

# European Countries Beef up Security after Paris Terror Attacks

BRUSSELS - European countries have beefed up security following Friday's multiple attacks in Paris that killed more than 160 people and drew strong condemnations from the international community. About seven well-coordinated shootings and bombings rocked central Paris Friday night, one of which turned into a hostage taking at the Bataclan theater and concert hall where hundreds of people were attending a rock concert. At least two explosions were heard near the national stadium Stade de France where a France-Germany friendly soccer match was being played, attended by French Presi-



dent Francois Hollande. According to local media, the death toll rose to 128

victims, with 250 people wounded, among whom 99 are in very critical situa-

tion, in "an unprecedented terrorist attack". Investigators said at least eight at-

tackers were killed, with seven of them hav...(More on P4)...(24)

**IS Claims Responsibility for Paris Attacks**  
PARIS - Islamic State claims responsibility of Paris attacks that took place Friday night in an online press release Saturday. "Eight brothers carrying explosive belts and assault rifles targeted the places previously carefully selected," it said. "They triggered their belts amid these disbelievers after having used up their ammunitions," continued the statement. IS also threatens that France will be a target as long as it carries out military operation against Muslims. So far, a provisional toll shows that at least 128 people were killed, about 250 injured, including 99 in very critical condition, during the coordinated attack that took place Friday night in...(More on P4)...(25)

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### Rouhani Postpones Europe Trip after Paris Attacks

TEHRAN - Hassan Rouhani on Saturday postponed what would have been the first visit to Europe by an Iranian president in 10 years after attacks in Paris that he described as "crimes against humanity." Rouhani had been due to hold talks in Rome on Saturday with Pope Francis as well as Italian counterpart Sergio Mattarella and Prime Minister Matteo Renzi before travelling on to the French capital. Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who had been due to travel with Rouhani, told state television he would now instead head Iran's del-

egation to international talks on the Syrian conflict in Vienna. Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian had been due to lead the Iranian team. Rouhani sent a message of condolence to French counterpart Francois Hollande on the shootings and bombings in Paris that left more than 120 people dead, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported. "In the name of the Iranian people, who have themselves been victims of terrorism, I strongly condemn these crimes against humanity and offer my condolences to the...(More on P4)...(31)

### NATO Chief Condemns Terrorist Attacks in Paris

BRUSSELS - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg early on Saturday condemned Friday night's terrorist attacks in Paris which have left more than 120 people dead. "I am deeply shocked by the horrific terrorist attacks across Paris. My thoughts are with the families of the victims, with all those affected, and with the people of France," Stoltenberg said in a statement. He stressed that NATO member states stand strong and united in the fight against terrorism. Stoltenberg has said that, after the Paris Charlie Hebdo

attack, "to fight terrorist requires NATO allies are working even closer together in fighting terrorism and exchanging information about, for instance, homecoming of foreign fighters." He underlined the importance of that NATO allies are working closely together especially in the areas of police, intelligence. Stoltenberg joined the world leaders' unity rally in central Paris on Jan. 11 to pay tribute to the victims killed in the Paris Charlie Hebdo and kosher market attacks. (Xinhua)

### WADA Calls for more Resources to Advance Anti-Doping Efforts

BEIJING - The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) called for stronger support from sport organizations and governments in the wake of Russia's doping crisis. On Monday, a WADA-initiated independent commission published a report accusing Russia of numerous anti-doping rule violations. WADA spokesperson Ben Nichols Saturday said the anti-doping coordination body are confident in their work but they need more committed efforts from "every sport and every country". "As the report confirmed, Russia and athletics are not the only country and sport that face the threat of doping," Nichols said in an



email to Xinhua. "Doping is a very current threat to sport but WADA are absolutely confident we have the right tools to protect the clean athletes," Nichols said. The anti-doping fight has been upgraded each year as new rules were set down, including 4-year

sanctions for real cheats, smarter testing, punishments on guilty athlete entourage and increased focus on investigations. "For anti-doping to truly succeed under these new, improved rules, we need a strong will from all partners and we must collectively protect the rights

of clean athletes in every sport and every country," he said. Nichols admitted that the report about widespread doping could damage the confidence in clean athletes, which is why immediate actions must be taken quickly and firmly. (Xinhua)

### President of Tajikistan Plants Sapling at Shakarparian

ISLAMABAD - President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon on Friday planted a sapling at Shakarparian, becoming the 128th foreign dignitary and second Tajik President to plant a sapling at the International Friendship Garden. The Tajik President, who planted a Magnolia Grandiflora tree, praised the natural beauty of the federal capital and said green character of the city was impressive. He lauded efforts of the Authority to make the city green and added he himself was fond of gardening and environmentalist. The Chairman CDA briefed the foreign dignitary about the history of Capital and the

tradition of planting trees at the Memorial Garden. He said it was the place where the Federal Cabinet met for first time in 1960 to approve plan of the Federal Capital Islamabad. The tree plantation site is a historic place where a large number of head of states and government have planted trees during their visit to Islamabad. The tradition of plantation by foreign heads of states and governments at the garden began on February 21, 1964, with Zhou Enlai, the first Premier of the People's Republic of China, who sowed a seed of the Chinese Tallow Tree in the memorial garden. ...(More on P4)...(32)

### Syria Talks Begin in Vienna Under Pall of Paris Attacks

VIENNA - Syria as a breeding ground for terrorism moved Saturday to the foreground of a meeting of foreign ministers on the war in that country, with participants linking the shooting and bombing attacks in Paris to Mideast turmoil and the opportunities it gives for terror. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov both condemned the attacks as they began meetings with senior representatives from Iran, Saudi Arabia and other countries

with strongly conflicting views on how to end the more than four-year war. Key differences include what, if any role Syrian President Bashar Assad should play in any transition government and which groups fighting him should be grouped as terrorists. Those differences appeared to be put aside at least temporarily as the meeting started. "These kinds of attacks are the most vile, horrendous, outrageous, unacceptable acts on the planet," said Kerry, after speaking with Lav-



rov and shortly before the main meeting convened at a luxurious Vienna hotel. "And the one thing we could say to those people is that what they do in this stiffen our resolve, all of us, to fight back, to hold people

accountable, and to stand up for rule of law, which is exactly what we are here to do. "And if they've done anything, they've encouraged us today to do even harder work to make pro...(More on P4)...(26)

### No more Fuss about Free Navigation in South China Sea

BEIJING - Exchanges of blame in past months have drawn attention to the South China Sea. At least one thing is now certain: There is no issue with freedom of navigation in the South China Sea. The undeniable fact is that there has never been any problem with free navigation in the region. And there will be no issue in the future as countries in the region, including China, value peace on the sea routes, which are a lifeline for their economies. "There

are over 100,000 ships from countries around the world sailing safely and freely through the South China Sea every year," said Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying. "They don't run into any problems at all." A few Western politicians have tried to portray China as a country that will obstruct free navigation in the South China Sea. That's a serious accusation, and utterly untrue. It should be noted that...(More on P4)...(27)

### China to Launch Dark Matter Satellite in Mid-December

SHANGHAI - The Dark Matter Particle Explorer (DAMPE) Satellite, developed by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), is expected to be launched at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in mid-December. DAMPE, the first satellite in a CAS space science program, and its carrier Long March 2-D rocket left Shanghai Saturday, heading for Jiuquan in northwest China's Gansu Province. The satellite and carrier rocket are fully prepared for blast-off after passing the inspection and approval of the CAS. It will be the 26th mission for the Long March 2-D rocket. DAMPE

is one of the first four scientific satellites employed in the CAS space program. It will observe the direction, energy and electric charge of high-energy particles in space in search of dark matter. DAMPE will have the widest observation spectrum and highest energy resolution of any dark matter probe in the world. According to experts, DAMPE is designed for increased payload, with the scientific payload weighing 1,410 kg and the whole satellite weighing 1,850 kg. The design helps cut down on the size and weight of the satellite and save launching costs. (Xinhua)

### Philippine Leader's Corruption Fight Marks Modest Progress

MANILA - The anti-corruption campaign of Philippine President Benigno Aquino III has led to the arrest of a string of top officials, including three senators, a former national police chief and even his predecessor. But a few prominent people who have been indicted have evaded jail time and are in no danger of imminent conviction. Some experts doubt Aquino's campaign has had wider impact and question his effectiveness in tackling the scourge that has plagued the Southeast Asian nation for generations. Although corruption remains entrenched, Aquino has made progress by several measures, improving the country's image among international investors. The Philippines' ranking in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report, which analyzes various factors, including corruption, rose to 47th out of 140 economies from 87th among 133 before Aquino took office in 2010. Corruption, previously the top problem, dropped to third behind an inefficient government bureaucracy and inadequate supply of infrastructure, it said. In Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index, a widely used yardstick, the Philippines rose to 85th out of 175 countries last year from 134th place out of 178 in 2010. And corruption cases against "high ranking officials and their cohorts" jumped from 189 in 2009 to 961 in 2013, the most in 18 years, according to Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales, who...(More on P4)...(28)

### Carter Speaks with French Defense Minister: Pentagon

WASHINGTON - U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter spoke on the phone with French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian on Saturday morning, a Pentagon statement said. It added that the United States was "committed to helping France in any way" and the two would remain in close contact. Islamic State claimed responsibility on Saturday for attacks that killed 127 people in Paris on Friday, saying it sent



militants strapped with guns to various locations and carrying machine guns in the heart of the capital. (Reuters)

### WB Provides Additional \$177mln Financing to Increase Electricity Supply in Bangladesh

DHAKA - The World Bank has approved an additional 177 million U.S. dollars financing with the overall aim to increase reliable, low-cost electricity supply in Bangladesh. According to a statement of the Washington-based lender received here Saturday, the additional financing will enable the completion of construction of a 335-megawatt combined cycle power plant at Siddhirganj, near Dhaka. The combined cycle technology allows the plant to produce higher energy with lower gas consumption, it said. According to the statement, this cleaner technology reduces carbon emission while ensuring

higher thermal efficiency. The plant will deliver at least 2.49 billion kwh annually, which accounts for 6 percent of the total electricity delivered to the national grid, it said. "Despite increased power generation capacity, Bangladesh still faces significant outages during the peak demand hours. Inadequate power supply is affecting families, undermining competitiveness and hindering growth," said Martin Rama, acting World Bank country director for Bangladesh. "This additional financing will add new power generation capacity for Bangladesh and increase efficient use of its scarce...(More on P4)...(29)

### England-France Friendly to go Ahead as Planned:FFF

PARIS - The French Football Federation (FFF) confirmed Saturday afternoon that the international friendly between England and France will go ahead as planned in London on Tuesday after the deadly attacks killed at least 128 people in Paris on Friday evening. "As we speak, the game is on," said a FFF spokesman. "After talks with the English FA, we decided to go ahead." "If the England FA came to re-evaluate the situation, obviously the question of holding the match or not would be addressed," he added. As France hosted World Cup champions Germany and eventually won 2-0 at the Stade de France on Friday, three explosions were heard outside the national stadium just about 20 minutes after the friendly kicked off. At least five died and several others were seriously hurt during the explosions while several attacks took place throughout central Paris with one of which turned to hostage taking at the Bataclan theater and concert hall. One of the explosions outside Stade de France was near a McDonald on the fringes of the stadium and at least one of the two explosions in rue Jules-Rimet was a suicide bomb attack, according to local media. Germany coach Loew sensed danger and became aware that the loud noises were unusual as earlier in the day there was a bomb threat in the team's hotel. "I thought about that when I...(More on P4)...(30)

### Nawaz Expresses Satisfaction over Relief, Compensation Efforts in Swat

SWAT -Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited Tehsil Barikot on Saturday and expressed satisfaction over the pace of relief and compensation efforts in the earthquake affected areas of Swat. Nawaz went to Gumgot village of Tehsil Barikot to disburse the compensation amount among the residents of the areas which were affected due to the massive tremors on October 26. The prime minister lauded the efforts of all stakeholders - including federal, provincial, district and local administration and the armed forces - for carrying out rescue and relief op-

erations in areas which were badly affected in the natural disaster that jolted various parts of the country including Malakand division. "We should thank Almighty Allah for saving the country from large scale destruction because the tremors were massive," the premier said. Nawaz said he immediately met with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa chief minister, the governor and his adviser Amir Muqam, in the aftermath of the calamity and called for prompt compensation for the affected populace of various areas in the province. (Agencies)