

Europe, Asia must Work Together to Tackle Youth Unemployment: Asselborn

BRUSSELS - Luxembourg's minister of Foreign and European affairs Jean Asselborn has highlighted the importance of collaboration between European and Asian countries especially in combating youth unemployment. He made the remarks in the opening speech at the Asia-Europe Foundation's Young Leaders Summit, which is dedicated to the challenges that Eurasia is facing and the opportunities available for cooperation in the areas of job creation, mobility and social cohesion. The Young Leaders Summit runs until Nov. 5 in Luxembourg and is held in conjunction with the 12th Asia-Europe



Meeting (ASEM) of foreign ministers. This summit is held under the theme "entrepreneurship and

youth employment" and brings together influential people from political, economic and academic

circles with young people aged 18-30 years from the ASEM member countries to lay the foundations for

a "dynamic and constructive" dialogue on topics of entrepreneurship and job creation, according to

a statement from the Luxembourg government. "The current generation of young people is facing a set of particularly difficult circumstances. The exit from the economic crisis remains very slow, and labor market conditions are still difficult," the Luxembourg government statement said. "Asia and Europe are facing similar situations with regard to the large number of young unemployed people." Luxembourg's national education and youth minister Claude Meisch said it was vital that schools encourage young people to develop their initiative, creativity and entrepreneurship. (Xinhua)

Russia Steps up Push for Syria Peace Deal, Proposes Talks

MOSCOW - Syrian government officials and members of the country's splintered opposition could meet in Moscow next week as Russia pushes to broker a political solution to the crisis, a senior official said on Tuesday. "Next week, we will invite opposition representatives to a consultation in Moscow," Interfax news agency quoted Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov as saying. "The meeting ... will possibly be with the participation of government representatives," Bogdanov said. He did

not say which opposition members could attend. After initially dismissing Syrian opposition groups fighting its regional ally President Bashar al-Assad, Moscow has shown increasing flexibility as it steps up diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict that has killed some 250,000 and displaced millions. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will meet U.N. Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura in Moscow on Wednesday to discuss attempts to start a dialogue between Damascus and ... (More on P4)... (15)

Defense Meeting on Syria Scheduled for Thursday in Paris: Hollande

PARIS - French President Francois Hollande on Tuesday announced a restraint defense meeting on Syrian conflict scheduled for Thursday, five weeks after Paris joined U.S.-led coalition conducted first air strikes on Islamic State (IS) targets in the Arab country. In an interview with the local broadcaster Europe1, Hollande said to head a meeting with concerned ministers and major army chiefs to discuss the developments in Syria and the next moves to take in the fight against IS. Asked whether French fighter jets would continue strikes in Syria, the



French president said "whenever we have information on training camps where there are jihadists, terrorists, which could, at one time or another, threaten our country, we strike." France, a harsh critics of the Syrian regime, had previously ruled out any

military intervention in the conflict-torn Arab country out of fears of benefiting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Rebuffing the proposal to support the Syrian government to be a part of international efforts to end the four-year conflict, Hollande set al-Assad's

leave a key condition to start the process of democratic transition in Syria. "The only solution", according to Hollande, to resolve the Syrian conflict was the organization of elections in which "al-Assad can not be a candidate". (Xinhua)

UK Denies Dropping Plans for Vote on Syria Air Strikes

LONDON - Prime Minister David Cameron believes Britain should do more to tackle Islamist militants in Syria and has not dropped plans to seek parliamentary approval for air strikes there, his spokeswoman said on Tuesday. She spoke after several newspapers said he had dropped the plans after failing to get enough backing. They also cited Russia's move to support President Bashar al-Assad by bombing Islamic State militants in Syria as

a complicating factor. Keen to avoid a repeat of his 2013 defeat over air strikes against Assad, Cameron has been trying to build cross-party support for extending British strikes to Syria from Iraq. He has a slim majority in parliament and, with some of his own Conservatives opposed to strikes, he needs to win support from the opposition Labour Party now led by anti-war campaigner Jeremy Corbyn. Cameron's spokes-



woman Helen Bower denied the vote had been shelved. "He has always been clear that he thinks there is a case for doing more to tackle the threat from

ISIL, and that we would only go back to the House (of Commons) on this issue if there was clear consensus and that remains the case," she said. (Reuters)

New Zealand to Engage on Global Issues at Asia-Europe Meeting

WELLINGTON - New Zealand Associate Foreign Minister Todd McClay will be looking to foster greater international cooperation on global issues at a biennial Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) foreign ministers' meeting in Luxembourg this week. McClay said on Tuesday that he would speak at the opening on behalf of the North East and South East Asian members of ASEM. New Zealand is the

current coordinator of the group, which includes New Zealand, China, Australia, India, Bangladesh, Japan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Mongolia, Russia and Pakistan. "The meeting provides a significant opportunity for New Zealand to engage with European and Asian nations on important regional and multilateral issues facing the globe," McClay said. "Ministerial dis ... (More on P4)... (16)

No Room Left to Bury Drowning Refugees on Greek Islands

ATHENS - There is no more room left in the cemeteries of Lesbos to bury drowning refugees, local officials told Greek media on Tuesday. The statement comes ahead of the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and European Parliament President Martin Schulz to the island on Thursday. Lesbos, an island of about 85,000 residents, has received more than half of the 500,000 refugees and migrants who have reached Greece's shores from the start of 2015. Hundreds of refugees did not make it across from Turkey to Greece on small boats. Dozens of dead bodies from recent tragedies off the island's coasts over the past week are kept in a refrigerated container, as there is no more space in the morgue or the cemetery. Lesbos Mayor Spyros Galinos and the island's Christian Orthodox Bishop Iakovos told Vima (Tribune) radio station and Mega television that up to 50 bodies remain unburied for days. On Samos island, local authorities said that they faced a similar problem and there were about 30 unburied bodies. According to officials on both islands, heavy bureaucracy in legal proceedings does not allow the use of plots of land next to cemeteries that have been donated to the local public hospitals to be used as burial site for the refugees. According to the Lesbos Bishop, the process could take up to three years for local authorities to find a solution to overcome such obstacles. (Xinhua)

Hotline set up for ASEAN DM for Rapid Response Cooperation in Emergency

SUBANG - Malaysian Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said here Tuesday that a hotline has been set up for ASEAN defense ministers to promote rapid response cooperation in times of emergency. Hishammuddin told a press conference after the ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Defense Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Retreat that the ASEAN Defense Ministers (DMs) witnessed a signing ceremony for the Direct Communication Link (DCL) initiative, a hotline for



ASEAN defense ministers to communicate swiftly in crisis situation. The ASEAN defense ministers exchanged views on current regional and international security and defense matters, and expressed their shared concern on the growing threat of terrorism, cyber and maritime

security, he added. Following the meeting, the Third ADMM-Plus will be held on Wednesday, and the defense ministers of ASEAN countries, Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia and the United States will attend the event. (Xinhua)

Bundle of Measures Needed to Solve Refugee Crisis: Merkel

BERLIN - German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Tuesday a bundle of national and European measures were needed to help stem the number of refugees arriving in Germany. "We are taking national steps, it is a bundle of measures, from transit zones to the fast imple-

mentation of the laws, and above all to intensify the deportation of asylum seekers whose applications are rejected," Merkel said ahead of a regular meeting of conservative lawmakers in Berlin. Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian sister party the

Christian Social Union (CSU) agreed at the weekend to set up transit zones on the border with Austria, where migrants deemed to have no solid claim to asylum will be denied entry. But their Social Democrat (SPD) coalition partners have yet to back the plan. (Reuters)

All of Europe will Benefit from EU Reforms: Britain

BERLIN - Britain's finance minister argued Tuesday for reforms to the European Union that would help keep his country in the bloc and that he insisted would benefit all members, including more open markets and less regulation. Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne told German business leaders and politicians in Berlin that the two countries, Europe's two largest economies, would "meet in an alliance to overcome the forces of protection and make Europe the center of a global network of free trade agreements." Under pressure from rising Euro-skeptic sentiment in the U.K., Britain's Conservative government has promised to hold a referendum on EU membership by the end of 2017. Prime Minister David Cameron favors staying in, as long as Britain can negotiate a looser relationship with the 28-nation bloc, cutting back the political powers the EU has over member states on issues including welfare and immigration that have become ever-more politically sensitive as hundreds of thousands of migrants arrive on Europe's shores. Osborne said that "if freedom of movement is to be sustainable, our publics then need to see it as freedom to move to work, rather than freedom to choose the most generous ... (More on P4)... (17)

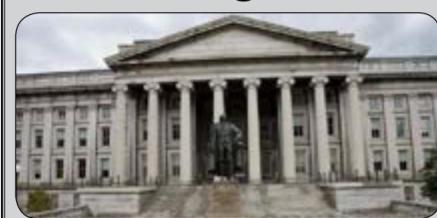
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CPC Pledges no Pause in War Against Corruption

BEIJING - The fight against corruption will neither be relaxed nor end in the near future, said a document adopted at the Fifth Plenary Session of the 18th Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee. The Party should be governed strictly and the rules observed, according to a proposal for the 13th Five-year Plan (2016 to 2020) for economic and social development released Tuesday. The document pledged to cement the achievements of the anti-corruption campaign and work out an effective mechanism to stem corruption. The proposal suggests use of the rule of law to boost development, with the Party acting under the law with an improved capability to govern the nation according to the Constitution and the law, while managing itself with Party

rules. The Party's role in legislation should be strengthened to facilitate the formulation of a complete system of laws. While strengthening governance by law, efforts must be made to define, exercise, check and supervise power to bring all government activities in line with the law. The document called for more reform of the judicial system. The public servants' respect and observation of the law must be improved and a social environment where the rule of law is upheld should be nurtured. The document called for better consultation on issues of economic and social development affecting the immediate interests of the public and said ideology, ethnic solidarity and unity among Chinese both at home and overseas should be protected. (Xinhua)

US Eases Medical Sanctions Against Iran



TEHRAN - The US government has eased its sanctions regime against Iran, allowing a broad list of medical supplies for exports to the country. In a statement, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) said it was revising restrictions imposed in 2012 on exports of basic medical supplies to Iran. OFAC "is updating the List of Medical Supplies eligible for exportation or re-exportation to Iran under the general license of the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (ITSR) to include additional items", the statement said. A net of sanctions imposed over years by successive US govern-

ments have impeded even trade of life-saving drugs for illnesses such as cancer. While Western governments built waivers to ensure essential medicines get through, those measures clashed with blanket restrictions on banking and bans on "dual-use" chemicals which virtually hampered supplies. On Friday, Republican members of US Congress urged President Barack Obama to impose additional sanctions on Iran in breach of a landmark nuclear accord reached in July. Last month, Obama signed an order directing his administration to take steps toward lifting sanctions on Iran in accordance with the nuclear accord. (PressTV)

Tajikistan Intends to Introduce E-Visa for Nationals of 80 Countries

DUSHANBE - Tajikistan intends to introduce an electronic visa (e-visa) for nationals of 80 countries for whom it simplified its visa process, Ms. OzodaRahmon, First Deputy Foreign Minister of Tajikistan, told Khovar news agency in an interview. Though they just beginning to gain popularity, an electronic visa may soon take the place of a more traditional visa. Visas are usually needed to gain entry into a country. Some countries may require visas be applied for ahead of the trip. Other countries may issue an entry visa at the point of entry into the country, which is usually an airport or border crossing. In most cases, visas are stamped into a passport and normally state the maximum amount of time the holder is allowed to remain in the country. (Asia-Plus)