

Turkish President Vows Continued Fight against Terrorism

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday denounced the latest bombing attack in Istanbul, vowing continued battle against terrorism. "This terror attack is against humanity, there is no way to forgive these attacks," the president said after visiting some of the wounded in hospital, adding that "we will continue our struggle against terrorism tirelessly until the end."

Seven police officers and four civilians were killed and 36 others injured in the morning rush hour, when a parked car exploded as a riot police shuttle bus passed by in the neighborhood of Vezneciler in Istanbul's Fatih district. Three of the wounded are "in critical condition," Governor Vasip Sahin said. Erdogan said two people were undergoing surgery in the hospital where he visited. The deadly attack came



one day after Turkey entered the holy month of Ramadan, a time when Muslims in the country practice fasting. "Terror can happen anytime anywhere, we should ... (More on P4)...(18)

European Parliament urges more Action on unfair Food Supply Practices

STRASBOURG - The European Parliament (EP) will this week put pressure on the European Commission (EC) to take action against unfair trading practices in the food sector.

During a plenary session here, members of European Parliament (MEPs) will vote Tuesday on a non-legislative resolution calling on the EC to come up with proposals for fairer relations between



food producers, suppliers and distributors. MEPs will also express

concerns about overproduction and food waste caused by so-called unfair

trading practices (UTPs). The aim is to achieve what ... (More on P4)...(19)

British Queen Creates 12 Regal Professors to Mark 90th Birthday

LONDON - Queen Elizabeth II announced Monday she is creating 12 of the rarest academic honors in Britain to mark her 90th birthday.

Twelve of Britain's leading universities are being allowed to create Regius Professorships. Only 14 of the honors have been granted since the reign of Queen Victoria.

The title of Regius Professorship is a rare and prestigious award be-

stowed by the Sovereign to recognize exceptionally high quality research at an institution.

The creation of Regius Professorships falls under the Royal Prerogative, with each appointment approved personally by the monarch on ministerial advice.

The Cabinet Office said Monday: "A Regius Professorship is a well-deserved reflection of the ... (More on P4)...(20)

Second Aid Convoy Denied Access to Besieged Syrian Town Darayya: UN

GENEVA - A planned aid convoy containing mainly food has been unable to reach the besieged Syrian town of Darayya as planned, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) spokesperson Jens Laerke said Tuesday. The shipment was meant to follow last week's first humanitarian installment after the town received medical and nutritional supplies for children for the first time since 2012.

"We've only received a partial approval for overland transport of that second installment," Laerke explained. In light of protracted challenges to cater to the needs of those living in besieged and hard to reach areas because of ongoing



restrictions, plans to carry out airdrops are still being considered. "The humanitarian coordinator submitted to the government on Sunday a request for full approvals to deliver a complete package of assistance to all the locations that were either partially approved or not approved," said

the Director of the United Nations Information Service, Ahmad Fawzi. "Air delivery is not off the table, whether its high altitude or helicopter. The World Food Programme has drawn up a comprehensive plan over a two month period as a last resort to deliver by air ... (More on P4)...(21)

S. Korea's Top Diplomat to Visit Russia on DPRK Nuke Program

SEOUL - South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se will visit Russia next week to discuss issues on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s nuclear program, Seoul's foreign ministry said Tuesday. Foreign Ministry spokesman Cho June-hyuk told a regular press briefing that Minister Yun will visit Moscow on June 12 to hold a foreign ministers' dialogue with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov the next day.

The two-day visit would be the first since Yun took office in early 2013 and mark the first South Korean foreign



minister's travel to Russia in five years. Cho said the two ministers will make in-depth discussions on the Korean Peninsula issues, including the DPRK's nuclear program, as well as regional situation and ways of en-

hancing bilateral cooperation.

The spokesman said Yun's visit would serve as an opportunity to gain momentum in Seoul's diplomatic pressure on Pyongyang to dismantle its nuclear program. (Xinhua)

Civilians Fleeing Fallujah should not Face Double Jeopardy: UN

GENEVA - Many people who have suffered two and a half years of living hell under the Islamic State (IS) are probably now facing double jeopardy in the form of serious human rights violations after they have escaped Fallujah alive, a UN official warned here on Tuesday. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on Tuesday urged the Iraqi government to take immediate measures to ensure all people fleeing the IS-occupied city of Fallujah are treated in strict accordance with international human rights and humanitarian laws. There are extremely distressing, credible reports that some people who survive the terrifying experience of escaping from IS then face severe physical abuse once they reach the other side," the High Commissioner said. "Eyewitnesses have described how armed groups operating in support of the Iraqi security forces are intercepting people fleeing the conflict, and there are even allegations that some individuals have been summarily executed by these armed groups," he added. According to the UN official, it is paramount all individuals fleeing the violence around Fallujah must be assumed to be civilians without links to armed groups, unless there is clear evidence to the contrary. The latest UN figures showed that since January 2014, when ... (More on P4)...(24)

Facebook CEO's Twitter and Pinterest Accounts Hacked

NEW YORK - The Twitter and Pinterest accounts of the Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg were taken over by the hackers in recent days, it has been reported.

According to a person familiar with the matter, the password of Zuckerberg had apparently appeared last month in a database of more than 100 million usernames and passwords stolen in 2012 from LinkedIn Corp. The person further added that Zuckerberg appears to have reused the same password he used in his



LinkedIn account to log into Twitter and Pinterest, allowing hackers to take over those accounts. A collective that calls itself OurMine boasted that it had broken into a handful of his social media accounts, including LinkedIn, Twitter, and

Pinterest. Screenshot posted by Engadget showed the hackers notifying Zuckerberg of the breach using his own Twitter account. Bold move. "We are just testing your security," the tweet read. ... (More on P4)...(22)

Top British Officials Arrive in Nepal for Official Visit

KATHMANDU - British Foreign and Commonwealth Permanent Under-Secretary Sir Simon McDonald and the British Department for International Development's (DFID) Permanent Secretary Mark Lowcock arrived in Nepal Tuesday for an official visit. A press release issued from the British Embassy in Nepal said that the visit is an opportunity to celebrate both modern and historic links between the two countries. The British officials will discuss bilateral and international issues with senior government officials including Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli, Foreign Minister Kamal Thapa, and Finance Minister Bishnu Poudel, the embassy said. "They will also meet with a wide range of people from business and politics to discuss issues that are important to both countries, including the current political situation, human rights, the economic and humanitarian challenges facing Nepal, ways the UK ... (More on P4)...(23)

Spanish Police Arrest Moroccan Recruiting for Daesh

MADRID - Spanish police on Tuesday confirmed they have arrested a Moroccan man in the city of Valencia on charges of glorifying terrorism, radicalizing and recruiting potential radical fighters over the internet. The Spanish Interior Ministry confirmed the man had "established with a stable, active and complex network, destined to the spreading, justification and glorification of the jihadist ideas of Daesh (the Islamic State)." The ministry adds that the detainee used "multiple internet accounts" and "every possible strategy to remain hidden." Investigations show that he maintained contacts with "a high number of Daesh fighters, some of whom were ... (More on P4)...(25)

Russian Loans for Iran Coming 'in 2 Weeks'

TEHRAN - A top Russian official says Moscow is preparing to provide Iran with two loans with a total amount of €2.5 billion in the near future. Russia's Deputy Finance Minister Sergey Storchak has been quoted as saying by the country's media that the Finance Ministry expects to get the cabinet's permission on granting loans to Iran in two weeks. "The intrastate procedures concerning the two loans to Iran are about to be completed and we will finish them soon,"

Storchak said. "This is probably a matter of two weeks." Russia's President Vladimir Putin said in November that Moscow is ready to provide a \$5 billion state loan to Tehran to promote industrial cooperation. Another €2 billion export loan will be granted to Iran by Russian state lender Vnesheconbank, the country's media reported. During the visit to Tehran by the Russian president, the two countries selected 35 priority projects in

energy, port facilities, and railway electrification to receive loans from Moscow. In April, Storchak had emphasized that the legal disagreements on Russia's loan to Iran had been removed and domestic agreements between different agencies in Russia would be reached in the near future. He had also said that these two loans are considered as pilot and are not linked to the loan of \$5 billion that was announced by Russia for ... (More on P4)...(26)

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Pakistan's Military, Civilian Leaders Condemn U.S. Drone

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's top civil and military leadership on Tuesday condemned a recent U.S. drone strike in the country's southwestern Balochistan province and noted with concerns that the act has damaged diplomatic efforts for peace negotiation in Afghanistan. The leaders met at the army's headquarters in Rawalpindi near Islamabad to review the overall national security situation, the army said. "The meeting expressed its concern on 21 May U.S. drone strike and agreed that the action was a clear violation of Pakistan's sovereignty, affecting mutual trust, and undermined the spirit of Afghan Peace Process under mutu-

ally agreed Quadrilateral framework," said a statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting. Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the United States are part of the quadrilateral framework which in its last meeting in Islamabad on May 18 had agreed that political option is the best choice to resolve the Afghan problem. The Pakistani military and political leaders also reaffirmed the country's commitment to enduring regional peace and underlined that "hostile intelligence agencies and their facilitators will not be allowed to foment trouble inside Pakistan." Participants of the meeting dwelt at length on ... (More on P4)...(27)

Iran Censures Istanbul Blast, Urges Firm Fight on Terror

TEHRAN - Iran has strongly condemned Tuesday's terrorist bomb blast in the Turkish city of Istanbul, stressing the necessity of a firm international fight against terrorism. At least 11 people were killed and 36 others injured after a parked car packed with explosives was detonated by remote control in central Istanbul during the morning rush hour as police buses passed on Tuesday. The area is a commercial hub as well as the location of Istanbul University and is close to key tourist sites like the Grand Bazaar. Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hossein

Jaberi Ansari on Tuesday offered his condolences to the Turkish government, nation and the families of the victims. He stressed the importance of a firm and broad campaign by the international community against terrorism and extremism. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing but Kurdish militants, Daesh terrorists and radical leftists have all staged attacks in Turkey recently. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited the scene of the blast saying Terror attacks by the PKK, the ... (More on P4)...(28)

Forbes puts 9 Chinese Ladies on World's most Powerful

BEIJING - The latest annual list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women was released by American Business magazine Forbes on Monday, with Chinese women making their strongest show on this list. The world's most powerful females were selected from across the fields of politics, business, technology, nongovernmental organizations and philanthropy, which included 32 chief executive officers, 12 world leaders and 11 billionaires. 2016 is a record year for China, which was represented by nine women for the first time, including Lucy Peng, a senior executive

of e-commerce giant Alibaba, who was the highest-ranking Chinese woman in the 35th position. World Health Organization Director-General Margaret Chan, ranked 38, is the second highest ranking Chinese woman on this list. Kingston Securities CEO Pollyanna Chu, and Great Wall Motor Co. CEO Wang Fengying, are also included in the list. The 2016 list features 100 women from 29 countries. According to the BBC website, German Chancellor Angela Merkel is ranked first for the sixth consecutive year and 11 times in total. She is followed by American ... (More on P4)...(29)

Task Force Meeting on the OSCE's Role in Tajikistan will Take Place Today

DUSHANBE - OSCE field operation based in the country's capital, Dushanbe, with field offices in Gharm, Khujand, Kulob, Qurghon Teppa, and Shahritus. It is led by Ambassador Markus Müller from Switzerland and has a staff of 32 internationals and 185 local personnel. As one of the largest OSCE field operations, the Office is involved in a wide range of activities, ranging from arms control, counter-terrorism and border management projects to supporting cross-border markets and free economic zones, human rights, media development, and legal reform initiatives. The Office in Tajikistan is an

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