

US, EU Express Solidarity in Wake of Brexit before Warsaw NATO Summit

WARSAW - Transatlantic unity between the United States and Europe was the theme of a meeting involving the European Commission and European Council presidents and U.S. President Barack Obama on Friday morning, hours ahead of the two-day NATO summit set to kickoff here.

Against the backdrop of Britain's referendum decision to leave the bloc, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and European Council President Donald Tusk met Obama to



discuss common political, economic, and security challenges facing Europe.

Donald Tusk said there could be no freedom in Europe without transatlantic solidarity, and any strikes against liberal democracy would be harmful to both Europe and the United States.

Juncker said the EU, the

United States, and NATO were mutually complementary pillars of the world's order, saying "negotiations will be made... to ensure Great Britain will be our strong ally within NATO and that we continue to keep close relations between Great Britain and the EU."

Addressing the Brexit outcome, Obama said he considered the European Union one of the greatest political and economic achievements of today, and that it should be kept intact as the world... (More on P4)...(16)

S. Korea, U.S. Decide to Deploy THAAD in U.S. Forces Korea

SEOUL - South Korea and the United States on Friday announced their final decision to deploy the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) in the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) despite continued oppositions from neighboring countries.

The military authorities jointly made an official announcement to deploy the advanced U.S. missile defense system in the USFK stationed on the Korean peninsula to tackle the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s

nuclear and missile threats. Seoul and Washington reportedly aim to deploy one THAAD battery by the end of next year, which would be operated by the allied forces under the operational control of the USFK commander. A THAAD battery is composed of six mobile launchers, 48 interceptors, airborne radar and fire control system.

The site for the deployment would be announced within weeks. Potential candidate sites are known to be Pyeongtaek in Gyeonggi province, Wonju



in Gangwon province, Eumseong in South Chungcheong province, Chilgok in North Gyeongsang province and Gunsan in

North Jeolla province. The final decision came despite continued oppositions from China and Russia, ... (More on P4)...(17)

Russia Warns to Deploy Missile Units in Response to THAAD in S. Korea

MOSCOW - Russia's Arms Committee at the Russian Federation Council, or the upper parliament house, on Friday warned that missile units could be deployed in eastern Russia in response to the deployment of the U.S. missile defense system called Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) in South Korea.

According to deputy chairman Evgeny Serebrennikov, the committee would work out certain decisions together with the Defense Ministry on military planning includ-

ing deployment of missile and ground units, so as to counter the influence of the United States deploying its missile defense system in South Korea.

"We will take into consideration the decision on deployment of U.S. missile defense in South Korea for our military planning," Serebrennikov was quoted by RIA Novosti news agency as saying. "In cooperation with the defense ministry we will work out certain decisions on strengthening of influence in this direction, ... (More on P4)...(18)

UN Agencies Call for Active Response to El Nino Impact in Africa, Asia-Pacific Regions

ROME - Leaders from three Rome-based UN food agencies on Wednesday called on governments and the international community to combine their efforts to prevent further human suffering, strengthen resilience and safeguard livelihoods in the wake of possible El Nino's devastating effects worldwide.

The leaders of UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) urge the countries to coordinate responses to the

climate change challenges and to support the affected region during a meeting at the Rome headquarters of FAO.

According to the meeting, scientists are predicting an increasing likelihood of the opposite climate phenomenon, La Nina, which will increase the probability of above average rainfall and flooding in areas affected by El Nino-related drought, whilst at the same time making it more likely that drought will occur in areas that have been flooded due to El Nino. The UN ... (More on P4)...(19)

US Attorney General Announces no Charges against Hillary for Her Email Practices

WASHINGTON - U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced on Wednesday Hillary Clinton will not face criminal charges for her private email setup during her stint in the U.S. State Department.

According to a statement issued by Lynch, she and FBI Director James Comey met on Wednesday to discuss the findings by FBI into Clinton's email practices while serving as the U.S. secretary of state, and concluded that the year-long FBI investigation would come to an end.



"I received and accepted their unanimous recommendation that the thorough, year-long investigation be closed and that

no charges be brought against any individuals within the scope of the investigation," said Lynch. The decision came one

day after Comey said his agency recommended no criminal charges against Clinton while he blasted ... (More on P4)...(20)

NATO Naval Exercise Begins in Black Sea

SOFIA - The military exercise Breeze 2016 begins on Friday in Bulgaria's territorial waters in the Black Sea, involving more than 30 vessels and aircraft from six NATO member states, according to an official source from Bulgaria. The aim of the drill, which will last 10 days, is to enhance Bulgarian navy's interoperability with other forces in a crisis response operation, the Bulgarian Navy said in a statement.

The drill also aimed at

improving the coordination with governmental and non-governmental organizations in the mitigation of the consequences of a terrorist act, according to the statement.

Bulgaria, United States, Greece, Romania, Turkey and Spain and the Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group TWO joined the exercise.

The drill is led by the Bulgarian Navy, and is carried out under the plan of the Bulgarian Army for



2016, the statement said. The Breeze drill was held for the first time in 1993, when three visiting war-

ships including a U.S. frigate and two Turkish minesweepers participated. (Xinhua)

Study Shows Four in 10 Highly Rated Sunscreens on Amazon Substandard

NEW YORK - About 40 percent of the highest-rated sunscreen products on the online retailer Amazon.com have been deemed not adhering to dermatologists' recommended criteria, according to a new study released this week.

The study, carried out by researchers from Northwestern University of the United States, examined the top 1 percentile of sunscreens sold on Amazon.com to find out how well they met the minimum recommendations put forth by the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD).

The AAD criteria has three requirements for sunscreens, namely a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30, being broad spectrum and resistant to water and sweat. But the results, published in the journal JAMA Dermatology, find only 60 percent of these 65 sunscreens with the highest customer ratings qualified. The most common ... (More on P4)...(22)

35 Killed, 70 Wounded in Suicide Bombings in Central Iraq



TIKRIT, Iraq - The death toll from a suicide bombing attack at a Shiite shrine in Iraq's central province of Salahudin early on Friday rose to 35 and more than 70 others were wounded, a provincial security source said. The attack began shortly after midnight when three suicide bombers wearing explosive belts and disguised in military uniforms

crossed security checkpoints and entered near the mausoleum of Saiyd Mohammed in the town of Balad, some 80 km north of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. One gunman detonated his explosives belt at the marketplace outside the shrine and another at one of its ... (More on P4)...(23)

US House Passes Measure to Stop Sale of Boeing Aircraft to Iran

WASHINGTON - A week before the one-year anniversary of the Iran nuclear deal, the Republican-led House approved measures aimed at blocking United States (US) companies from selling commercial passenger aircraft to Tehran. By voice vote Thursday, lawmakers passed two amendments directed at Chicago-based Boeing, which had offered Iranian airlines three models of new aircraft to replace the country's aging fleet. The amendment was added to

a financial services spending bill that the House cleared by vote of 239-185. The House must reconcile differences between its bill and the Senate's version.

The Obama administration is certain to threaten to veto any legislation that undermines the nuclear agreement with Iran. Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill, the amendment's sponsor, said the aircraft could be used by Iran's Revolutionary Guard. "To give these types of planes ... (More on P4)...(21)

74 Die From Swine Flu in Ecuador so Far in 2016

QUITO - Ecuador has now seen 74 deaths and 691 further cases of the AH1N1 flu virus in 2016, according to the latest figures released by the Ministry of Public Health on Thursday.

This number of victims is still lower than that for the same period in 2013 when an AH1N1 epidemic had left 114 dead.

This year's spread of the virus, also known as swine flu, has so far killed 11 percent of those having contracted it. The virus usually attacks the respiratory tract and

causes fever, headaches, bone and muscle pain and intense coughing. With the epidemic surging again, the ministry banned the open sale of anti-flu medicine at pharmacies in May to prevent people from self-medicating as soon as they present flu symptoms.

In May, the government also bought 300,000 doses of flu vaccine, which are mainly being distributed in the coastal provinces of Manabi and Esmeraldas, which were severely affected by the April 16 earthquake. (Xinhua)

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US Must Fix Deviations from JCPOA: Iran

TEHRAN - Iran criticizes measures approved by the US House of Representatives to block the sale of Boeing aircraft to Tehran, saying Washington is duty-bound to put right all measures that are inconsistent with last year's nuclear agreement between the Islamic Republic and six global powers.

"What is important to the Islamic Republic of Iran is the opposite side's commitment to its obligations [under the nuclear agreement], and we have nothing to do with the US domestic issues," Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qasemi said on Friday.

He went on to say that the Islamic Republic "regards the US government responsible for Washington's fulfillment of its commitments."

"Sensitivities and inter-party blackmailing in

the US on the verge of the country's presidential election are understandable," he added.

The Iranian spokesperson emphasized that the irreversible outcomes of such differences among US parties and the lack of commitment to JCPOA obligations would backfire on themselves.

The Republican-weighted US House of Representatives on Thursday voted by voice to pass two amendments to a financial services spending bill aimed at barring Chicago-based Boeing from selling commercial passenger aircraft to Tehran.

The move came just a month after a \$25 billion agreement reached between Boeing and Iran's national airline Iran Air. According to the deal, a total of 80 aircraft will be sold and a further 29 will be leased with Boeing's support. (Presstv)

Turkmenistan Updating Insurance Regulations

ASHGABAT - Work is underway in Turkmenistan to update the existing insurance regulations, the country's government said in a message Friday.

"As global practice shows, when switching to market economy, this sphere becomes an objectively necessary element of the whole economic mechanism," said the message. The State Insurance Organization of Turkmenistan (Turkmenosstrah) in cooperation with leading international organizations specializing in this field adopted insurance programs, which provide

protection against various types of industrial risks.

Turkmenosstrah has a wide network of over 40 branches in the country. At the current stage, the organization expands partnership relations with leading international insurance and reinsurance companies, as well as insurance brokers.

Many large companies with foreign capital currently operate in Turkmenistan, and they are interested in updating the insurance protection mechanism, the message of the country's government said. (Trend)

Aziz Urges Int'l Community to Unite for Combating Terrorism

ISLAMABAD - Adviser to Pakistani Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz on Friday called upon the international community to unite in order to jointly combat terrorism.

Talking to media regarding the upcoming NATO summit, Aziz maintained that the summit is taking place under the long shadows of terrorism, turmoil and continuing conflicts.

"We have seen major terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Terrorism could only be defeated with unity and cooperation

of the international community," the adviser remarked.

Answering a question, Aziz maintained that operation Zarb-i-Azb in North Waziristan has benefited people of Pakistan and that Afghanistan should also capitalize on the successes achieved by Pakistan Army in its anti-terror efforts. "We expect that as we intensify our efforts to facilitate the peace process in Afghanistan, they [Afghans] will also capitalize on the dividends of these counterterrorism operations to facilitate this process," Aziz added. (Dawn)

China "Strongly Dissatisfied" with U.S. Missile Deployment in ROK

BEIJING - China has said it is "strongly dissatisfied" with U.S. plans to deploy a missile defense system in the Republic of Korea (ROK), warning that the move may destabilize the Korean Peninsula.

The ROK Defense Ministry announced earlier on Friday that the ROK and the United States have decided to deploy a U.S. THAAD anti-missile system.

"The Chinese side is strongly dissatisfied with and firmly opposes to this," China's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The deployment is not conducive to achieving

denuclearization in the Peninsula and maintaining its peace and stability, according to the ministry.

It said the move goes against efforts made in calming regional tensions through dialogue and negotiation, and severely harms the security interests of countries in the area including China, as well as the "strategic balance" in the region.

China urged the U.S. and ROK to terminate the deployment of THAAD, and "not to take actions which tend to complicate regional situation and harm China's strategic security interests." (Xinhua)