

UK's EU Referendum Polls Show "Leave", "Remain" Tied up

LONDON - The latest polls showed the "Leave" camp was tied with the "Remain" camp in the EU referendum to determine whether or not Britain should stay in the 28-member bloc.

The number of Remain supporters has grown just two days before the EU referendum.

According to a poll conducted by market research firm YouGov for The Times newspaper, the Leave side is now two points ahead of Remain, at 44 percent to 42, with the Leave camp gaining one point compared with the last poll results, while



the Remain camp lost two points. The poll by ORB International for the Telegraph newspaper showed Tuesday that 53 percent would vote stay, up five percentage points than a week ago to the 46 percent voting leave, down three points. Meanwhile, the Financial Times' so-called "poll of

polls" showed both sides level with 44 percent each. The Remain camp has been cheered up as British football star David Beckham showed his support and called on people to vote to stay in the EU on Tuesday.

On Tuesday afternoon, British Prime Minister David Cameron also made a speech outside 10 Downing Street to plea for Britons to vote remain. He stressed that Britain's economy would be stronger if it stayed in the EU, and weaker if it left, saying leaving would make the country harder to keep safe. (Xinhua)

International Meeting Held in Hungary to Combat Illegal Migration

BUDAPEST - Delegates from 13 countries together with the European Union's border control agency Frontex, and its policing arm Europol, met in Budapest on Tuesday to discuss the tasks of managing the migration wave that has been underway for the past year.

Hungarian police chief Károly Papp gave a keynote address, pointing out that new challenges require new responses. He called for cooperation

of various sides.

Hungary, he said, received supports from Polish border control officials and the Slovak police force last year in controlling the border region between Hungary and Serbia, where the majority of asylum-seekers crossed into Hungary last year.

In turn, it had offered assistance to, among others, Serbia, Slovenia, Greece, Bulgaria and Macedonia, the countries along the main migration route



into Europe. Papp called for regulating and controlling the manner by which migrants cross the EU borders in line with the directive issued by

the European Council in March. The directive called for the cooperation by all members in the fight against illegal ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Jordan King Vows Response after Terrorist Attack Killing 6 Soldiers

AMMAN - King Abdullah II of Jordan on Tuesday vowed a response after a terrorist attack killed at least six Jordanian troops and injured 14 others on the border with Syria, the state-run Petra news agency reported.

"Jordan will strike with an iron fist all those who try to harm its security and borders," the king, also the supreme commander of Jordan's Armed Forces, said at a meeting at the army

headquarters.

The king expressed pride in the soldiers who defend the country's borders against terrorists, commending the unity and solidarity among Jordanians.

"These terrorist attacks will only make us more determined to face terrorism and fight its gangs," he said.

Earlier on Tuesday, a booby trapped car exploded at a military post in the no man's land ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

U.S., Israeli Defense Chiefs Reaffirm Strength of Military Relationship

WASHINGTON - U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter and his Israeli counterpart Avigdor Lieberman on Monday reaffirmed the strength of the U.S.-Israeli defense relationship, the Pentagon said in a statement.

At their meeting at the Pentagon, Carter reaffirmed the U.S. "unwavering commitment to Israel's security," the statement said.

The two defense chiefs also discussed regional security challenges in

the Middle East and areas of mutual defense cooperation, it said.

During his visit to the U.S., Lieberman will also travel to Fort Worth, Texas, for a ceremony as the first F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft destined for Israel rolls off the production line.

Israel will be the first U.S. partner to receive the F-35, which will "play a key role in maintaining Israel's qualitative military edge in the Middle East," the statement said. (Xinhua)

US Justice Department Releases Full Transcript of Orlando Gunman's 911 Calls

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) on Monday afternoon released a full transcript of a 911 call made by Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen under intense criticism from Republicans for previously deleting references to the Islamic State (IS) and its leader.

According to the new full transcript, Mateen told the 911 dispatcher in the 2:35 a.m. call on June 12 that he pledged "allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi may God protect him

(Arabic), on behalf of the Islamic State."

In an earlier version released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), references to IS and its leader were withheld, causing House Speaker Paul Ryan to quickly criticize the DOJ's decision as "preposterous."

"We know the shooter was a radical Islamist extremist inspired by ISIS. We also know he intentionally targeted the LGBT community," said Ryan in a statement, referring to another



acronym of the extremist group.

"The administration should release the full, unredacted transcript so the public is clear-eyed

about who did this, and why," said Ryan.

In explaining its decision to reverse course and release the full transcript, ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Modi Leads 2nd International Yoga Day Celebrations in India

NEW DELHI - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday joined over 30,000 people in stretching, twisting and bending for asanas (ancient exercises) as the country celebrated the second International Yoga Day.

Dressed in a white T-shirt and track pants with a scarf, Modi performed a variety of poses, along with 30,000 people, on a mat at the Capitol Complex in the central government-controlled territory of Chandigarh, barely three hours drive from the national capital. Urging people to embrace



yoga like they have taken to the mobile phone, the prime minister delinked it from religion and said that it "gives us health assurance at zero budget," helps control the mind and helps people to lead a

disciplined life. "Yoga is not a religious activity. Many people do not understand yoga completely. It is not what you will get from yoga but what is important is what you ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Eight School Children Killed, 11 Injured in Road Accident in India

NEW DELHI - At least eight school children were killed and 11 others injured Tuesday after a speeding bus rammed into a stationary van in southwestern state of Karnataka in India, officials said.

The ill-fated van was hit at Trasi village of Udipi district, about 403 km northwest of Bengaluru, the capital city of Karnataka. "This morning at 8:15 (local time), a bus rammed into a van carrying school children, killing eight on spot and injuring 11 others including driver and a teacher," an official posted in the district said. "The van had stopped at an intersection few meters from the school, when the speeding bus hit ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

5 Killed, 35 Injured in Suicide Truck Bombing at Military Base in Iraq

TIKRIT - At least five members of a Shiite paramilitary unit were killed and 35 others wounded on Tuesday in a truck bomb attack at a military base near a town in Iraq's northern central province of Salahudin, a provincial police source told Xinhua. The attack occurred in the morning when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden truck into the headquarters of the government-backed unit, known as Hashd Shaabi, near the town of Dowr in east of the provincial capital city of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The attack came as ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

Russian Aircraft Deliver 17 Tons of UN Aid to Syria

MOSCOW - Russian aircraft have dropped 17 tons of UN humanitarian aid on Syria's eastern city of Deir ez-Zor, which had been besieged by Islamic States (IS) militants, the Russian Center for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides said

on Tuesday.

The aid, which was delivered via parachutes, contains grain and food products. Kafr Batna, a suburb of Damascus, has also received 41 heavy truckloads of humanitarian aid, including food and medicines. A

cease-fire brokered by Russia and the United States, which took effect in February, has brought relative calm to the war-ravaged country. The cessation of hostilities does not apply to terrorist organizations, such as the IS. (Xinhua)

50 Saudis Detained over 'Un-Islamic' Necklaces, Haircuts

RIYADH - Fifty young men have been arrested in Saudi Arabia for haircuts, necklaces and other adornments considered un-Islamic.

The suspects were detained during a Ramadan crackdown in Makkah, according to Saudi news website Sabq.

"They were handed over to the department of criminal investigations," said Sabq, which accompanied investigators during their visits to shopping areas in the city. Officers noticed "a number of offences like strange haircuts, chains

that are hung upon the chest or arms, head wraps and short clothes and immodest ones - for both men and women," reported Sabq, which is close to the authorities. The law enforcement team, which included women, advised citizens ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

China Pledges Universal Health Service for Poverty-Stricken Population

BEIJING - Chinese authorities on Tuesday issued a document on poverty relief, pledging universal access to basic medical and health services.

The document, jointly issued by 15 governmental agencies including the National Health and Family Planning Com-

mission (NHFP) and the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, pledged to ensure such universal services by 2020.

It requires medical services to be improved and medical insurance and social security systems to be streamlined.

According to the document, a campaign will treat poor, rural people with major, curable diseases, and there are specific arrangements for patients with chronic complaints who need long-term treatment or rehabilitation. Wang Pei'an, deputy ...*(More on P4)...(28)*

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Chinese President Starts Uzbekistan Visit

BUKHARA - Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in the ancient city of Bukhara in central-southern Uzbekistan on Tuesday, starting his state visit to this Central Asian country.

Bukhara is a city-museum with a history of more than 2,500 years. Located along the route of the ancient Silk Road, the city has long served as a center of trade, scholarship, culture and religion. UNESCO listed the Historic Center of Bukhara, which boasts numerous mosques, as a World Heritage Site in 1993.

Xi will later travel to the Uzbek capital of

Tashkent, where he will hold talks with his Uzbek counterpart, Islam Karimov, on promoting bilateral relations and jointly building the China-proposed Silk Road Economic Belt, as well as on major international and regional issues.

In Tashkent, Xi will also attend the 16th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State on June 23 and 24. Uzbekistan is the third and final stop of Xi's ongoing three-nation tour, which has taken him to Serbia and Poland. (Xinhua)

Iran Warns Bahrain on Revoking Citizenship of Shiite Cleric

TEHRAN - Iran on Monday warned Bahrain of consequences after the latter revoked citizenship of a top Shiite cleric, Press TV reported.

It would set fire to Bahrain and the entire region, and "leave the people (of Bahrain) with no choice but armed resistance," Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) was quoted as saying.

Bahrain announced on Monday it had revoked the citizenship of the country's most powerful Shiite cleric, saying the move was part of measures to fight

extremism.

Sheikh Isa Qassim, who was stripped of nationality, is the leader of the opposition group Al Wafaq National Islamic Society, the Bahraini Interior Ministry said in a statement.

The statement accused Isa Qassim of forming "groups that follow foreign religious ideologies and political entities" and of playing "a key role in fostering extremism and sectarianism in Bahrain."

This would result in the collapse of the "blood-thirsty regime," said Soleimani, adding that the regime is ...*(More on P4)...(29)*

Tajikistan Confiscates Thousands of 'Hazardous' China-Made Toys

DUSHANBE - Tajikistan's consumer protection agency, Tajik Standard, has confiscated large amounts of counterfeit and low-quality toys from China over health and safety issues.

Tajik Standard officials told RFE/RL on June 21 that more than 9,000 Chinese-made toys had been confiscated from shops and market places across the Central Asian nation in recent weeks. According to the agency,

parts of the confiscated toys contain hazardous chemicals such as lead and cadmium.

Many of the toys might have been imported to Tajikistan illegally, agency officials said.

Earlier this month, Tajik Standard proposed new regulations aimed at preventing tainted toys from entering the Tajik market. The majority of toys, school items, and children's clothes in Tajikistan are imported from China. (Agencies)

Pakistan's Former Ambassador to US 'Lobbying Against Own Country': Aziz

ISLAMABAD - Adviser to Pakistani Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz on Tuesday claimed in the National Assembly that a former Pakistani ambassador to the United States (US) is 'lobbying against his own country' and 'creating hurdles for the government'.

"A former Pakistani ambassador is working against his own country in the US," Aziz said, adding that Pakistan's diplomatic mission in the US is facing challenges due to the former ambassador's campaign.

"This person is trying to tackle all our diplomatic efforts in boosting the bilateral ties between Pakistan and the United States," Aziz said. Without revealing the identity of the person, the adviser said, "The Foreign Office has serious reservation on the activities of the said person in the US." Read more: PPP's envoy to US, Indian

lobbies working against F-16 deal: defence minister

'Making successful efforts for non-entry of India to NSG'

Aziz also said that Pakistan is 'making successful efforts' against India's Nuclear Suppliers Group membership.

The adviser's remarks come just days after Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj said India is "not opposed" to Pakistan's entry to the NSG.

Winding up a discussion on demands for grants, the adviser rejected the impression that Pakistan is being isolated and said Pakistan has to prioritise foreign policy on the basis of new alignments taking place in the world. Aziz said Pakistan is pursuing a balanced policy based on non-interference and protection of national interests and nuclear assets. ...*(More on P4)...(30)*