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## US, Russia Meeting Hoped to Push Resumption of Syria Peace Talks

GENEVA - A meeting expected to take place between the United States and Russia here next week could be key in resuming Syria peace talks as soon as possible, the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Syria said Friday. "Our hope is that any discussions on Syria will help move forward with the process so we can start the next round of intra-Syrian talks," said the spokesperson of the UN Special Envoy's office, Jessy Chahine.



"De Mistura continues his own discussions and is encouraging all countries to play a helpful role to get the next round going in short order," she added. No information was given as to who would be involved in the meeting and at what level discussions would take place. The UN-mediated peace process seeking to broker a political end to the five-year conflict in Syria has been on hold since April this year. (Xinhua)

### Turkey in Need of U-Turn in Policies to Break Political Impasse

ISTANBUL - Turkey is in the limelight after an unexpected coup attempt and the ensuing crackdown, and for how the country shall move on. All are pinning their hopes on Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the helmsman whose popularity has soared after foiling the coup bid in hours by early Saturday morning, to put the country on the right path. "Where will Turkey go from here? Well, this is a major watershed event that will change everything," Mustafa Akyol

wrote in the Hurriyet daily. The ongoing crackdown is expanding, implicating tens of thousands from the military, the police, the judiciary, civil service and academia, with the reintroduction of death penalty not ruled out and a state of emergency nationwide declared on Wednesday night. "The threat of the coup is not over yet, there could be some more sleeping cells within the army," observed Ismail Hakki Pekin, a retired general ... (More on P4)...(23)

### Kerry Calls for United Efforts to Counter IS

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday called on countries of the coalition against the Islamic State (IS) to stay united and committed to the mission of defeating the extremist group. "If we stay united, if we stay committed to this mission, if we continue to be creative, if we continue to develop our initiatives as we have, we will not only defeat Daesh (IS), we will make our world a safer place," Kerry said at the Counter-ISIL (IS) Ministerial Meeting held in Washington.



Kerry urged countries of

the coalition to enhance information-sharing, which has played a key role in the effort to prevent foreign terrorist fighters from traveling to

Syria and Iraq. "We have to keep breaking down the structural and the bureaucratic barriers in order to be able to exchange up-to-

date information even more quickly and more widely," Kerry told diplomatic and defense representatives from more ... (More on P4)...(24)

### UN Warns High Debt Crisis Threatens Poverty Reduction Effort in Africa

NAIROBI - African countries face a higher risk of failing to repay huge amounts of foreign and domestic debt, which has ballooned to 443 billion U.S. dollars, or 22 percent of the yearly national earnings, given the falling prices of minerals and other commodity exports, a U.N. report says. The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in a new report published in Nairobi the African countries faced the risk of economic stagnation as a result of the huge debts. Seven African countries



- Ghana, Djibouti, Mauritania, Burundi, Chad, Central Africa Republic, Sao Tome and Principe - have been facing severe debt crisis while Sudan and Zimbabwe are currently on debt distress, unable to repay their foreign debts

after the collapse of the international commodity markets. The Economic Development in Africa Report 2016, released late on Thursday, found out Africa's external debt ratios appeared ... (More on P4)...(25)

### World Trade Ministers Agree Landmark Deal to Strengthen UNCTAD

NAIROBI - Trade ministers from 194 countries on Friday agreed to strengthen the mandate of the Geneva-based U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to effectively deal with matters affecting trade, foreign investments and the fight against poverty. Kenyan foreign minister Amina Mohamed who chaired the talks said the deal reached in Nairobi and named the "Nairobi Mafikiano" (Consensus) offers a direction on the role of UNCTAD and the programs to be undertaken by UNCTAD for the



next four years. "We have a deal done. It is a good day and a win for multilateralism," Mohamed told reporters. The new deal proposes sweeping powers to be granted to UNCTAD to deal with the issues affecting invest-

ments by both local and international corporations, governments and the private sector. "We have an outcome we are proud of. The eight days have shown the world what Kenya can offer," Mohamed said after ... (More on P4)...(26)

### Trump Vows to Renegotiate Trade Deals if Elected as US President

CLEVELAND, United States - Donald Trump, the US Republican presidential nominee for 2016 U.S. election, vowed to renegotiate existing trade agreements and never sign "bad trade deals" if elected as part of an effort to restore American jobs. "I pledge to never sign any trade agreement that hurts our workers, or that diminishes our freedom and independence," Trump said in a speech Thursday night while accepting the presidential nomination at the

Republican National Convention in Cleveland. "We will never, ever sign bad trade deals. America first, again," Trump said, adding that a new trade policy would be "a signature feature" of his presidency from the moment he takes office. Trump has rallied against the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) throughout his campaign and promised to renegotiate ... (More on P4)...(27)

### UN Chief Urges Turkey to Ensure Full Respect of Constitutional Order, Human Rights Law

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday urged the Turkish authorities "to do their utmost to ensure that the constitutional order and international human rights law are fully respected, in line with Turkey's international obligations." The secretary-general, in a statement issued here by his spokesman, said that "these include the freedoms of expression, movement and peaceful assem-

bly; independence of the judiciary and of the legal profession; and adherence to due process." "The secretary-general hopes that procedures under the state of emergency will be carried out in full transparency," the statement said. In relation to the declaration of a state of emergency for a period of three months in Turkey, the secretary-general took note of the repeated assurances by ... (More on P4)...(28)

### Assad Says Erdogan Uses Coup to Achieve "Radical Agenda"

DAMASCUS - Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said on Thursday that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan capitalized on the coup attempt in Turkey to implement a "radical agenda." In an interview with a Cuban news agency, al-Assad said the agenda Erdogan implemented is the one by the Muslim Brotherhood, adding that such an agenda is dangerous for Turkey and neighboring countries. The Syrian president was

referring to the mass arrests in Turkey and the heightened rhetoric of Erdogan following the failed coup attempt earlier this week. "How did they took such a decision," al-Assad said of the mass arrest campaign. "What's the relationship between the universities and civil society with the coup," he questioned. The Turkish government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has emerged as ... (More on P4)...(29)

## Neighbor News

### Iran Should Seek Better Southeast Asia Relations: Leader's Advisor

TEHRAN - A senior Iranian official has stressed the need for the Islamic Republic to pursue stronger relations with Southeast Asian countries, highlighting the mutual benefits of such relations. Ali Akbar Velayati, who is an adviser to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, made the remarks in an exclusive interview with IRNA on Thursday following a two-leg visit at the head of a delegation to Singapore and Malaysia. "It has been some years that Southeast Asia has been experiencing constant progress, which continues and is expected to continue in the future," he said. "The entire world, in-

cluding Western nations, seeks to secure itself a foothold in East and Southeast Asia. The Islamic Republic cannot stay behind, especially [given the fact] that attention to the East is among the Leader's strategic policies," the official said. The World Bank has named South Asia as the fastest growing region in the world. Velayati said countries in Southeast Asia are heedful of the fact that Iran is the "center of security" in the Middle East region and attach significance to the assistance the Islamic Republic has been providing toward the restoration of security in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen, as ... (More on P4)...(30)

### Pakistani PM's Party Wins Kashmir Elections

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) has emerged as the single largest party in the elections in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, election officials in the region said on Friday. The elections for the 41 Legislative Assembly's seats were held peacefully on Thursday and unofficial results have been announced after the overnight counting. According to the results, PML-N has secured 32, Muslim Conference 3, Pakistan Peoples Party and Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf party bagged two seats each. Two independent candidates also emerged victorious. Sharif is scheduled to visit Muzaffarabad, the

capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir later on Friday to "congratulate and thank" the people of Kashmir for voting his party, a government spokesman said. PPP, the ruling party in Kashmir, has alleged "scientific rigging" in the polls and will announce its response, a party leader said. Imran Khan, a senior opposition leader, who heads the PTI party, has accepted the results and said ruling party in Pakistan traditionally wins the elections. Khan's party won two seats which are allocated in Pakistan for the Kashmiri refugees. Chief of PTI in Kashmir, Barrister Sultan Mehmood, former Prime Minister in the region, faced defeat. (Xinhua)

### President Xi Calls for Better Supervision of Reform Efforts

BEIJING - Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday called for better supervision of reform efforts. Xi made the remarks at the 26th meeting of the Leading Group for Overall Reform, which he heads. The meeting was also attended by deputy heads of the group Li Keqiang, Liu Yunshan and Zhang Gaoli. Other members of the group and officials from related central departments also attended the meeting. Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military

Commission, presided over the meeting. He said the supervision is aimed at ensuring that reform will not deviate from the direction that the CPC Central Committee has decided on and reform efforts will not fail. Attendees of the meeting approved a plan for the pilot reform of poverty alleviation in less developed areas by exploring hydroelectric and mineral resources, a guideline for strengthening development of industry associations in cultural sectors, and a pilot reform plan for a system of leniency for suspects who pleaded guilty. (Xinhua)

### Unemployment Rate in Uzbekistan Remains at 5.2%

TASHKENT - Official unemployment rate in Uzbekistan has remained unchanged since early 2016 at 5.2 percent in H1 2016, while employment accounted for 94.8 percent of the economically active population, said the Uzbek State Statistics Committee. Uzbekistan's economically active population amounted to 13.192 million people in H1 2016, or 1.8 percent more than in the same period 2015. Out of those employed, 18.2 percent work in the public sector as of H1 2016, as compared to 18.4 percent in the same period 2015, while 81.8 percent of the employed people work in the non-public sector (81.6 percent in H1 2015).

The number of those employed in the small business has increased from 77.3 percent to 77.7 percent. The number of those employed has grown in the following types of economic activity: transportation and storage - 3.8 percent, accommodation and catering services - 3.7 percent, information and communications - 3.4 percent, construction - 3.3 percent and trade - 2.8 percent. Out of those employed, 27 percent accounted for agricultural sector, forestry and fish industry, 13.6 percent - for industry, 10.4 percent - for trade, 9.4 percent - for construction and 8.4 percent - for education. (Trend)