

# French Leader Hopes to Persuade Trump on Climate

HAMBURG, Germany — French President Emmanuel Macron says he harbors the hope of convincing President Donald Trump to bring the United States back into the Paris climate accord.

Speaking at the close of the G-20 summit on Saturday, the French leader said he plans to hold a climate summit in December to mobilize public and private financing two years after the Paris agreement was adopted.

Of the G-20 countries that met in Hamburg, the United States was the only holdout from a statement reaffirming a commitment



to work toward the carbon emission reduction goals outlined in the landmark deal. But Macron said in response to a question that he hasn't given up on the idea of persuading Trump to change his mind. He said: "I confirm that I hope to convince him." Trump is scheduled to be in Paris for France's Bastille Day parade next Friday and will dine with Macron the night before. The Group of 20 countries have agreed under U.S. pressure to "urgently" call for a solution to the long-standing dispute over China's excess capacity to produce steel. (AP)

## British Government Declines to Publish Review on Funding of Extremism

LONDON — The British government said on Wednesday it would not publish in full its report on the sources of funding of Islamist extremism in Britain, prompting opposition charges it was trying to protect its ally Saudi Arabia.

The report, commissioned by former Prime Minister David Cameron in November 2015, was handed to the government last year and ministers have been under pressure to release its findings following three deadly attacks in Britain since March which

have been blamed on Islamists. But Home Secretary Amber Rudd said that though some extremist Islamist organizations were receiving hundreds of thousands of pounds she had decided against publishing the review in full. "This is because of the volume of personal information it contains and for national security reasons," she said in a written statement to parliament. The review found the most common source of support for these organizations was from small, anonymous dona-



tions from people based in Britain, Rudd said. But it also found overseas funding was a significant source of income for a small number of organizations. "Overseas support has allowed individuals

to study at institutions that teach deeply conservative forms of Islam and provide highly socially conservative literature and preachers to the UK's Islamic institutions," Rudd's statement said. (Reuters)

## 'No Whistling, Just Ticking': EU Pushes on Brexit Talks

BRUSSELS — The EU's negotiator pressed Britain on Wednesday to offer more post-Brexit rights to European expats and accept it will pay a hefty sum on leaving if it wants a quick start to talks on a future trading relationship.

Michel Barnier, who holds a first full round of talks next week, betrayed impatience with London during a Brussels news conference. Britain had yet to respond to detailed proposals from him on many issues, he said, and had fallen short on what it has offered on citizens' rights, as well as on what

it owes. Asked his view on Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson's remark on Tuesday that Brussels could "go whistle" if it thought Britain would pay what Johnson called "extortionate" demands, Barnier showed no desire to join in any cross-Channel banter.

"I'm not hearing any whistling, just the clock ticking," the Frenchman said, echoing his refrain of the past year that time is tight to conclude terms for an exit in March 2019 that can limit disruption for businesses and millions of people. (Reuters)

## Turkey Says 197 Cargo Planes Sent to Qatar since Dispute Began

ANKARA — Turkey has sent 197 cargo planes, 16 trucks and one ship to Qatar since a diplomatic crisis broke out last month between the country and other Gulf states, Turkish Economy Minister Nihat Zeybekci said Wednesday.

Turkey will keep meeting Qatar's daily or longer-term needs in the coming period, Zeybekci said at a meeting with his Qatari counterpart Ahmed bin Jassim al-Thani in Ankara, according to local media. Al-Thani said Doha's sea and land trade

was continuing without disruption despite sanctions, adding that both countries want to boost bilateral ties.

More opportunities would likely be created for Turkish companies in their activities in Qatar, the Qatari minister added.

Ankara has been backing Qatar after several Gulf countries cut economic and diplomatic ties with the gas-rich country since early June, accusing it of supporting terrorism, which Doha has repeatedly denied. (Xinhua)

## Moscow Losing Patience over Seized Russian Properties in U.S.: Kremlin

MOSCOW — Moscow's patience is running out over the return of Russian diplomatic compounds in the United States shut down by the Obama administration, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Wednesday.

"The situation is unprecedented from the perspectives of both bilateral relations and international law," Peskov said during his daily briefing. Russia can not tolerate this situation for long without taking reciprocal measures, said the spokesman, adding that

Moscow, at the same time, expects Washington to show political will and "rectify the violations of international law."

Also on Wednesday, the Russian Federation Council (upper house of the parliament) Speaker Valentina Matviyenko warned that Russia will "respond appropriately" to the U.S. seizure of its properties if diplomatic efforts fail.

Russia's Izvestia newspaper reported Tuesday that Moscow plans to expel some 30 U.S. diplomats and seize several



U.S. properties in Russia, citing a foreign ministry source.

Two retreats in New York and Maryland used by Russian diplomats for recreation and receptions

were closed by the Obama administration in late December over accusations of alleged Russian hacking in connection with the 2016 presidential election. (Xinhua)

## Turkish President Says Lifting Emergency Rule Currently out of Question

ANKARA — Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan on Wednesday ruled out an immediate end to the year-old state of emergency imposed after a failed coup, saying it could only be lifted once a fight against terrorism was finished.

Earlier on Wednesday Turkish authorities detained 14 army officers and issued warrants for the detention of 51 people, including 34 former employees of state broadcaster TRT, for suspected links to the coup, local media reported.

"There can be no question of lifting emergency rule with all this happening," Erdogan said in a speech to investors in Ankara. "We will lift the emergency rule only when we no longer need to fight against terrorism." (Reuters)

## Egypt Says Qatar Should not be Member of Anti-IS Coalition

CAIRO — Pointing the finger at Qatar, Egypt said Tuesday that the U.S.-led anti-Islamic State (IS) coalition should not include member states that support terrorism.

"It is unacceptable for the coalition to have amongst its members states that support terrorism or advocate for it in their media," said Egyptian Foreign Ministry's spokesman Ahmed Abu Zeid in a statement.

Zeid is heading the Egyptian delegation to the anti-IS coalition meeting held in Washington on Tuesday.

He added that the victory over IS on the battlefield should be expanded to uproot all terrorist and extremist organizations and those that support them. (Xinhua)

## As Russia Scandal Touches his Son, Trump Privately Rages

WASHINGTON — The snowballing revelations about Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting with a Russian lawyer during last year's presidential campaign have broadsided the White House, distracting from its agenda as aides grapple with a crisis involving the president's family. The public has not laid eyes on the president since his return from Europe Saturday. But in private, Trump has raged against the latest Russia development, with most of his ire directed at the media,



not his son, according to people who have spoken to him in recent days.

On Wednesday morning, Trump tweeted that his son was "open, transparent and innocent," again referring to the investi-

gation as "the greatest Witch Hunt in political history." The bombshell revelation that Trump Jr. was eager to accept information from Moscow landed hard on weary White House aides. (AP)

## US Inks Anti-Terror Deal with Qatar in Press to End Dispute

DOHA, Qatar — U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson sealed a deal Tuesday to intensify Qatar's counterterrorism efforts, tackling a central issue in the spat pitting the besieged Gulf nation against four other American allies lined up against it. Tillerson outlined the agreement at the end of his first visit to Qatar since its neighbors moved to isolate it over grievances, including what they allege is its support for extremist groups.

It was his second stop on a shuttle-diplomacy circuit that will take him next to Saudi Arabia, which has shut Qatar's only land border and is the most powerful of the countries opposing it.

The centerpiece of the visit was the signing of a memorandum of understanding that lays out steps Qatar can take to bolster its fight against terrorism and address shortfalls in policing terrorism funding. Tillerson said the deal, the details of which were not made public, has been in the works for a while and included some steps that have already been taken. "Together, the United States and Qatar will do more to track down funding sources, will do more to collaborate and share information, and will do more to keep the region and our homeland safe," he said following talks with 37-year-old Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. (AP)

## Top U.S. Diplomat Begins Tough Gulf Talks on Easing Qatar Dispute

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia — U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met ministers from four Arab states on Wednesday to try to end a dispute with Qatar after the countries labeled a U.S.-Qatari terrorism financing accord an inadequate response to their concerns. Any resolution of the impasse must address all the key issues for Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt, including Doha's undermining of regional stability, a senior UAE official said ahead of the talks in Saudi Arabia. His comments shed light on Tillerson's uphill challenge. The four countries imposed sanctions on Qatar on June 5, accusing it of financing extremist groups and allying with the Gulf Arab states' arch-foe Iran. Doha denies those accusations. The four states and Qatar are all U.S. allies. Tillerson met the ministers in Saudi Arabia's Red Sea city of Jeddah in pursuit of an end to the worst dispute among Gulf Arab states since the formation of their Gulf Cooperation Council regional body in 1981. Kuwait, which is mediating in the dispute and not boycotting Qatar, also sent an envoy. Tillerson also met separately with Saudi King Salman in talks focused on combating terrorism and its financing, the Saudi state news agency SPA said. In a joint statement issued after Tillerson and his Qatari counterpart signed a memorandum of understanding setting out provisions to combat terrorism financing, the four countries issued a statement calling the accord inadequate. (Reuters)

## Neighbor News

### China, Japan Should Restore Normal Relations, Says Vice Premier

BEIJING — China and Japan should protect the political foundation of bilateral relations and restore the normal development of their relationship at an early date, Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong said Wednesday.

Liu made the remarks when meeting with a delegation of female lawmakers from Japan, headed by senior Liberal Democratic Party lawmaker Seiko Noda.

China-Japan relations stand at a crucial historical point as the two countries celebrate the 45th anniversary of normalization of diplomatic relations, and next year

sees the 40th anniversary of the signing of the China-Japan Treaty of Peace and Friendship, Liu said. Liu called on both sides to implement the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries during the G20 summit in Hamburg, protect the political foundation of bilateral ties and deal with sensitive issues properly. Both sides should steadily push forward exchanges and cooperation in various areas, Liu said. Noda said Japan will make efforts to enhance mutual understanding and trust and is committed to building a stable Japan-China relationship. (Xinhua)

### Iran's FM Due in U.S. to Discuss Current Developments in Mideast

TEHRAN — Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif will attend a meeting organized by the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York City next week, official IRNA news agency reported on Tuesday.

Zarif will discuss the current developments in the Middle East in the meeting scheduled for July 17.

In September 2016, the top Iranian diplomat attended a CFR meeting to discuss Iran nuclear deal,

Syrian crisis, and Iran's relationship with Saudi Arabia.

Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qasemi said earlier that Zarif will also participate in the meeting of the High-Level Political Forum 2017 in the UN headquarters during his stay in New York.

On the sidelines of the meeting he will have bilateral meetings with his counterparts from a number of countries, said Qasemi. (Xinhua)

### President Stresses upon Awareness about Fatal Diseases

ISLAMABAD — President Mamnoon Hussain Wednesday said the people could be prevented from contracting fatal diseases by raising awareness among them about the principles of hygiene and in this regard, relevant government departments and medical organizations could play an important role.

The president was talking to Chairman World Federation of Neurology Dr Muhammad Wasay, who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, a press release said.

He emphasized that all relevant institutions of society should play their role to create awareness among public about the

principles of hygiene, adding in this respect, awareness campaigns should be launched with the cooperation of professional organizations of doctors.

Expressing concern on rapid increase in number of patients suffering from stroke, the president stressed that in order to overcome this situation, it was necessary that government and private sector should coordinate their efforts to gain maximum from limited resources.

Expressing satisfaction on observing July 22, as 'World Brain Day', he said it would go a long way in creating awareness among public. (APP)

### Tajikistan Attends Council of Foreign Ministers of Organization of Islamic Cooperation

DUSHANBEH — The Tajik delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Muzaffar Huseinzoda took part in the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Abidjan, the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, on July 11, Tajik foreign ministry said. Meanwhile, he drew the participants' attention to issues related to strengthening cooperation in fight

against terrorism and extremism, prevention of financing of terrorist and extremist groups and movements. It was also noted that financial and economic support to the developing countries, as well as assistance to their efforts in improvement of social infrastructure and creation of new jobs can become the most effective measures to prevent young people from recruitment to extremist groups. (AKI)

### Chairman of Swiss National Bank Visits Uzbekistan

TASHKENT — Governor of Swiss National Bank Thomas Jordan arrived in Uzbekistan, the Central Bank of Uzbekistan said.

Mr Jordan met with the Chairman of Central Bank of Uzbekistan to discuss macroeconomic situation of the country and ongoing reforms in the banking and fi-

nanial systems. He received information about the measures being taken to further improve the investment climate and ensure the stability of the banking system. Jordan said he's ready to support the Uzbek central bank's goal to liberalize monetary policy of Uzbekistan. (AKI)