

# Thousands March in U.S. Cities in 4th Day Anti-Trump Protests

NEW YORK/LOS ANGELES - Thousands of people took to the streets on Saturday in major cities across the United States in a fourth day of protests against the election of Donald Trump to be the 45 president.

The "we reject the president-elect" chant echoed far and wide again in New York City Saturday, as thousands of angry New Yorkers protested against Trump's win in Tuesday's presidential election.

The protesters, most of them young people, gathered at Union Square in force and soon marched towards the Trump



Tower on Fifth Avenue, headquarters of the reality show star turned "Love Trumps Hate" and residence and campaign real estate mogul and politician. Holding signs "Not my president,"

demonstrators filled the busy avenue famous for its high-end retail stores for almost fifty city blocks and cut off through traffic.

The police force of the city was on high alert, barricading the entrance of Trump Tower and many storefronts in case the protest turns violent.

"We are not trying to change the result, but to express our discontent and anger for this mistake made by many uninformed voters," said protester Chris Wells.

"This man is totally unqualified to be our president and I fear for our future," he added. (Xinhua)

## Russian Warship Flotilla Now off Syrian Coast: Military

MOSCOW - A flotilla of Russian warships is now in the eastern Mediterranean off the Syrian coast after being sent to reinforce Russia's military in the area, a naval commander said on state television.

The commander of Russia's flagship Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier, Sergei Artamonov, said via videolink that the ships are now in the "designated zone... in the eastern Mediterranean" and "are now jointly carrying out tasks, manoeuvring

to the west of the Syrian coast".

The battle group has travelled to Syria from the North Sea through the English Channel in the biggest such naval deployment in recent years as part of Russia's military intervention in Syria.

Russia has been flying a bombing campaign in Syria for the past year in support of President Bashar al-Assad and has



deployed a naval contingent to back up its operation. The naval task force has been monitored closely

by NATO, whose chief Jens Stoltenberg voiced concern the ships would be used to support the ... (More on P4)... (24)

## Trump's Election Win Delivers Major Blow to Obama's Legacy on Trade

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump's surprise victory in U.S. presidential election on Tuesday delivered a major blow to President Barack Obama's legacy on trade, as any hope of enacting his signature Pacific trade deal quickly faded after the election.

The Obama administration had lobbied hard for months in the hope of approving the controversial Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal during the so-called lame-duck session of Congress after

the election, if Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton had won. However, fueled by a wave of anti-trade and anti-establishment sentiment, Republican presidential candidate Trump was elected to the White House, shocking many throughout the country.

Republican congressional leaders made clear after the election that they wouldn't consider the 12-nation Pacific trade deal in the remainder of Obama's term, citing the ... (More on P4)... (25)

## Iraqi Troops Say Recapture Nimrud, Site of Assyrian City

BAGHDAD - Iraqi soldiers recaptured on Sunday the town of Nimrud, next to the ruins of the 3,000-year-old Assyrian city which was overrun and bulldozed two years ago by Islamic State militants.

Nimrud, once the capital of an empire stretching across the ancient Middle East, is one of several historic sites looted and ransacked by the militants when they seized large parts of northern Iraq two years ago. The militant group,

whose ultra-hardline doctrine deems the country's pre-Islamic religious heritage idolatrous, released video footage last year showing its fighters bulldozing, drilling and blowing up murals and statues at Nimrud.

Those statues included the famous winged bulls with human faces, known as lamassu, which stood at the entrances to the palace of Ashurnasirpal II, king of Assyria in the 9th ... (More on P4)... (26)

## Iraqi Forces Extend Grip in IS Stronghold in Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq - Iraqi security forces on Saturday extended their grip in Mosul after intense fighting with Islamic State (IS) group in several eastern districts of the city, a security source said.

Early in the morning, the army's armored vehicles and soldiers swept al-Salam district after fierce clashes with heavily armed small groups of IS militants, leaving at least 30 militants killed and destroying a booby-trapped car, according to Lieutenant General Abdul-Amir Yarallah from the Joint Op-

erations Command.

The commandos of the Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS) seized the Arbajiyah district after intense street battles with IS militants in the morning, and cleared the nearby district of Qadsiyah, which the troops stormed after the adjacent district of Baker the day before, killing dozens of the extremist militants, Yarallah



said without giving further details.

Also in the day, the commandos moved to surround Aden district and

fought heavy clashes with the militants, killing many, Yarallah said, adding that the troops supported by the ... (More on P4)... (27)

## Turkey Issues Travel Warning about U.S. Amid Anti-Trump Protests

ANKARA - Turkey's Foreign Ministry on Saturday issued a travel warning concerning the United States as thousands of Americans have taken streets for the fourth day in a row to protest the President-elect Donald Trump.

"Turkish citizens should stay away from demonstrations in the U.S. cities, take necessary security measures at their homes and work, and inform security officials immediately in possible racist abuse or attacks," the statement on the ministry's website said.

Anti-Donald Trump demonstrations "occasionally featured acts of crime and violence," the ... (More on P4)... (28)

## Rise in Harassment of Swedish Migration Agency Staff Members: Report

STOCKHOLM - The Swedish Migration Agency has seen a dramatic rise in harassment of its employees since last year. While few of the threats have been acted on or led to violence, staff members have experienced phone harassment as well as received threatening emails and messages on social media.

In some cases, asylum seekers have threatened to take their own lives or have acted aggressively at the Migration Agency's premises and at its accommodations, Swedish Television reports on Saturday.

The Migration Agency tracks all incidents that occur at its premises and accommodations and there were over 2,000 recorded incidents between September 1, 2015 and August 31 2016. Out of those, nearly 300 were incidents in ... (More on P4)... (30)

## EU Foreign Ministers to Gather to Grapple with Trump Impact

BRUSSELS - European Union foreign ministers will gather Sunday to discuss the impact of Donald Trump's election on trans-Atlantic ties and whether it will complicate relations with an increasingly belligerent Russia.

At informal dinner talks in Brussels, well away from the media, the ministers will debate how many of Trump's campaign announcements - like isolationist positions on security, his rejection of international trade pacts and refusal to criticize Russian President Vladimir Putin - might translate into real



policy. Before the talks, NATO's secretary-general appealed for trans-Atlantic unity and warned that "going it alone" wasn't an option for either Europe or the U.S. Before the dinner, EU diplomats were at a loss to

explain Trump's stunning victory or understand yet what it might really mean. Giovanni Grevi, senior fellow at the European Policy Centre think tank, said that "cooperation between Europe and the U.S. will not ... (More on P4)... (29)

## Saudi Oil Minister Says OPEC Production Cut 'Imperative'

ALGIERS - Saudi Arabia's oil minister said it was "imperative" that OPEC nations finalise an agreement over a cut in oil production aimed at boosting crude prices, Algerian media said Sunday.

Khalid al-Falih met his Algerian counterpart Nouredine Boutarfa on Saturday and called on cartel members to stick to the surprise cut deal, reached in Algiers in September. "In this period marked by unstable oil prices it is imperative to reach a consensus between OPEC nations and

to agree on an effective mechanism and precise figures to activate the historic Algiers accord," Falih was quoted as saying by Algeria's APS news agency. The September meeting of OPEC members produced an agreement to cut the cartel's output by 750,000 barrels per day (bpd), according to Bloomberg News. Oil rose on news of the deal, but crude prices are still more than 50 percent lower than their mid-2014 levels. Falih said he was "optimistic" ... (More on P4)... (31)

## US to Push Ahead on Climate Pact before Trump Takes over: Kerry

WELLINGTON - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Sunday the Obama administration would do everything it could to implement a global agreement to combat climate change before President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

Kerry made the comments during a visit to New Zealand just before setting off to Marrakesh, Morocco to take part in climate talks between 200 nations. Donald Trump, who calls global warming a hoax and has promised to quit the Paris Agreement, was considering ways to bypass a theoretical four-year procedure for leaving the accord, according to a source on Trump's transition team.

Kerry declined to speculate on what Trump might do about the Paris Agreement and noted that there was sometimes a difference between campaigning and governing. But the top American diplomat was clear he thought further action to prevent climate change should be a priority. "The evidence is mounting in ways that people in public life should not dare to avoid accepting as a mandate for action," Kerry told journalists at a press conference in Wellington with New Zealand Prime Minister John Key. "Until January 20 when this administration is over, we intend to do everything possible to meet our responsibility to future generations to be able to address this threat to life itself on the planet." (Reuters)

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### Chinese, Russian Ruling Parties Need to Share Experiences: Russian Official

MOSCOW - The Communist Party of China (CPC) and the United Russia party, both as ruling parties, have a great need to exchange experiences in the field of party construction and control over party members' political activities, a senior Russian ruling party official said.

The issues of party discipline, and effective work of party members are always in the internal discussions in both parties as well as in exchanges between them, said Sergei Zheleznyak, deputy secretary of the General Council of the United Russia party.

In their dialogue, both parties have paid much attention to interactions among party members, improving governance efficiency and accelerating reforms, he said in

a recent interview with Xinhua.

The two parties adopt a common stance in many international political organizations on issues of international security, countering terrorism and extremism, among others, said Zheleznyak, who is also a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the State Duma, or the lower house of parliament.

United Russia has been studying carefully China's anti-corruption experiences under the CPC leadership, he noted, adding it is no coincidence that the CPC leaders have paid so much attention to fighting corruption, "one of the most serious obstacles to the development of any country," which could also discredit the authority of the party. (Xinhua)

### Iran Says Humanitarian Aid Immediate Need of Besieged Syrians

TEHRAN - An Iranian Foreign Ministry official said Saturday that the United Nations should dispatch immediate humanitarian aid to the crisis-hit people in Syria, Press TV reported.

The United Nations should also adopt strategies to effectively fight terrorism and prepare the ground for the Syrians to determine their own future, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Jaber Ansari said following a meeting with the visiting Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura. Jaber Ansari

described his talks with de Mistura on the latest humanitarian situation in Syria and international efforts to help solve Syrian crisis as "good and serious."

He expressed hope that the recent regional and international developments would lay the ground for the United Nations to take more effective measures to restore security and peace to Syria through dialogue.

The UN envoy arrived in Tehran on Saturday at the invitation of Jaber Ansari to discuss the ongoing conflict in Syria. (Xinhua)

### 52 Killed in Suicide Attack on Balochistan Shrine

QUETTA/KHUZDAR - At least 52 people were killed and over 100 others wounded when a teenage suicide bomber blew himself up in a packed-to-capacity courtyard of the Shah Noorani shrine in a remote mountainous region of Khuzdar district on Saturday evening, officials said.

According to an AFP report, the militant Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack. The caretaker of the Shah Noorani shrine, Nawaz Ali, said that between 1,000 and 1,500 visitors came to the shrine every Saturday where traditional sufi dance was held in the evening.

Area Tehsildar Javed Iqbal said that on Saturday over 1,000 people, who reached from all across the country, particularly Karachi which is at a distance of 250 kilometres, were present on the premises of the shrine and many devotees were performing the traditional dhamaal in the courtyard when the blast took place.

TV footage showed blood, human flesh, debris and shoes scattered all around the site of the blast. Sunny, who went to the shrine along with his 40 relatives, said that the blast took place as soon as the muezzin began calling for Maghrib prayer.

(Monitoring Desk)

### Turkey, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan Aim to Boost Connectivity

ASHGABAT - The new international airport opened recently in Turkmenistan's capital, Ashgabat, is an impressive work of architecture. It is of enormous size, having five floors in the main terminal with a total enclosed area of 162,000 square meters, and has a unique design - it resembles a giant falcon spreading its wings.

Turkish construction companies are not newcomers to the Turkmen market. In addition to the new airport, they have completed several large-scale projects for the Turkmen government, including the \$5 billion Olympic Village prepared for the 2017 Asian ... (More on P4)... (32)