

Britain Can Survive Outside EU: PM Cameron

LONDON - British Prime Minister David Cameron said on Monday that he had "no emotional attachment" to the institutions of the European Union (EU) and wanted to "debunk" the idea Britain could not survive outside the EU. Addressing the annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), he said he is not satisfied with the status quo and Britain had to renegotiate its deal with Europe. If he gets the changes he wants, Cameron said he will campaign "vigorously" to stay in the EU. If not, he said he will "rule nothing out".



Cameron said it will be "difficult and hard" but he believed that he can convince the EU's

other 27 states to commit to irreversible and legally-binding commitments before the British public

go to the polls. Cameron's speech was heckled by two anti-EU young men who suddenly stood up

holding up a banner saying "CBI=Voice of Brussels" and chanted slogans lambasting the organiza-

tion for what they claim is a pro-EU stance. The two teenagers were moved from the meeting hall shortly. "Whilst there's no uniform views on the subject, neither within the CBI, nor among the wider business community, the majority of CBI members want to remain in a reformed EU," said Paul Drechsler, CBI president. CBI is one of the British leading independent employers' organization, representing 140 trade associations, alongside larger and medium-sized businesses who tend to join the CBI directly. (Xinhua)

New Zealand PM to Discuss Trade, Security in Southeast Asian Meetings

WELLINGTON - Trade and security links will be high on the agenda when New Zealand Prime Minister John Key undertakes a three-nation tour of Southeast Asia next week. Key said Monday he would lead a trade delegation to Vietnam from Nov. 14 to 17 and meet with Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and other ministers in Hanoi. "Vietnam is New Zealand's fastest-growing export market in South East Asia, with two-way trade now worth over 1 billion NZ dollars (653.4 million U.S. dollars) a year and we have committed to doubling that

by 2020," Key said in a statement. The visit would be an opportunity to explore new trade and investment opportunities to benefit both countries, said Key. Economic Development Minister Steven Joyce would also travel to Hanoi with a New Zealand business delegation, with the focus on the aviation and education sectors. Key would be in the Philippines from Nov. 17 to 20 to attend the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) leaders meeting in Manila. "The Asia-Pacific region is a sig... (More on P4)... (21)

Modi May Reshuffle Cabinet in Wake of BJP's Defeat in Key State Polls

NEW DELHI - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi may soon reshuffle his Cabinet of Ministers, sources said Monday. The reshuffle will be in the wake of the massive defeat of his ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the assembly polls in the eastern state of Bihar, they said. "Modi is likely to sack ministers who have failed to perform and may shunt those Ministers who have created troubles for the party by raking in communal issues," the sources said. BJP



chief Amit Shah and Modi will take a final call on the Ministers to be dropped from the Cabinet and those to be given less important

portfolios before the winter session of Parliament, they added. The BJP was decimated in the assembly polls in Bihar, in what was

perceived by many as a referendum on Modi's economic program, though the party has denied the suggestion. (Xinhua)

NATO Provides Support for African Union's Exercise: NATO

BRUSSELS - NATO provided support for the African Union's field training exercise, namely Amani Africa II in South Africa, the security organization said in a press release Monday. The African Union has conducted its most comprehensive military exercise from Oct. 19 to Nov. 7 with approximately 3,000 personnel from 29 member states. The aim of the exercise was to test and evaluate the African Standby Force (ASF) for the first time. The ASF

is a rapid reaction force similar to the NATO response Force, and it's deployable within 14 days to any place on the African continent. Allied Joint Forces Command Naples, a NATO military command based in Italy, supported the exercise with providing experienced evaluators and public affairs experts. With the assistance of the JFC Naples specialists, the African Union assessed the level of readiness, the deployability and the capabilities of its



high readiness force to keep the ASF ready and capable for future challenges, according to NATO. "Cooperation between NATO and the African Union has deep-

ened steadily for a number of years," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has said at the occasion of Exercise Amani Africa II taking... (More on P4)... (22)

EU Ministers Urged to Move Faster on Migrant Crisis

BRUSSELS - European Union interior ministers faced renewed pressure to deliver on their promises for tackling the migration crisis on Monday as they met to prepare the ground for a crucial summit with African leaders. Dimitris Avramopoulos, the EU migration commissioner, urged them to act quickly on pledges to tighten external borders, relocate refugees from overstretched Italy and Greece, and set up reception centres along the main Balkans route

from Greece. Monday's extraordinary meeting came ahead of a special EU-Africa summit in Malta on Wednesday, focused on how to reduce the flow via Libya, the second-busiest migrant route after Turkey and the Balkans. "It is now time for them (the member states) to accelerate the work to make these promises a reality on the ground," the commissioner, a Greek national, said in a statement. The European Commission, the executive... (More on P4)... (23)

Focus At Dubai Airshow Shifts to Military Needs

DUBAI - A number of military purchases announced Monday at the Dubai Airshow, including a \$1.27 billion deal for upgraded Saab surveillance systems purchased by the United Arab Emirates, reflect a shift in focus at the biennial event this year from civil aviation to defense. Saudi Arabia and the UAE have been leading the war in Yemen against the country's Shiite Houthi rebels since March and are part of the U.S.-led coalition bombing the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq. The United Arab Emirates announced a \$1.27 billion deal for upgraded Saab surveillance systems aboard newly acquired Bombardier aircraft. Saab said the deal is for a new version of its Erieye radar system for the Bombardier Global 6000. Lockheed Martin meanwhile announced it has been awarded a \$262.8 million contract from the U.S. Air Force to service Saudi Arabia's F-15 sniper targeting system, search and track sensors and radars that allow for day and night low-level navigation. Embraer Defense & Security said Lebanon would be acquiring six A-29 Super Tucano turboprop aircraft, a sale approved by the U.S. State Department in June. The deal includes logistics support for the aircraft, which are used in light air support missions, and training for Lebanese pilots and mechanics. The company... (More on P4)... (26)

Australian Asylum Policies Under Fire at U.N. Rights Review

GENEVA - Australia came under fire on Monday at the United Nations for its offshore processing of asylum claims, facing allegations that it sent back some refugees in defiance of international law and detention of child migrants. Sterilizations of disabled and discrimination against indigenous people were other concerns raised during the U.N. Human Rights Council examination of Australia's record, part of a regular review of each U.N. member state held every four years. Successive Australian governments have vowed to stop asylum seekers from reaching the mainland, sending those intercepted on unsafe boats to camps on Christmas Island, and more recently Manus island in Papua New Guinea and Nauru in the South Pacific. "Irregular migration flows pose particular challenges to a managed and equitable system of migration," John Reid, first assistant secretary in Australia's attorney-general department who led the delegation, told the 47-member Geneva forum. "Australia's strong border protection measures have played a key role in enabling the government to maintain meaningful and significant humanitarian resettlement and assistance programs," he said, citing its offer to resettle 12,000 refugees from Syria and Iraq. (Reuters)

Only Int'l Cooperation Can Resolve Migration Issue: Hungarian Minister

BUDAPEST - The only way to resolve Europe's migration crisis is through international cooperation, Hungary's Interior Minister Sandor Pinter said Monday, during a send-off ceremony for Slovenia-bound police. Pinter reiterated Hungary's position that the external borders of the European Union needed to be secured to halt the deluge of migrants sweeping into the EU illegally. "They have to be stopped on the outer



border," he said, explaining why Hungary was sending 50 police officers to Slovenia, to the towns of Maribor and Murska Sobota, to help manage the in-

flow of asylum-seekers, maintain order and prevent crime. Hungary, said Pinter, was one of the first countries to offer as... (More on P4)... (24)

Russia Mulls Support to Tour Firms after Egypt Flights Suspended

MOSCOW - Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said Monday that the government will support the tourism industry hurt by the suspension of flights to Egypt, warning that resumption of tours will not come soon. "It will not be a short period. Besides the return of our citizens, ensuring the safety of vacations in Egypt will probably take time," Medvedev said at a meeting with his deputies. He ordered an assessment of the losses inflicted by the suspension of flights and asked for proposals on this basis. Russian President Vladimir Putin on

Friday ordered the suspension of all of the country's scheduled flights to Egypt amid rising speculation that terrorist attacks were possibly behind the Oct. 31 crash of a Russian passenger jet. The Airbus A321, heading for Russia's second-largest city St. Petersburg, crashed on Oct. 31 shortly after takeoff from the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, killing all 224 people, mostly Russians, on board. Investigation of the cause is under way. On Monday, the Association of Tour Operators of Russia, which groups 50 major... (More on P4)... (25)

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Russia-Iran S-300 Delivery Deal takes Effect

MOSCOW - The deal to supply Russia-made S-300 air defense systems to Iran has taken effect, Russian state technology corporation Rostec said Monday. "The contract to supply S-300 systems to Iran has not only been signed by the sides, but has already entered into force," Rostec head Sergei Chemezov was quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency as saying at the ongoing Dubai Airshow 2015 aerospace exhibition. Moscow and Teheran signed an 800-million-U.S. dollar contract in 2007 to supply Iran with five S-300 systems. In September 2010, then Russian President Dmitry Medvedev canceled the contract to follow a resolution of the UN Security Council, which banned the supply of conventional weapons

to Iran. Iran, in response, submitted a 4-billion-U.S. dollar claim against Russia to an international arbitration court in Geneva. In early April, President Vladimir Putin signed a decree to lift the ban on sales of S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems after Iran and six world powers, including Russia, reached a framework accord on parameters of Iran's controversial nuclear program. Chemezov said he expected Iran to rescind the suit against Russia after the first part of the contract was executed. The original S-300 system, also named SA-10 Grumble by NATO, was first deployed in the former Soviet Union in 1979 to defend the country against aircraft and cruise missiles. (Xinhua)

Pakistani Jets Garner Interest at Dubai Air Show

DUBAI - Pakistani Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman said on Sunday that Pakistan has achieved remarkable successes in its war against terror despite limited resources and is being viewed as a role model in this regard. Speaking to media at the inauguration ceremony of Dubai Air Show in United Arab Emirates (UAE), the PAF chief said that the successful conduct of the anti terrorist operations have improved the law and order situation in the country paving way

for economic progress. The Air Chief said that the participation of Pakistan Air Force in this Air Show is a matter of great pride for us and many countries in general and Islamic countries in particular have shown interest in the JF-17 Thunder aircraft. Later on he also visited various stalls at the show and met with high ranking officials of the air forces of various countries including Air Vice Marshal, Ibrahim Nasser Mohammad Al Alawi, Commander UAE Air Force and Air Defence. (Agencies)

U.S. Secretary of the Navy of the United States Visits Tajikistan

DUSHANBE - United States Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus completed a scheduled visit to Tajikistan, according to the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe. During his limited time in Dushanbe, Mabus, the leader of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, met with U.S. Embassy officials to discuss the United States' ongoing commitment to supporting security and stability in Central Asia. Mabus also met with members of the Em-

bassy's Marine Security Guard Detachment and attended the detachment's Marine Corps ball, an annual commemoration of the birth of the United States Marine Corps. Mabus' stop in Tajikistan is reportedly part of a multinational trip to U.S. Southern, Africa, Central and European command areas of responsibility to meet with Sailors, Marines, and military and government leaders. (Asia-Plus)

Peaceful Message from Xi-Ma Meeting Encourages Cross-Strait Travel

TAIPEI - Thousands of locals crowded the 10th Taipei Cross-Strait Travel Fair on Monday after leaders from both sides of the Taiwan Strait pledged to promote peace and prosperity at a historic meeting in Singapore Saturday. CiouJyu-syong, a marketing manager with Pro-Tour Express Inc, a Taipei-based travel agency, has been busy handing out leaflets for the company's travel package to southwest China's Guizhou Province throughout Monday morning. "Taiwanese like Guizhou. The landscape is very much different from Taiwan and the weather is very mild throughout the year. In addition, we do not have a problem with language and culture differences,"

said Ciou, who himself has been to Guizhou at least eight times. Only about a third of his flyers were left by the time noon rolled around. "The weekend was even more crowded than today," he told Xinhua. About 270,000 people attended the fair from Friday to Sunday, organizers said. A Taipei woman named Yu in her fifties collected a bag full of travel leaflets from the mainland delegation's main desk. "I have made several trips to the mainland but I still plan to go. I would like to visit Xinjiang (in northwest China) and Hainan (in the very south)," she said, adding she visited central China's Hunan Province in September. (Xinhua)