

# Cameron Fears "World War 3" if Britain Quits Europe

LONDON - British Prime Minister David Cameron hinted in a major speech Monday at the British Museum at the prospect of Britain's exit (Brexit) from the European Union (EU) sparking "World War 3."

When the British public votes on staying within or leaving the EU in a referendum on June 23, they will decide on the destiny of Britain for decades, perhaps a lifetime, said Cameron, adding: "This is a decision that is bigger than any individual politi-



...of government." Monday's speech by Cam-

eron is being described by commentators as his most

emotive speech so far in making the case for Brit-

ain to stay in the EU. Surveys show that one

of the strongest reasons among the "stay" camp is that the nations of Europe have been at peace for over 70 years.

No sooner had Cameron ended his speech, did opponents, including some members of his own Conservative Party, condemned his doom-laden message.

Brexit campaigners accused Downing Street of panicking, even though there have been "stay" interventions from Barack Obama, and other world ... (More on P4)...(20)

## EU Commissioner Voices Optimism before Greek Debt Talks

BRUSSELS - It is possible to set up a framework for a global deal which would help Greece unlock aid from creditors and repay its debt due in July, a European commissioner said Monday at a Eurogroup meeting here. "I hope today that we will set the framework for a global deal, a demanding deal. That's what the commission believes, and we believe it's possible," Pierre Moscovici, the European Union (EU) commissioner for economic

and financial affairs, told reporters.

His remarks came on his arrival at a meeting gathering finance ministers of the 19-country eurozone to discuss the Greek debt issue, hours after the Greek Parliament approved austerity measures to meet creditors' demands. Moscovici said the European Commission, the EU's executive body, believed Greece had achieved a lot, and the pension reforms and in ... (More on P4)...(21)

## Lavrov, Kerry Discuss Need to Distinguish Syria Militias from Terrorists

MOSCOW - Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and US State Secretary Kerry discussed the Syria crisis Monday, with the former pointing out the need to separate terrorist groups from militias operating in the country, the Russian ministry said in a statement. The phone conversation took place on the initiative of the US side. According to the statement,

Lavrov and Kerry "exchanged congratulations on the occasion of the Victory Day and stressed importance of preserving the historic truth about World War II." According to the statement, the US and Russian efforts on resolving the crisis in Syria, as co-chairs of the International Syria Support Group (ISSG) were the main topic of the talks. "[The sides]



stressed the necessity of continuing the talks between the Syrian authorities and a broad spectrum

of opposition with UN mediation and strict observance of the cessation ... (More on P4)...(22)

## ASEAN Drills in Bid to Enhance Cooperation to Tackle Security Challenges

SINGAPORE - Singapore's Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen on Monday observed part of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus Maritime Security and Counter-Terrorism Exercise, which is co-hosted by Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) from May 2 to Thursday. The 11-day joint exercise focus on maritime security and counter-ter-

rorism. All participating countries' naval elements were involved in shore-based activities from May 2 to May 4 in Brunei, and sea-based activities from May 5 to Sunday en-route to Singapore.

While in Singapore, both operations on maritime security and on counter-terrorism were conducted. The Counter-Terrorism phase commenced with force integration training which involve

professional exchanges, area orientation and task familiarization. Approximately 3,500 personnel, 18 naval vessels,

25 aircraft and 40 Special Forces teams from the ADMM-Plus countries were involved, according ... (More on P4)...(23)



## Russia Showcases Syria Hardware in Red Square Military Parade

MOSCOW - Russia rolled out an air defense missile system of the kind used to protect its base in Syria and some of the Russian jets flying missions there screamed overhead as it showcased its military war machine on Moscow's Red Square on Monday.

The grand parade, an annual fixture commemorating the Soviet Union's victory over the Nazis in World War Two, took place in bright sunshine as President Vladimir Putin looked on from a trib-

une filled with Soviet war veterans, some of whom wore rows of campaign medals and clutched red roses.

The Russian leader, whose forces annexed Ukraine's Crimea in 2014 and are now helping Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's army, watched as thousands of troops marched across the cobbled square to the strains of martial music. The authorities, backed by state media, use the event to encourage patriotism, ... (More on P4)...(24)

## More Cross-Border Cooperation Needed to Fight IS: US General

AMMAN - The new commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command says an international coalition of special forces fighting Islamic State extremists must cooperate more closely and "adapt faster than the enemy."

in Jordan that "gaps and seams created by (national) boundaries ... have provided trans-regional terrorist organizations with maneuver space that needs to be addressed." Thomas said Monday that cooperation with special forces from Nigeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco and Indonesia will become more important

in the battle against IS. He says other countries in the region, including Jordan, are already part of a special forces network. Jordan borders Syria and Iraq, where IS controls large chunks of territory. Monday's conference precedes a bi-annual international defense exhibition in Jordan known as SOFEX.(AP)

## Refugee Arrivals in Germany Fall to New Low in April

BERLIN - Germany has recorded a new low in asylum seeker arrivals in April, official data showed on Monday. Some 16,000 migrants arrived in Germany in April, down almost a quarter from 20,000 in March, and nearly a 90-percent plunge from December when 120,000 arrivals were recorded, according to the German Interior Ministry.



refugees arriving in Germany after the closure of the popular route used by refugees through the Balkans.

The number of asylum applications, which are usually officially submitted by asylum seekers several months after their first registration, was 60,943, which is slightly higher than in March.

Germany took in more than one million refugees in 2015, with the flow accelerating after Chancellor Angela Merkel in September suspended normal European Union asylum rules to grant safe haven to people fleeing the war in Syria. The mass influx sparked a backlash in Germany ... (More on P4)...(25)

## UNHCR Appeals to Kenya to Continue Hosting Refugees

NAIROBI - The UN refugee agency on Monday appealed to Kenya to continue hosting thousands of refugees from South Sudan and Somalia, saying the situation that forced them to flee their countries are still unresolved.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) called on the government to reconsider its decision to shut down the refugee camps and to avoid taking any action that might be at odds with its international obligations towards people needing sanctuary from danger and persecution. "The safety of hundreds of thousands of Somalis, South Sudanese and others has hinged on Kenya's generosity and its willingness to be a leading beacon in the region for international protection," the UN agency said in a statement issued in Nairobi. Interior Ministry Principal Secretary Karanja Kibicho announced on Friday that the government would no longer host refugees and was disbanding its Department of Refugee Affairs, which processes ... (More on P4)...(26)

## BBC Correspondent in North Korea Detained over Reporting

PYONGYANG - North Korea detained a BBC journalist and ordered his expulsion over his reporting, the broadcaster said on Monday, as a large group of foreign reporters cover a rare congress of the country's ruling Workers' Party.

Rupert Wingfield-Hayes was detained on Friday as he was about to leave the country, along with a BBC producer and cameraman, the network said. The three were on their way to the airport in Pyongyang on Monday afternoon, it said. China's Xinhua news agency cited a North Korean official as saying the correspondent was detained for improper "reportage". Another BBC correspondent in Pyongyang, John Sudworth, said in a broadcast report that there was "disagreement, a concern over the content of Rupert's reporting", including questioning the authenticity of a hospital. "When he reached the airport on Friday, he was separated from the rest of his team, ... (More on P4)...(27)

## Suspected Foreign Fighter Arrested in Slovenia: Italian Interior Ministry

ROME - A Slovenian national suspected to be a foreign fighter has been arrested in an operation conducted by Carabinieri, the Italian military police force, a statement from the interior ministry said on Monday.

The 26-year-old man was allegedly "responsible for recruiting aspiring international terrorists

and for radicalizing and recruiting aspiring jihadists on Italian territory," Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said in the statement. Identified as Rok Zavbi, the man was apprehended by Slovenian police based on a European arrest warrant on Friday by Slovenian police, according to the Slovenian Press Agency

(STA). The next day, he was brought before an investigating judge at the Ljubljana District Court, who remanded him in custody, STA reported. Zavbi's lawyer Lara Mikuz reportedly said she had appealed against the decision. Citing police data, the STA said Zavbi is not ... (More on P4)...(28)

## Neighbor News

### Pakistani PM Looks up to Erdogan for Inspiration

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who is currently beset by the controversy around the Panama Papers leaks and civil-military tensions, figures that his government should continue to assert itself in the footsteps of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Over the past couple of weeks, the Pakistani prime minister has been holding regular consultations with his advisers, cabinet members, PML-N office-bearers and allies. At more than one point during these discussions, he has referred to how President Erdogan had confronted the once-powerful Turkish military establishment and faced his political opponents, sources privy to these delibera-

tions told Dawn. Some party leaders, sources said, have advised the prime minister to avoid taking a tough stand against opposition political parties and continue engagement with the military brass as usual. However, with his family in the cross-hairs of a nine-party opposition alliance that is pushing for a judicial probe and the army leadership breathing down the government's neck with calls for across-the-board accountability, the prime minister and some of his close aides believed that the PML-N should stand its ground. The ongoing series of public appearances and rallies by the prime minister is the outcome of this latter line of thinking, they said.(Agencies)

### Iran, Russia in 'Constant Consultations' over Syria

TEHRAN - Foreign Ministry spokesman says Iran is in constant touch with Russia over Syria, adding that foreign-backed militants are not abiding by the truce in the war-torn country. "Naturally, constant consultations are underway between Iran and Russia on bilateral issues and the latest regional and international developments," Hossein Jaber Ansari said on Monday. Jaber Ansari said that during their recent round of talks, Iranian and Russian officials reviewed the latest development in Syria, including the recently US-Russia brokered ceasefire in the country. The Ira-

nian official said that the latest developments in Syria show that militants fighting the government are not committed to the ceasefire deal.

A truce, brokered by the US and Russia, went into effect across Syria on February 27. However, it does not apply to terrorist groups such as Daesh and al-Qaeda's Syria branch al-Nusra Front. "The developments that have been unfolding since the announcement of the truce...proved that there is no commitment from the armed currents and groups who are taking actions against the Syrian government," Jaber Ansari said.(PressTV)

### Chinese FM to Attend China-Arab States Cooperation Forum

BEIJING - Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will pay an official visit to Qatar and attend the seventh ministerial meeting of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum on Thursday, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesperson. Lu Kang said at a regular press briefing on Monday that Wang will discuss with his Arab counterparts and the secretary-general of the Arab League how to jointly advance the Belt and Road Initiative and deepen Sino-Arab strategic cooperation, and exchange views on international and regional issues of common concern.

The attendants will also settle on cooperation plans for the coming two years, Lu added.

He said the meeting, the first high-level political dialogue between China and the Arab countries since President Xi Jinping's visit to the Middle East earlier this year, will "boost dialogue and cooperation, and facilitate forum building." This year is the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the Arab world. Wang will also pay an official visit to Tunisia on Friday and Saturday. (Xinhua)

### Tajikistan Detains Four Alleged Islamic State Supporters

DUSHANBE - Tajik authorities say they have detained four suspected supporters of the Islamic State (IS) extremist group who were allegedly planning to carry out terrorist attacks in

the country during the celebrations marking Victory Day on May 9. Tajikistan's Interior Ministry said on May 9 that information provided by Russian police ... (More on P4)...(29)

### Pakistan Raises Issue of F-16 Sale with Visiting US Commander

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Monday raised the unresolved issue of F-16 sale to Pakistan and expressed concern with the visiting commander of US Central Command (Centcom) General Joseph Votel. Secretary Defence Gen (r) Alam Khattak reiterated Pakistan's need for the F-16 jets, and impressed

upon the visiting Centcom commander the jet's utility in the war against terror. Khattak on the occasion also enquired about the status of roadmap regarding future reimbursement mechanism in lieu of Coalition Support Fund (CSF) beyond 2016. (Agencies)