Nations to accompany the Malian people in their efforts to implement the peace agreement," the

secretary-general said. "The secretary-general calls upon the people of Mali and the parties to the agreement to remain united in their pursuit of a just and sustainable peace." The secretary-general... (More on P4)... (26)

## Former Sri Lankan President Confident of Polls Victory

COLOMBO - Former Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa expressed confidence on Sunday that he will be able to win the upcoming parliamentary elections and be appointed as the country's next prime minister. Rajapaksa was contesting the elections under the opposition United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA) and was seeking majority seats in the parliament to defeat the current government. He said the ruling United National Party (UNP) was still talking of forming a coalition government after the Aug. 17 elections, which demon-

strated that they did not have the confidence of securing majority seats on their own. Speaking to reporters at a media briefing with other UPFA members, Rajapaksa denied allegations that he had given the Tamil Tiger rebels money in order to win the 2005 presidential election. In 2005, the Tamil Tigers had prevented the people from taking part in the vote, which allowed Rajapaksa to win with the support of the Sinhala votes in the south. Rajapaksa said if he had given money to the rebels he would not have taken such efforts... (More on P4)... (27)

## British Military Prepare for Jungle Warfare

LONDON - Harsh lessons learned by British soldiers as they fought the Japanese in one of the world's toughest environments are still being taught today, 70 years later. The temperate climate of Britain means training for jungle warfare is done thousands of kilometers away, Britain's Ministry of Defense revealed as the country prepares to mark the 70th anniversary on Aug. 15 of VJ Day. The British were ill-prepared for fighting against the Japanese in Burma and Malaya in a harsh battleground. An MoD spokesman in London commented: "In the early stages of

WW2 the Allied Forces learned the lessons of the jungle the hard way, suffering defeats in 1941/42. With few exceptions, the allies initially thought the jungle was impenetrable and could be disregarded for manoeuvre." By 1944, there had been a complete review of British jungle tactics. Once the allies' fighting force in the Far East was trained in bush warfare, the situation in Burma began to swing back in favor of the British. Those tactics are still taught to soldiers today by a British Army Training Team in Brunei, preparing soldiers to fight in the harshest of climates.

The British army officer commanding the jungle warfare training unit in Brunei, Major Arran Wade, said: "Training Team Brunei was formed out of the ashes of the battles fought against the Japanese in Burma and Malaya during the Second World War. "It was proved that well-trained, mentally and physically robust British soldiers could function and fight just as well as any foe in this claustrophobic and exhausting environment. "At the heart of operating in the jungle is understanding how to live in the bush, and as much today as... (More on P4)... (28)

## Neighbour News

### China Starts Emergency Response for Typhoon-Hit Areas

BEIJING - Chinese authorities have issued a grade-IV emergency response to typhoon Soudelor, which has left 12 people dead and another 5 missing in east China's Zhejiang Province on Sunday. After pounding Taiwan and leaving six people dead, Soudelor landed in the Chinese mainland Saturday night in Fujian Province and moved to neighboring Zhejiang and Jiangxi provinces. The Ministry of Civil Affairs and the China National Commission for Disaster Reduction for Disaster Reduction have sent two teams to

assist relief work in Zhejiang and Fujian, where residents have seen heavy downpours. A grade-IV response, the lowest in China's emergency response system, requires a 24-hour alert, daily damage reports, and sending money and relief materials within 48 hours. In Fujian, the typhoon has affected about 1.21 million people, forced the evacuation of 320,000 residents, and left 700 houses collapsed as of 2 p.m. Sunday. In Zhejiang, a total of 955,000 people have been affected and 160,000 of them have been evacuated. (Xinhua)

### National Assembly Strategic plan 2015-2018 Launched tomorrow

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly for the first time in its history will launch National Assembly Strategic Plan (NASP) 2015 - 2018 tomorrow (Monday). "These reforms are aimed at moving away from the traditional piecemeal approach to a more holistic approach, ensuring that the entire House benefits from the reform process," the spokesman for NA secretariat Mehboob Ali Gurmani told Dawn-News. This strategic plan has been made under the supervision of Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, who formed a Strategic Planning Oversight Com-

mittee (SPOC), with representation from all major political parties, to ensure sustainability and continuity of previous useful measures. The cornerstone of the strategic plan is to ensure that National Assembly moves away from conventional working environment, which is deemed to be outdated, to a more modern, professional and automated form of working. Information Communication and Technology (ICT) reforms are one of the six goals that will be cross cutting through the five goals which drive the NASP. (Agencies)

### Iran wants Japan back in Energy Projects

TEHRAN - Iran's Oil Minister Bijan Zangeneh told reporters after a meeting with a visiting Japanese trade delegation that Iran expects a bright future in cooperation with Japan in all areas. "[Economic] relations between the two countries were halted for a period due to the cruel sanctions," Zangeneh said. "But with the removal of the sanctions, relations will see a perfect growth". The Iranian minister further emphasized that the Japanese companies can also invest in the development as well as the trade of Iranian liquefied natural gas (LNG). "We had useful talks with Japan's State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry [Daishiro Yamagiwa]

as well as CEOs of Japanese companies," Zangeneh said. Yamagiwa arrived in Tehran on Saturday for a two-day visit to explore the avenues to promote trade ties between Iran and Japan. Executives from 21 companies, including oil, gas and automotive industries, are accompanying him "We told Inpex and others that Tehran is ready to negotiate over their return to Iran's energy projects". Inpex, Japan's leading oil explorer, was the key investor in a project to develop Iran's Azadegan oil field, but had to abandon the project in 2010 due to the US-engineered sanctions against the country. (PressTV)

### Turkmenistan's Firm to Build TAPI Pipeline

ASHGABAT - "The endorsement was given during the (TAPI) steering committee's 22nd meeting attended by Petroleum Ministers of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, and senior officials of the ADB, in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on 6 August 2015," the bank said in a statement. "The endorsement of Turkmenistan as consortium leader is a critical milestone in achieving the successful development of the TAPI pipeline project. It is a glow-

ing endorsement of the continued cooperation among the TAPI countries, with the able assistance of Asian Development Bank, as our Transaction Advisor." The pipeline, when operational, will deliver enhanced energy security, business prospects and overall economic stability in the region. Once completed, the TAPI pipeline is expected to export up to 33 billion cubic meters of natural gas a year from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India over three decades. (Agencies)