

# Canada Sets 2017 Immigration Target at 300,000

OTTAWA - Canada's government said Monday it would welcome 300,000 immigrants into the country next year to help drive economic growth as the country grapples with an aging demographic.

After tabling his annual report in Parliament, Canadian Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum told reporters that the new number "lays the foundation for future growth in immigration targets."

"I do believe it is true that more immigrants for Canada would be a good policy for demographic reasons," McCallum told



reporters. The announcement comes amid warnings from the Liberal Party's economic council of advisers that Canada needs to raise immigration levels by the tens of thousands

in order to ensure better economic growth. The council recommended the government gradually increase immigration levels to 450,000 per year over the next five years. McCallum said the 450,000 figure was something to aspire to, but insisted that "that number is a conceivable number for some date in the future, but certainly not for 2017."

The target number of immigrants from 2011 to 2015 was 260,000, but swelled to 300,000 this year because of what McCallum called the "special circumstances" of the ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

## US Justice Department to "Dedicate All Necessary Resources" to Clinton Email Probe

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Justice Department said Monday that it would "dedicate all necessary resources" regarding the review of thousands of newly discovered emails that might be related to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's email probe.

"We assure you that the department will continue to work closely with the FBI and together, dedicate all necessary resources and take appropriate steps as expeditiously as

possible," wrote Assistant Attorney General Peter Kadzik in a letter to lawmakers.

The pledge came after Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director James Comey announced that new evidences relating to Clinton's private email server were being assessed.

Comy told Congress in a letter made public on Friday that his agency was reviewing new emails



that appeared to be linked to Clinton, who had been probed by the FBI over her use of a private server and how she handled classified information while serving as America's top diplomat. "The FBI has learned of the ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

## Donald Trump, Pentagon Differ on Mosul Fight's Success

WASHINGTON - Pentagon officials said Monday that the campaign to reclaim Mosul was proceeding as planned and that so far anti-ISIS forces in Iraq are succeeding in their fight against the terror group.

The military's upbeat assessment puts Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump in an awkward position. His repeated criticism of the handling of the operation means its success could cast shadows on his argu-

ment to be the next commander in chief, while his decision to take on the Pentagon once again highlights the sacred cows he has been willing to slay during his unconventional campaign.

For weeks, Trump has lambasted the coalition effort to re-capture the city of Mosul from ISIS, calling the undertaking a "total disaster" and saying the US and its allies were "bogged-down" there even as defense ...*(More on P4)...(28)*

## Top Nuke Envoys of S.Korea, U.S. Meet in Seoul for DPRK's Nuke Program

SEOUL - Top nuclear envoys of South Korea and the United States met in Seoul on Tuesday to discuss the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s nuclear program, Seoul's foreign ministry said.

Kim Hong-kyun, who represents South Korea in the long-stalled six-party talks to denuclearize the Korean peninsula, met his visiting U.S. counterpart Joseph Yun who was recently appointed as chief negotiator.

The six-party talks, in-

volving South Korea, the DPRK, China, the United States, Russia and Japan, has been suspended since late 2008.

Pyongyang conducted its fifth nuclear test on Sept. 9, just eight months after its previous nuclear detonation in early January.

During the meeting, the two sides confirmed its agreement to increase pressure and sanctions toward the DPRK as the country shows no willingness to return to a dialogue table, according to ...*(More on P4)...(29)*

## UNHCR Aims to Double Funds for Cash-Based Assistance to Refugees by 2020

UNITED NATIONS - The UN refugee agency on Monday announced its intention to double funds for cash-based assistance to refugees across the world by 2020 as a way to better assist and protect them.

According to the press release from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the agency is already providing cash-based interventions in 60 countries, including Jordan and Lebanon, which are hosting a massive influx of Syrian refugees, and plans to expand the programs to an-

other 15 countries next year.

"The use of cash-based assistance has been a real game changer in the way we help refugees and we have now decided to make it a worldwide policy and expand it to all our operations, where feasible," UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said in the news release. "UNHCR was one of the



first UN agencies to employ cash-based assistance in the mid-80s and has developed an in-depth expertise in this field," Grandi said. "Over the years, we have seen its remarkable effect on the life of refugees and forcibly displaced ...*(More on P4)...(30)*

## UK to Open New "Gift" Military Base in Bahrain

LONDON - British Ministry of Defense (MOD) on Monday confirmed with Xinhua that the country's new military base mainly financed by Bahrain in the Gulf nation is going to be launched next month.

The overall construction of the new base, with a total investment of around 30 million pounds, is going to be wrapped up next year but it is expected to run operational in November as its major buildings will be opened up, an MOD spokesman told Xinhua.

He said that the two sides are still working through the use of the new military base. But British media have earlier reported that the military base, ...*(More on P4)...(31)*

## Turkey Rejects Europe's 'Red Line' on Press Freedom after Detentions

ISTANBUL - Turkey's prime minister said he had no regard for Europe's "red line" on press freedom on Tuesday and warned Ankara would not be brought to heel with threats, rejecting criticism of the detention of senior journalists at an opposition newspaper.

Police detained the editor and top staff of Cumhuriyet, a pillar of the country's secularist establishment, on Monday, on accusations that the newspaper's coverage had helped precipitate a failed military coup in July.

The United States and European Union both voiced concern ...*(More on P4)...(33)*

## UN Chief Calls for Transforming Cities to Solve Urban Problems

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday called on the international community to invest in city transformation to confront urban problems through lasting solutions. Marking the World Cities Day which falls on Monday, Ban said in a message that cities are increasingly the home of humanity and are central to climate action, global prosperity, peace and human rights.

UN statistics show that more than half of all people live in cities and human settlements, and that proportion is projected to grow to two thirds by 2050.



In this regard, Ban called on countries to put sustainable urbanization at the center of the efforts to eliminate poverty and forge new thinking on how to plan, manage and live in cities.

In 2013, the UN General Assembly designated Oct. 31 as World Cities Day, recognizing the sig-

nificance of urban basic services as a foundation for the overall social and economic development. This year, the United Nations has selected the theme Inclusive Cities, Shared Development to highlight the important role of urbanization as a source of global development...*(More on P4)...(32)*

## 1,792 Killed in Violence, Armed Conflicts in Iraq in October: UN

BAGHDAD - Terrorist acts, violence and armed conflicts killed 1,792 Iraqis and wounded 1,358 others in October across Iraq, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) said on Tuesday. The figures included 1,120 civilians killed and 1,005 wounded, with 672 security members killed and 353 wounded, the UNAMI said in a statement.

The casualties in Iraq's western province of Anbar were excluded, as the casualty figures there for the month were unavail-

able due to the volatility of the situation on the ground and the disruption of services, the statement said.

"The casualty toll among civilians continues to rise and the civilians continue to pay the ultimate price," the statement quoted the UN envoy to Iraq and the UNAMI chief Jan Kubis as saying.

"With the military operations in Mosul and other areas of Nineveh (province) underway while Daesh (Islamic State group) continues to apply ...*(More on P4)...(34)*

## Iraqi Forces Advance into Mosul City Limits on Eastern Line

MOSUL, Iraq - Iraqi security forces on Monday advanced into the city limits of Mosul for the first time after two weeks of a massive offensive to dislodge Islamic State (IS) militants from their last major stronghold in Iraq.

The important development, on the eastern line of the battle to retake Iraq's second-largest city, came after heavy clashes between Iraqi troops and the hardline IS militants.

"The counter-terrorism forces fought fierce clashes with the IS, and managed to enter Gogjali district on the left side of Mosul (eastern side of the city)," said Lieutenant General Talib Shaghathi, commander of Iraq's Joint Operations Command (JOC).

Gogjali is an industrial zone on Mosul's outskirts. Lieutenant General Abdul Ghani al-Assadi, a commander of the Iraqi army's Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS) forces, told state television his forces had recaptured the industrial area, reaching the edge of the Karama district inside the city. Monday's military operation east of Mosul began at the dawn of the day. An assault on Bazwaya, the last IS-held village on the city's eastern edge, was carried out by Iraqi forces with the support of artillery fire and airstrikes on IS positions.

IS militants have been fighting off the offensive with mortar fire, rocket bombs, snipers and suicide car bombs, media reports said. (Xinhua)

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### President Xi Calls for Solid Implementation of Reform Policies

BEIJING - Chinese President Xi Jinping called for solid implementation of reform measures at a high-level meeting on Tuesday.

Xi asked officials to comprehensively follow the communique released after the sixth plenary session of the 18th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and unwaveringly carry out reform policies.

Xi made the comments at the 29th meeting of the central leading group for deepening overall reform, which he heads, according to a statement issued after the meeting. Given complex circumstances, the reform requires concerted efforts

and differentiated, targeted measures, the statement said.

Guidelines and plans on green agriculture, environmental protection, new circuit courts and construction of credit systems were approved at the meeting.

Policy makers agreed that agricultural subsidies should be made with regard to environmentally-friendly concerns, and should help guarantee national grain security and improve farmers' incomes.

China should make more efforts to promote Chinese culture in the world and improve its national soft power, the statement said. (Xinhua)

### Pakistan's Opposition Leader Calls off 'Million Men' March

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani opposition leader Imran Khan retracted on Tuesday a much-trumpeted call to hold a mass protest aimed at "locking down" the capital and forcing the prime minister to resign, after the country's highest court asked the premier to submit a written response to allegations that members of his family were holding offshore bank accounts.

Khan, a former cricketer, called off his "million men" rally, a day before it was due to take place. He urged his supporters to gather at an Islamabad park Wednesday to "celebrate victory" as the Supreme Court holds Prime

Minister Nawaz Sharif to account.

Khan's move came after the Supreme Court of Pakistan adjourned the hearing of petitions calling for Sharif to be disqualified from office for holding offshore bank accounts.

Sharif has been under immense pressure from the opposition to step down because his family members were named as

holders of offshore bank accounts in leaked financial documents from Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca. He has repeatedly denied that either he or any of his family members were involved in ...*(More on P4)...(35)*

### Foreign Meddling Aims to Exploit Regional Splits: Rouhani

TEHRAN - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani says regional woes are rooted in foreign interference that aims to take advantage of rifts among countries in the region.

"In order to achieve a bright future, welfare and prosperity in regional countries, we have no way but to establish lasting peace and security," Rouhani said in a meeting with President of the Cypriot House of Representatives Demetris Syllouris in Tehran on Tuesday, adding that to achieve these goals, all regional countries must help and play a role.

He expressed regret that millions of innocent people in regional countries, including Iraq, Syria,

Yemen and Libya, are homeless and suffering great ordeals.

The Iranian president further stressed the importance of making use of all potentialities to improve bilateral cooperation and said Tehran welcomes the expansion of relations with Nicosia.

"The development of cooperation and relations between Iran and Cyprus can connect the Middle East to Europe and Africa," Rouhani added. He also said the two countries' companies and private sectors must be encouraged to improve joint cooperation with the purpose of strengthening trade and economic relations. (Presstv)

### Uzbekistan Still Against Rogun Hydropower Plant's Construction

BAKU - Uzbekistan is still against construction of the Rogun hydropower plant, and the official authorities of the country have repeatedly stated that the dam will be built in an earthquake prone region and that threatens the safety of those living in the lower reaches of the Amu Darya River, a Russian expert told Trend on Tuesday.

Uzbek authorities also fear that the construction of the reservoir may cause shortage of water for irrigation, said Leonid Gusev, a senior research fellow at the Analytical Center of the International Studies Institute at the Moscow State Institute of

International Relations.

Uzbek Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyoyev sent a letter to his Tajik counterpart Kohir Rasulzoda July 19. In his letter, Mirziyoyev expressed the Uzbek side's concern over the information on the conclusion of a framework agreement between the government of Tajikistan and Salini Impregilo company for the construction of the Rogun hydropower plant. "Tajikistan's government signed a contract worth \$3.9 billion with this company, and representatives of the Tajik leadership claim that they have the funds," said Gusev. (Trend)