

Turkey Shuts Down 370 NGOs over Terror Links: Media

ANKARA - Turkish government shut down 370 non-governmental organizations with links to terror groups on Friday, Local daily Hurriyet reported. The interior ministry said in a statement that the organizations in 39 provinces were closed due to threats against national security. Up to 190 of these organizations are linked with the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which is listed by the Turkish government as a terrorist organization, while 153 others are connected with the Gulen movement, which was accused of plotting the July 15 coup attempt by the au-



thorities, it said. The rest are linked with the Islamic States group and the outlawed Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, it added. The ministry also said that investigations of these organizations are ongoing, pledging "determination to fight all kinds of structures, groups and institutions with links to terror organizations." The move was taken under the state of emergency legislation, the statement said. Turkey declared a state of emergency after the July 15 coup attempt that killed more than 240 people and injured around 2,200. (Xinhua)

Russia Says will Need U.N. Guarantee for New Aleppo Humanitarian Pauses

MOSCOW - The Russian Defense Ministry said on Saturday it would need the U.N. mission in Syria to formally confirm its ability to deliver aid to eastern Aleppo before Moscow agreed to any new humanitarian pauses in fighting in the shattered Syrian city. Moscow says previous temporary ceasefires on the ground, called to allow aid deliveries and the evacuation of the wounded and civilians, have come to nothing because rebels have opened

fire on anyone trying to come in or out. Rebels contest that and say it is the Syrian army and its allies who have sabotaged the humanitarian pauses. "The Russian Defense Ministry will be ready to consider introducing new 'humanitarian pauses' at any time as soon as representatives of the U.N. mission in Syria officially confirm their readiness and possibil-



ity to deliver humanitarian aid to eastern Aleppo and to evacuate wounded and sick civilians," Major-General Igor Konashen-

kov said in a statement. The occasional humanitarian pauses on the ground are distinct from a ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

British Scholars Believe Special British-U.S. Relationship to Continue

LONDON - British scholars said they believed that the special British-U.S. relationship will continue. Dr. Tom Davies is a lecturer in American history at the University of Sussex in England. The university has an internationally-renowned faculty devoted to the history of American politics and culture. In an interview with Xinhua, Davies said he believes the special British-U.S. relationship will continue, and there are many reasons why it will survive The Trump years.

"For many reasons, such as social and cultural, I think it will continue just as it has done for most of the 21st century," he said. His comments came one day after U.S. President-elect Donald Trump invited British Prime Minister Theresa May to visit his country "as soon as possible" as they held their first talks by telephone two days after he was elected. Both of them reaffirmed that the two countries have a special relationship. A Downing ...*(More on P4)...*(23)

India May Decide on Defense Reforms within Few Months: DM

NEW DELHI - India will take a call on finalizing defence reforms within the next few months that may include the creation of the post of Chief of Defense Staff, the country's defense minister has said. "I am very clear on it but there were certain aspects which need to be also taken along, I have to take all the three services on board. Let me be very clear, no one wants to leave his turf," Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar said at

an event in the national capital Thursday. "I have been discussing with the chiefs and slowly they have also come to understanding that jointness would be much better than individually separate forces. The Air Force and the Army integrated so well in recent operations... there was no problem in working together," he added. However, the minister made it clear that the final decision will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi's. (Xinhua)

Iraqi Forces Push Slowly into Mosul to Seize More Districts

MOSUL, Iraq - Iraqi security forces on Friday pushed forward slowly and freed new districts in the city of Mosul from the Islamic State (IS) militants, as the extremists militants are using civilians as cover, security sources said. The commandos of the Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS) broke through the IS defensive lines and entered the districts of Qadsiyah and Baker in the eastern side of Mosul, leaving many militants killed and destroying several booby-trapped cars, said a statement by a media of-

fice affiliated to the Joint Operations Command (JOC). The troops managed to recapture more than half of the district in the afternoon after heavy street battles with the militants, according to Lieutenant General Abdul-Amir Yarallah from the JOC. Earlier in the month, hundreds of the CTS commandos and Iraqi army made



a significant progress from three directions at the eastern side of Mosul, locally known as the left bank of the Tigris River, and man-

aged to seize six districts. The advance unleashed the most intense street battles against IS militants ...*(More on P4)...*(24)

Brexit Gives Additional Boost to Dutch Real Estate Market: Experts

THE HAGUE - Britain's departure from the European Union (EU) provided new tailwind for the Netherlands's real estate market which has been maintaining an upward swing in recent years, according to Dutch experts. "Firstly, the Netherlands could potentially attract London-based businesses seeking to relocate to continental Europe and, secondly, investors are moving away from London to other markets," Jeroen Jansen, head of research at the property services group Savills Consultancy, told Xinhua. More companies are investigating the possibility to ...*(More on P4)...*(25)

Ex-U.S. Ambassador to Moscow Says Banned from Entering Russia

MOSCOW - Russia has banned Michael McFaul, a former U.S. ambassador to Moscow under President Barack Obama, from entering the country, McFaul and Russian Foreign Ministry sources said. Russia has a travel ban in place on some U.S. officials in retaliation for a U.S. ban on Russian officials entering the United States. McFaul, U.S. ambassador in Moscow from 2012-2014, said he had learnt of the ban when applying for a visa to Russia to help defeated presidential candidate Hillary Clinton prepare for what he thought would be her transition to the White House. "I have hundreds of friends in Russia. I'm really sorry that these sanctions will make communicating with people harder," McFaul wrote on social media on Saturday. In a separate earlier ...*(More on P4)...*(27)

UN Chief Welcomes Trump's Call for Unity after Divisive Elections

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday welcomed a call from Donald Trump, the U.S. president-elect, for unity after what has been described as a bitter and divisive presidential campaign. In a phone call on Friday afternoon when anti-Trump protests were underway across the United States, Ban congratulated Trump again on his election as the forty-fifth President of the United States of America, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters here. "The secretary-general welcomed President-elect



Trump's calls for unity following a hard-fought election," the spokesman said. Since Trump's election victory on Wednesday, people took to the streets in such U.S. cities as Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco to protest the billionaire's election. The protests continued into Friday night. "The secretary-general expressed confidence that the United States and the United Nations would maintain their traditional strong ties of cooperation to ...*(More on P4)...*(26)

UN Rights Chief Urges Focus on Victims' Rights in ISIL-Held Areas in Iraq

GENEVA - UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on Friday called for immediate action to ensure that the rights and the needs of victims and survivors in Mosul and other ISIL-held areas in Iraq are met, including the need for justice, truth and reconciliation. The UN rights chief cited recent reports as saying that over the past few days, ISIL appeared to be continuing to carry out killings based on decisions of its self-

appointed "courts". On Tuesday, ISIL reportedly shot and killed 40 civilians in Mosul city after accusing them of "treason and collaboration" with the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF). The victims were reportedly dressed in orange clothes marked in red with the words: "traitors and agents of the ISF", and their bodies were then hung on electrical poles in several areas in Mosul city. The same evening, a 27-year-old man was allegedly publicly ...*(More on P4)...*(28)

Syria Regime Rolls Back Rebel Gains in Aleppo: Monitor



BEIRUT - Syrian government forces have recaptured all of the areas taken by rebel fighters in a recent assault intended to break the regime siege on eastern Aleppo, a monitor said Saturday. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the army had recaptured key areas including the western district of Dahiyet al-Assad and the village of Minyan outside the city. The reversals undo all of the progress made during a recent push by opposition fighters, including former Al-Qaeda affiliate Fateh al-Sham front, as they tried to end a government siege on eastern Aleppo city. Government forces surrounded rebel-held east Aleppo in July, severing the last supply line into opposition neighborhoods and imposing a blockade that has led to food and fuel shortages. Rebels have tried several times to break the siege, succeeding briefly in August, but no aid has entered the east since July. The monitor said over 450 fighters and civilians had been killed since the rebels began their latest bid to break the siege on October 28. The dead include 215 Syrian and foreign opposition fighters, including some who carried out suicide bomb attacks, and 143 regime forces. (AFP)

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China Defense Minister to Pay Three-Day Visit to Iran

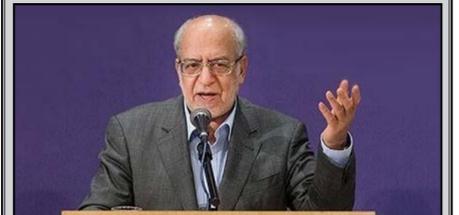


TEHRAN - China's Defense Minister General Chang Wanquan will pay an official three-day visit to Tehran to hold key talks with senior Iranian officials. Chang is scheduled to arrive in Tehran on Sunday at the official invitation of Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan.

The Chinese defense minister plans to meet with his Iranian counterpart and senior political and military officials of the country. The sides will discuss ways to improve cooperation and the latest regional and international developments. Back in April 2015, the Iranian and Chinese

defense ministers, who were in the Russian capital to attend the fourth Moscow International Security Conference, held a meeting and discussed Tehran-Beijing relations as well as the issue of the Daesh Takfiri terrorists and the extent of their activities in East Asia. In the meeting, Dehqan said Iran and China shared a very successful experience of defense cooperation and were determined to strengthen mutual relations in this sector. The Chinese defense minister, for his part, stressed the importance of improving bilateral and multilateral defense and military cooperation on global issues. (Presstv)

Iran's Int'l Deals Not to be Affected by Trump's Election: Minister



TEHRAN - Iran's minister of Industry, Mines and Trade said Friday that the election of Donald Trump as the new president of the United States will have no impacts on its international industrial deals, Press TV reported. The international deals pertaining to Iran's major industrial projects are independent from Iranian nuclear deal that has come under repeated attacks by Trump in his presidential campaign, Mohammad-Reza Nematzadeh was quoted as saying. Foreign parties to Iran's industrial contracts

demand to devise a mechanism to link the fulfillment of the accords to the fate of Iran's nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Nematzadeh said. "However, none of the contracts that we have signed contain any reference to the JCPOA and we will go ahead with them under any condition," he added. Iranian minister further said that the United States under Trump cannot unilaterally cancel the nuclear deal as it is not a unilateral but an international deal. (Xinhua)

Palestine President to Pay Visit to Turkmenistan

ASHGABAT - Palestine's President Mahmoud Abbas is scheduled to be on a visit in Turkmenistan November 13-15, the Turkmen government said in a message Nov. 12. Palestine and Turkmenistan are slated to sign documents on strengthening and expansion of cooperation following a meeting between Abbas and the Turkmen President Gurbanguly

Berdimuhamedov. Priority areas of bilateral relations will be discussed in the upcoming high-level negotiations between Turkmenistan and Palestine in Ashgabat, said the Turkmen state news agency Dowllet Habarlary in its commentary. Diplomatic relations between Turkmenistan and Palestine were established in 1992. (Trend)

Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan Preparing for Bilateral Cooperation Talks

BISHKEK - Olimzoda Deputy Foreign Minister of Kyrgyzstan Dinara Kemelova with Ambassador of Tajikistan to Kyrgyzstan Suhrob Olimzoda to discuss relevant aspects of bilateral cooperation, the Foreign Ministry of Kyrgyzstan said. The diplomats focused on border cooperation, confidence building measures in

border areas during the meeting. The sides also reviewed preparedness of both sides for the upcoming 15th meeting of the Kyrgyz-Tajik inter-governmental commission for comprehensive consideration of bilateral issues. The meeting of the commission is scheduled for November 22-23 in Bishkek. (AKIpress)