

## Kassym-Jomart Tokayev Declared Winner in Kazakhstan

NUR-SULTAN - Kazakhstan's interim president, the successor of Nursultan Nazarbayev, was declared the winner of Sunday's presidential election, defeating six other government-approved candidates. The country's Central Election Commission said on Monday that Kassym-Jomart Tokayev won nearly 71 percent of the vote with all the ballots counted and his nearest challenger, opposition candidate Amirzhan Kosanov, had about 16 percent. Kazakhstan has thrived economically because of huge oil and gas deposits, and has played a constructive regional role in the past. (DOA).



### Mnuchin Confirms Trump Could Use 'Security Threat' Huawei as Bargaining Chip in Trade War

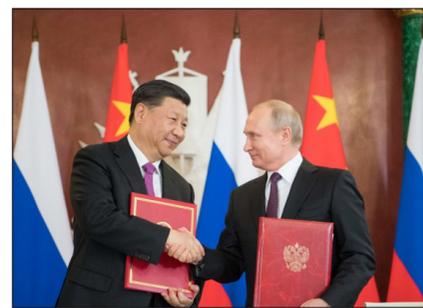
WASHINGTON - US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that Chinese telecom giant Huawei remains a national security threat - except when it can be used to wring a better deal out of China. "I think what the president is saying is, if we move forward on trade, that perhaps he'll be willing to do certain things on Huawei if he gets comfort from China on that and certain guarantees," Mnuchin said Sunday. Mnuchin's words dou-

ble down on the contradictory arguments made by US President Donald Trump in May, after he put the Chinese 5G technology pioneer on the US' blacklist. "Huawei is something that's very dangerous," he said at the time, talking about the supposed security and military risks of letting Huawei into the US market. At the same time, he admitted that he would be willing to yield to get a better deal in the ongoing trade war with China. (RT)

### Russia-China Cooperation to Significantly Improve in New Era: Scholar

MOSCOW - Russia-China cooperation in various areas will substantially improve as the two countries have elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era, a Russian scholar has said. The two countries will raise the level of strategic coordination, and make cooperation more fruitful, said Sergei Luzyanin, director of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

Chinese President Xi Jinping's recent visit to Russia is very significant as this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China as well as seven decades of Russia-China diplomatic relationship, he said. Luzyanin expects both sides to promote the synergy of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Belt and Road Initiative, strengthen partnership within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, improve the global gov-



ernance system, and enhance cooperation on security issues. Russia and China will accelerate economic, trade and investment co- operation in the new era, Luzyanin said. Two-way trade between the two countries hit a record high of over ... (More on P4)... (12)

### Obesity, Climate Change and AI Will Be Focus of UK Research in Coming Year



LONDON - Future challenges such as climate change, obesity, automation and artificial intelligence will be the focus of research initia-

tives in Britain over the coming year, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) announced Monday. An ambitious list of re-

search areas was outlined by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to ensure world-leading research and innovation continues to flourish in Britain. ESRC is part of UKRI. The plans outline how UKRI aims to deliver the British government's target of spending 2.4 percent of Britain's GDP on research and innovation by 2027. UKRI CEO Sir Mark Walport said: "The delivery plans outline how we will address the major global and societal

challenges of our time, catalyse collaboration and contribute to meeting the government's ambitious 2.4 percent target." Since its launch a year ago, UKRI has awarded nearly 4,600 research and innovation grants and supported 24,000 projects. ESRC executive chair Jennifer Rubin said: "The UK faces major opportunities and challenges, from climate change, low productivity and the increasing ... (More on P4)... (13)

### IAEA Chief Worried About Rising Tension over Iran Nuclear Issue

VIENNA - The U.N. atomic watchdog's chief said on Monday he was worried about rising tensions over Iran's nuclear program and called for de-escalation through dialogue, departing from his usual guarded language on the country. Washington has ratcheted up pressure on Tehran over what it sees as its nefarious role in the region. It has tightened already punishing economic sanctions, and deployed an aircraft carrier and other extra hardware to the Middle East in response to what it said was a

threat from Iran. Tehran has responded by threatening to abandon some of the restrictions on its nuclear activities imposed by its landmark 2015 deal with major powers, which also lifted international sanctions against the country. "I am worried about increasing tensions over the Iranian nuclear issue," International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yukiya Amano said in a speech to a meeting of the IAEA's 35-nation Board of Governors, one of its main decision-making bodies. (Reuters)

### A Brexit Deal Is My Priority, Says UK PM Hopeful Javid

LONDON - Britain's interior minister Sajid Javid, a contender to replace Theresa May, said on Monday if he was prime minister he would pursue a deal to leave the European Union and would offer to pay any new costs to keep the border open with Ireland.

"It is absolutely my priority and it has been the government's priority to leave with a deal because whilst no deal can't be taken off the table... the focus should absolutely be the deal," Javid told LBC radio, adding technology could be used to keep the border with Ireland open.

"I would offer to pay the entire cost of this new border... (More on P4)... (16)

### Turkey Says National Team Treated Badly at Iceland Airport

ANKARA, Turkey - Turkish officials have condemned the treatment of its national soccer team endured upon arrival in Iceland ahead of a European Championship qualifying game.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency said the Turkey players were kept at passport control for more than two hours at Keflavik Airport on Sunday while their bags were repeatedly searched. The report said a man held a toilet cleaning brush like a microphone while team captain Emre Belezoglu spoke to Turkish journalists.

Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu wrote on Twitter the team's treatment in Iceland was "unacceptable from the point of diplomatic and humane practices." Turkey moved to the top of its Euro 2020 qualifying group by beating World Cup champion France 2-0 at home on Saturday. (AP)

### Google Earned \$4.7bn from News Organizations in 2018, Says Study

An explosive new report details how Google earned a whopping \$4.7 billion in ad revenue from news organizations online in 2018, while the entire US news industry made a combined \$5.1 billion from digital advertising.

The study, by the News Media Alliance, reveals the extent to which the tech giant profits from the work of web journalists and digital news organizations by monetizing Google search and Google News. According to the study, some 40 percent of clicks on Google's trending queries are



news-related, all of which are monetized. "They make money off this arrangement," said President and CEO of the News Media Alliance David Chavern who argues that journalists and content creators deserve a cut of that money, "and

there needs to be a better outcome for news publishers." Google does not pay for the content but generates web traffic clicks, and thus revenue, by sharing headlines and news summaries from various outlets verbatim. ... (More on P4)... (14)

### Stunned Finnish Coast Guard Spots '3-Headed Sea Monster'... Turns Out to Be A 'Russian Yacht'

HELSINKI - Finland's Coast Guard sent a patrol boat to inspect a peculiar "three-headed sea monster" making its way thought the mist along the nation's border. However, the mysterious object was not quite a deep-sea creature.

The Coast Guard officers were in for a surprise when they noticed an unusual vessel traversing the foggy waters of the Gulf of Finland on Sunday. Due to poor visibility, it was hard to

tell what type of a ship it was, so a patrol boat was dispatched to check it out.

The vessel turned out to be a Russian yacht with three large dragon heads on its hull, the Coast Guard told local media. The stunned officers snapped a picture of the yacht and shared it on social media, describing the vessel as "a three-headed sea monster." "I haven't encountered anything like that ... (More on P4)... (15)

### Shops Open, Buses Run on Day 2 of Sudan Civil Campaign

KHARTOUM - Several shops and fuel stations opened and buses ran Monday in the Sudanese capital, on the second day of a nationwide civil disobedience campaign called to pressure the ruling military.

The campaign comes a week after a deadly crackdown on protesters in Khartoum left dozens dead and almost two months since the April 11 ouster of Sudan's longtime ruler Omar al-Bashir following months of protests.

Four people were killed on Sunday -- the first day of the campaign -- two in Khartoum and two in the capital's twin city of Omdurman, just across the Nile river.

Protesters had set up several roadblocks across many areas of the capital that the ruling generals have vowed to remove in order to bring "life to normal".

On Monday, several shops, fuel stations and some branches of private banks were open across Khartoum, an AFP correspondent who toured the capital said.

Public transport buses were also ferrying passengers, while more vehicles and people were seen on the capital's streets, he said.

"If I work it does not mean that I don't support the revolution," said bus driver Abdulmajid Mohamed. "I have to work to support my family or else we will have no money."

The generals have blamed protesters for a deterioration in security in Khartoum and across the country. "The ... (More on P4)... (17)

## Neighbor News

### German FM Meets Iran's Zarif to Discuss Nuclear Deal

TEHRAN - German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas held talks Monday with his Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif on the future of the 2015 nuclear deal which he described as "extraordinarily important" for Europe.

The two shook hands in front of cameras before their closed-door meeting at the foreign ministry in Tehran, AFP reporters said.

The nuclear deal is "extraordinarily important" for Europe's security, Maas told reporters overnight after arriving in Tehran on the last leg of a regional tour that took him to Iraq, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

But he added: "We do not want Iran to have nuclear weapons." The nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was struck between Iran and six major powers -- Britain,

China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States -- in 2015. It saw Iran scale down its nuclear programme in exchange for sanctions relief.

But last year the United States unilaterally withdrew from the deal and reimposed sanction on Iran.

Tehran has urged Europe to uphold commitments made under the deal and help Iran circumvent US sanctions. Iran has also threatened to scale down its nuclear commitments if its interests are not met.

According to Maas, Germany and its European partners "have made the greatest effort to meet (their) commitments".

He acknowledged that the economic benefits Tehran hoped for from the deal were now "more difficult to obtain" but urged Iran to fully respect the agreement. (AFP)

### 2mln Tourists Visit KP During Eid Vacations, Cleanliness in Tourists Destinations Ordered

PESHAWAR - The scenic valleys, mountainous beauty and waterfalls in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have attracted around two million tourists this year especially during Eid days in the province.

Senior Minister for Tourism Atif Khan has said that arrival of record number of tourists in KP has reflected an

excellent strategy of the government to promote tourism in the province. Flanked by provincial minister for local government and rural development, Shahram Khan Tarkai, the ministers visited Nathia Gali in Abbottabad and reviewed different facilities and cleanliness arrangements in tourists areas and resorts. (Monitoring Desk)

### Uzbekistan, Asian Development Bank to Expand Cooperation

TASHKENT - Uzbekistan and Asian Development Bank agreed on public-private partnerships to improve municipal water infrastructure in Uzbek cities of Samarkand, Bukhara, Namangan and Karshi, Trend reports referring to the press office of the bank.

The memorandum of agreement was signed by Dilshod Azimov, First Deputy Minister of Housing and Communal Services of Uzbekistan and by Cindy Malvicini, the Country Director of Asian Development Bank's Uzbekistan Resident Mission.

"This is a historic event and we hope that together with Asian Development Bank we will successfully implement this project. We

believe that this project will help us to engage highly qualified and experienced private water operator to improve delivery, quality and rendering of water supply and sanitation services to residents of these four cities," said Dilshod Azimov.

"The Ministry of Housing and Communal Services will be taking a lead role in preparation and implementation of this project," he added. The Government of Uzbekistan has identified the water supply and sanitation sector as one of the top priorities in the national development agenda and has initiated a series of reforms including introduction of public-private partnerships to spur the sector's development. (Trend)

### Megafon Tajikistan Announces 4G, 3G Network Expansion

DUSHANBE - the country's third largest cellco by subscribers - has announced the completion of a project 'significantly expanding' 4G LTE mobile network coverage in all regions of the country, involving the upgrade of more than 150 base stations since the start of the year and introducing LTE in three additional cities and five districts.

The Russian-backed operator confirmed in its website announcement that its 4G network now covers a total of 23 cities, regional centres and other municipalities in Tajikistan.

The upgrade project also involved modernising MegaFon's

2G/3G/4G network in areas of the capital Dushanbe and tourist locations, adding new base stations, raising capacity and optimally configuring the network to serve more subscribers in such areas, whilst also modernising more than 100 3G sites in locations across all four of Tajikistan's provinces (outside Dushanbe) - Khatlon (south/south-west); Regions of Republican Subordination (RRS, central); Sughd (north/north-west); and Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (encompassing the sparsely populated east and a strip of south-central territory). (Agencies)