

U.N. Says Can't Use Russian Aleppo Pause to Send Aid

GENEVA - The United Nations cannot use Russia's unilateral pause in the fighting in Aleppo to send aid into the city's besieged eastern zone because it does not have the needed security guarantees, a U.N. spokesman said on Friday. Russia and the Syrian army told rebels in Aleppo on Wednesday to leave by Friday evening, signaling an extended moratorium on air strikes in the city. The Russian Defence Ministry and the Syrian army said rebels would be allowed to exit the city unharmed and with their weapons between



0900 and 1900 local time corridors. Rebels rejected the calls. "Humanitarian operations cannot be contingent on political or military initiatives," U.N. spokesman Jens Laerke said.

"What we really need in Aleppo is for life-saving assistance to get in, to be delivered inside eastern Aleppo, and it is the responsibility of all parties to take the necessary measures, including providing security conditions to enable this." Russia has made several offers to encourage people to leave the besieged eastern zone of eastern Aleppo, which the U.N. says contains 250,000-275,000 civilians and about 8,000 rebels. The U.N. has repeatedly said it wants a halt to the

Nieghbor News

Chinese Diplomat Urges US, Russia to Resume Syria Talks

BEIJING - China will expand its involvement in political efforts to end the fighting in Syria, but limit its direct participation to providing humanitarian aid, a senior Chinese diplomat said Friday. Special envoy to Syria Xie Xiaoyuan urged the United States and Russia to resume talks, less than a week after Russian officials said the political process would be "postponed indefinitely." "China has expressed repeatedly that the issue can only be resolved through political settlement and that military means will lead nowhere," Xie told reporters in Beijing. "We call on the United States and

Russia to make efforts to resume their consultation on the cease-fire." China, he added, could be a "widely valued and trusted" player in the multilateral talks. Syria is the latest conflict in which China has shown a desire to play a more active diplomatic role. China's growing engagement in the region attracted particular notice in August after a top People's Liberation Army officer met with Syrian and Russian officials in Damascus to discuss Chinese cooperation. Xie said those meetings were nothing more than normal military exchanges focused on humanitarian issues. ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

May's Brexit Plans Thrown into Chaos by Landmark Court Ruling

LONDON - British Prime Minister Theresa May's plans to bring Britain out of the European Union (EU) were thrown into chaos Thursday. The High Court in London ruled that parliament, and not May's government, should trigger the Article 50 mechanism to start the Brexit process. The decision by three of the leading judges in Britain sent shock waves through Westminster, with government officials now studying the full judgement. Within an hour of the de-

cision, the government confirmed it would appeal by taking the case to the highest court in England, the Supreme Court. Government lawyers have been given permission to "fast track" an appeal by bypassing the Court of Appeal and going instead to the Supreme Court. A time slot in early December has already been set aside for an appeal hearing, with all 11 law lords sitting to decide the case. An official government spokesman expressed disappointment in the High Court's judgment. "The country voted to leave the European Union in a referendum approved by ...*(More on P4)...(20)*



ing, with all 11 law lords sitting to decide the case. An official government spokesman expressed disappointment in the High Court's judgment. "The country voted to leave the European Union in a referendum approved by ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

600,000 Children in Hurricane-Hit Haiti Still in Need of Aid: UNICEF

GENEVA - One month after Hurricane Matthew pummeled Haiti, nearly 600,000 children remain in need of humanitarian assistance, stalked by disease, hunger and malnutrition, UNICEF said Friday. "One month after the hurricane, life for more than half a million children in Haiti is still far from back to normal," said Marc Vincent, UNICEF Representative in Haiti. "Too many children are still homeless, hungry, out of school and in danger. We are scaling

up our response and are determined to help as many of them as possible as fast as we can." Taking stock of the situation of children since the Category 4 storm flattened buildings and destroyed livelihoods, UNICEF said there have been at least 1,000 suspected cholera cases among children in the past month. Out of 219 cholera treatment centers in the country, 18 have been damaged in the worst-hit departments of ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Top Russia, Hungary Parliamentarians to Visit Iran

TEHRAN - The Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly Laszlo Kover and Russia's Federation Council Chairperson Valentina Ivanovna Matvienko will pay separate visits to Tehran to hold talks with senior Iranian officials. Heading a high-ranking parliamentary delegation, Kover will arrive in Tehran on November 9 for a five-day trip at the official invitation of Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani. The top Hungarian parliamentarian plans to meet the Iranian Parliament speaker, President Hassan Rouhani, Foreign

Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Ali Tayyeb-Nia. Matvienko will also arrive in Tehran on November 13 for a two-day trip at the invitation of Larijani. She is scheduled to hold talks with the Iranian Parliament speaker, president and foreign minister about mutual relations. Matvienko's trip to Tehran will come as part of a series of visits between Iran and Russia following the implementation of last year's nuclear agreement between Tehran and the P5+1 group of countries. (Presstv)

Some 20,700 People Displaced Amid Mosul Offensive: UN Agency

UNITED NATIONS - Some 20,700 people have been displaced since the operation to liberate the Iraqi city of Mosul from terrorists started on Oct. 17, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Thursday, estimating that 9,700 of them are children in urgent need of assistance. "I met mothers and children who were so relieved to have come out alive; it was clear that they had gone through so much," Pernille Ironside, UNICEF's chief of field

operations in Iraq, was quoted as saying by the UN News Center following a visit to Nargizlia screening site. The Iraqi government and its international partners are fighting to retake Mosul from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh) while the UN agencies and its partners are stepping up humanitarian assistance for the displaced. Many of the new arrivals come in dusty, exhausted and uncertain about what ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Iraqi Forces Fight Inside Mosul to Defeat IS

BAGHDAD - Heavy clashes are underway as the Iraqi forces are fighting inside the city of Mosul on Thursday after more than two weeks of a major offensive to flush out the extremist Islamic State (IS) militants from their last stronghold in Iraq. Iraqi forces, including elite counter-terrorism forces, Kurdish Peshmerga fighters, Sunni tribesmen and pre-dominantly Shiite Hashd Shaabi units, are currently engaged in the offensive to retake Mosul that started on Oct. 17. The operation is estimated to

take weeks, if not months. On Oct. 31, the Iraqi-led forces have made a significant progress on the fringes of the city and managed later to enter Mosul's eastern Gogjali district and took first foothold in the city, sparking first street battles inside the city after it was seized by IS more than two years ago. The troops are in heavy



clashes with IS militants as they are trying to extend foothold inside the eastern part of the city. On Thursday, the Iraqi forces, backed by international coalition and Iraqi aircraft, made a new push and took new positions at the ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Trump Gets Caught in Lie about His Relationship with Putin

WASHINGTON - During an interview that aired on this week's edition of Extra, Donald Trump said he has no relationship with Vladimir Putin. But when Extra's AJ Caloway pressed Trump about whether that means he's recanting previous statements that he does indeed have a relationship with the Russian President, Trump said he's "not recanting anything." So if you take him at his word, Trump both does and does not have a relationship with Putin. This brief clip from the interview highlights the contradiction: Trump's relationship with Russia came under renewed scrutiny this week following separate reports that there has been "an established exchange ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

FBI Fiasco May Dampen Enthusiasm Among Clinton Supporters

WASHINGTON - The move by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to reopen a criminal investigation into U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's emails may sap her supporters' enthusiasm so close to Election Day, experts said. FBI Director James Comey dropped a bombshell last Friday when he announced he would reopen the investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server to conduct business while she was secretary of state. Critics say Clinton's use of a private email account, instead of a secure, government-issued one, ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

Yemen's Former President Saleh Welcomes U.N. Peace Proposal

SANAA - Yemen's powerful ex-president Ali Abdullah Saleh, a key ally of the country's dominant Houthi movement, on Friday welcomed a U.N. peace proposal to end the country's 19-month war as a "good basis for negotiations". Saleh made his comments as U.N. envoy Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed held meetings in the capital Sanaa with Houthi rebels and negotiators representing forces loyal to him. A Saudi-led coalition has been fighting since March 2015 against Houthi rebels and Saleh loyalists, who hold much of the north



of Yemen including the capital Sanaa, to try to restore the internationally recognized President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi to power. Saleh issued his comments on his official Twitter account. Last week, Hadi rejected the U.N. plan, which would sideline him and set up a government of less divisive figures. Still, a senior diplomat at the United Nations told Reuters that Saudi Arabia appeared broadly to accept the initiative and had ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

Rebels in Aleppo Fire Rockets Blocking Evacuation of Militants

DAMASCUS - The rebels fired seven improvised rockets on a key road assigned by the Syrian army for the rebels who want to abandon their positions in the northern city of Aleppo, as a "humanitarian pause" declared by Russia and the Syrian government went into force on Friday, state news agency SANA reported. The rockets slammed the Castello road, one of the two crossings in northern Aleppo the Syrian army assigned for the rebels who want to surrender or leave the city, said SANA. One rocket landed near an ambulance parked on the road, injuring a Syrian TV journalist when shrapnel pierced through his leg. The general command of the Syrian army said Wednesday it would observe a 10-hour "humanitarian pause" on Friday to give civilians and rebels a chance to leave rebel-held areas in eastern Aleppo. It said the rebels can leave the city through the Castello road and the Souk al-Khair crossing toward rebel-held areas in the northwestern province of Idlib. The civilians can leave through six passages the army identified to government-controlled areas in western Aleppo. Now with the shelling on Castello, the truce was largely threatened. SANA said rebels prevented civilians from leaving, the second time they did so in the past month. (Xinhua)

Paris Agreement Shows Resolve to Address Climate Change: IRENA Chief

DUBAI - The Abu Dhabi-based International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) said the Paris agreement shows the resolve to take "urgent decisive" action to meet the challenges of climate change, as it went into force on Friday. The agreement "sends a clear signal that governments are prepared to take urgent decisive action," said IRENA Director General Adnan Amin. "Renewable energy is central to that action, as reflected by its inclusion in the

nationally determined contributions of nearly 150 governments," he said. "IRENA stands ready to support countries in achieving their climate strategies through scaling up renewable energy," he added. Amin also said the intergovernmental body welcomes the bold commitments by the private sector. "But this is only the beginning," he added. IRENEA was founded in 2009 to promote global cooperation and information exchange on renewable energy. (Xinhua)

Pakistan Lauded for Legislation on Elimination of Bonded Labour

ISLAMABAD - A visiting delegation of the European Union's GSP + Review Mission applauded Pakistan's efforts in introducing legislation for elimination of child and bonded labour from the country. At a meeting of the Treaty Implementation Cell (TIC), chaired by Minister of Commerce Khurram Dastgir Khan, the EU delegation was appraised on the achievements made by Pakistan in areas of human development, labour, women and child rights, climate change, anti-corruption, and anti-narcotics, an official statement said. The four-member delegation is led by Gus Houttuin, Advisor, trade issue and business

coordinator, European External Action Service (EEAS), and comprises of Dietmar Krissler, Deputy of Division Asia Pacific 2, EEAS; Andreas Julin, DG Trade Unit D,1 Trade Sustainable Development and GSP, European Commission; and Rudi Delarue, DG Employment, Deputy Head of Division Unit D3, EC. The mission is currently visiting Pakistan to assess the implementation of 27 UN Conventions covered under the GSP + agreement and the way forward. The commerce minister informed the delegation that GSP + has helped Pakistan's exports to EU register an impressive increase. (Monitoring Desk)

Turkmenistan Becomes upper Middle Income Country: WB

ASHGABAT - Turkmenistan's economy has grown considerably throughout many years, turning it into an upper middle income country, Cyril Muller, World Bank (WB) vice president for Europe and Central Asia, said in a letter to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. Muller in his letter expressed commitment of the WB Group to supporting Turkmenistan in becoming a high income country with a modern and diversified economy. In Muller's view, the policy of permanent neutrality carried out by

Turkmenistan is a valuable and guiding principle for achieving social and economic growth, as well as improving well-being of the country's citizens. Turkmenistan joined the WB Group in September 1992. In October 2016, the Turkmen Finance Ministry and the WB signed an agreement on paid consulting services in the financial sector and macroeconomics. Turkmenistan's GDP growth in the next three years (2016-2018) is forecast at 5 percent, according to the WB June 2016 Global Economic Prospects. (Trend)