

Putin, Kerry Meeting under Consideration: Kremlin

MOSCOW - A meeting between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's and Russian President Vladimir Putin is under consideration as the top U.S. diplomat will visit Moscow next week over the Syria crisis, according to the Kremlin. "The visit by John Kerry is being coordinated and is very likely to take place in Moscow where he will meet Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov ... and the possibility of Kerry's meeting with the Russian president



is under consideration," Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters. The two sides are expected to focus on the situation in Syria, he said, adding that Moscow is satisfied with its joint efforts with the United States in coordinating and promoting the peaceful settlement process in the country. Earlier in the day, Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, confirmed to Russia's GovoritMoskva radio station... (More on P6)...(20)

EU-Turkey Deal Offers 'Real Chance' to End Migrant Crisis: Merkel

BERLIN - Germany's Angela Merkel said Wednesday a planned EU-Turkey deal offers the first "real chance" to end the migrant crisis but cautioned that the bloc won't seek agreement at any cost. Speaking on the eve of a crucial Brussels summit,



Merkel made clear the EU would stand firm on civil rights in Turkey and that ... (More on P6)...(21)

Turkish Police Detain 47 in Counterterrorism Operations

ISTANBUL - At least 47 people were detained on Wednesday in counterterrorism operations across Turkey against the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), Turkish media reported.

One of the most extensive operations was conducted in Istanbul's 16 districts simultaneously, Turkish



state agency Anadolu reported. Anti-terror teams, backed by police helicopters, have detained a total of 20 people including ... (More on P6)...(22)

Iran Missiles Serve Defensive, Deterrent Purposes: Rouhani

TEHRAN - Iran's President Hassan Rouhani says the country's ballistic missile serves defensive and deterrent purposes, stressing that the Islamic Republic has never sought to launch aggression against any country.

"We have had and no intention of invading any country, particularly our neighbors, with our missiles and we will not do so, and our arms are [designed] solely to defend ... (More on P6)...(24)

Russian Pullout from Syria to Have Positive Impact on Geneva Peace Talks

BEIJING - The withdrawal of Russian military forces from Syria is a step forward that could help promote the peace talks in Geneva, analysts said.

Experts say the move, which was welcomed by the Syrian opposition, will serve as a strong impetus to the ongoing peace talks. "Russia has achieved impressive military gains in Syria, which made national reconciliation and the ceasefire agreement between Damascus and the opposition ... (More on P6)...(25)

Libya's Tripoli PM Warns U.N.-Backed Government Not to Enter Capital

TUNIS - The prime minister of Tripoli's self-declared government has warned Libya's U.N.-backed cabinet - based in Tunis - not to come to the capital, saying such a move would be illegal and suggesting ministers

could face arrest. Two rival administrations within Libya are fighting for control, one in Tripoli, and one in the east, while the United Nations has brokered a deal for a national unity government meant to bring the sides together and end the conflict. Responding to a request by the U.N.-backed Presidential Council and Western powers for an immediate transfer of power, Khalifa al-Ghwell told Reuters late on Tuesday he could ... (More on P6)...(23)

Neighbor News

CASA-1000 to Boost Pakistan-Tajikistan Relations: President

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani President Mamnoon Hussain has said the CASA-1000 project will be a milestone in boosting relations between Pakistan and Tajikistan.

He was talking to Tajikistan Parliamentary delegation headed by Majlisi Namoyandagon of Tajikistan Chairman Zuhurov Shukurjon in Islamabad. He said Pakistan is looking forward to the opening ceremony of the CASA-1000 project in

May 2016. He stressed that peace in Afghanistan is necessary for peace, security and stability in Pakistan and the region. He said that Pakistan is sincerely pursuing the vision of a peaceful neighbourhood and desires to have friendly relations with all its neighbours, including India. He emphasized that resolution of the Kashmir issue is essential for improvement in ties with India. (Agencies)

Chinese Vice Premier Eyes Closer Cooperation with European Companies

BEIJING - Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang on Wednesday called on European enterprises to cooperate with China in promoting science, innovation and service trade. Wang made the remarks when meeting with a delegation mostly composed of business leaders from Europe. The delegation is led by Henry Keswick, chairman of Jardine Matheson Hold-

ings Ltd. Trade between China and the UK and Europe at large has been remarkable, Wang said. "There is great potential for the trade relationship and I hope Jardine Matheson and other enterprises can expand their cooperation with China and tap the potential in promoting science, innovation and service trade," Wang told the delegation. (Xinhua)

Iran Criticizes UN Human Rights Report as 'Politically-Motivated'

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Ministry dismissed a recent report by the UN special rapporteur on human rights in Iran, Ahmed Shaheed, as "politically-motivated," Tasnim news agency reported on Wednesday. "We believe that the content of the rapporteur's report on the Islamic Republic of Iran

is biased and has been prepared with the political intents," Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hossein Jaber Ansari said reacting to Shaheed's latest report to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Shaheed's report has been made on the basis of unauthentic information ... (More on P6)...(27)

Lockheed Staves Off F-16 Production Line Closure as it Waits on Pakistan's Orders

WASHINGTON - Lockheed Martin Corp is using its own funds to pay suppliers and stave off the closure of its F-16 fighter jet production line as it waits to finalize orders from Pakistan and other countries, a

company official said on Tuesday. Orlando Carvalho, who heads Lockheed's Aeronautics division, said the cost of keeping the F-16 supply chain ready for further orders was "very man ... (More on P6)...(28)

Putin Urges Not to Politicize Doping Scandal

MOSCOW - Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday urged not to politicize the doping scandal involving Russian athletes, while vowing to cooperate with international organizations in order to prevent such incidents in the future. "We need to actively develop, as before, partnerships with international organizations working in this field, primarily with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Olympic Committee," Putin said at a meeting with government officials. Since melonidonium has been added to ... (More on P6)...(26)

Iraqi Plane Crashes in Northern Iraq, 3 Crew Missing

KIRKUK - An Iraqi plane crashed on Wednesday and its crew went missing while flying over Islamic State (IS)-held area near Iraq's northern city of Kirkuk, a security source said. The Cessna 208 Caravan was on reconnaissance mission over the militant-seized town of Hawijah, some 70 km southwest of Kirkuk, when the authorities lost contact with the crew, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. So far, there

is no information about the fate of the three crew members, while a search was launched is underway, the source said. The incident apparently occurred due to technical malfunctions, the source added. The Sunni Arab town of Hawijah has been under IS group control since June 2014, when Iraqi government forces abandoned their weapons and posts and fled in northern and western the country. (Xinhua)

Greek Gov't Fumes over Migration Minister's Reference to FYROM As Macedonia

ATHENS - Greek Migration Policy Minister Yannis Mouzalas' reference to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) as Macedonia stoked tensions within the two-partite Left-led coalition government on Wednesday. Mouzalas used the term during an interview with local SKAI television channel on Tues-

day. Over the past 25 years, Greece has been in dispute with its neighboring country over its name. Mouzalas apologized over the "gaffe" a few hours later speaking to Athens 9.84 radio station, explaining it was a "slip of the tongue" and that he did not realize the error at the time. ... (More on P6)...(29)

U.S., Allies Conduct 11 Strikes Against Islamic State: U.S. Military

WASHINGTON - The United States and its allies carried out 11 air strikes against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria on Tuesday, the coalition leading the operations said in a statement on Wednesday.

The coalition carried out three strikes each on the towns of Hit and Sinjar in Iraq. It destroyed weapons caches, anti-aircraft artillery and rails for launching rockets near Hit and heavy machine guns near Sinjar. Aircraft also struck Kisik and Al Huwayjah in Iraq. In Syria, coalition aircraft carried out two air strikes against the town of Al Hawl, destroying nine Islamic State fighting positions, the coalition statement said. It was one of the lightest days for coalition air strikes since the start of the campaign in 2014. ... (More on P6)...(30)



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Project: Counter Human Trafficking

Services: Community Dialogues and design and dissemination of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) messaging via multimedia campaign

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), in the framework of its ongoing Counter Trafficking program, intends to engage an implementing partner to combat human trafficking by carry out wide-scale community based information and awareness raising campaign in target locations as highlighted below:

- Conduct mapping exercise and Target Audience analysis assessments
- Develop information, education and communication (IEC) messaging using various media platforms including radio and television and billboards.
- Organize Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Community Forums for community representatives, local authorities, government, nongovernment actors, community and religious leaders.

IOM now invites eligible Organizations to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested implementing partners must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (e.g. brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in conducting similar projects, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The provided information must be sufficient for IOM to evaluate the implementing partners' capability and eligibility to undertake the assignment. Expressions of interest should contain the following information:

- Core business and years in of operation
- Qualification in the field of assignment
- Technical and managerial structure of the organization
- General qualifications and number of key staff

The organization should be a non-governmental entity registered under the Ministry of Economy. Implementing partner may associate to enhance their qualifications.

An implementing Organization will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IOM Procurement Manual IN/168 rev (1).

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