

British PM Calls for Globalization that Works for all

LONDON - British Prime Minister Theresa May in her first major foreign policy speech said Monday that Britain must respond with calm, determined, global leadership to shape a new era of globalization that works for all. In a keynote speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet in the City of London, May said a post-Brexit Britain can step up to a new global role in which it can trade freely with other countries. In a speech that will be viewed as May setting out how she sees Britain's future trading and business links, the prime minister spoke of a world



transformed. Her speech was aimed at responding to critics of her government's strategies as Britain prepares to leave the European Union. Speaking at the Guild Hall in London, May said: "A

year ago, few among us would have predicted the events ahead. A clear, determined decision to leave the European Union and forge a bold, new, confident future for ourselves in the world." "Change is in the air. And when people demand change, it is the job of politicians to respond," said May, following a long tradition of addressing the centuries old City of London. She told an audience of business leaders: "Liberalism and globalization have delivered unprecedented levels of wealth and opportunity. They have lifted millions out ... (More on P4)...(23)

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China Says U.S. Joining AIIB Would be "Good"

BEIJING - China on Tuesday said it would be "good" if the United States could join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang made the comments in response to a question about whether China welcomes the United States to join the Beijing-based multilateral development bank. Hong Kong's South China Morning Post said that U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's national security adviser, James Woolsey, called the Obama's administration's opposition to the formation of the AIIB "a strategic mistake" in a letter to the newspaper, according to Reuters. The AIIB aims to promote infrastructure

construction in Asia and meet relevant investment demand. It is an open and inclusive multilateral development institution, Geng said. "It would be a good thing if the United States, the world's largest economy, were to join the AIIB. We have held this attitude since the very beginning," he noted. The China-initiated AIIB, formally established on Dec. 25, 2015, started operations in January this year. It now has 57 members and authorized capital amounting to 100 billion U.S. dollars. Geng added that, nevertheless, the AIIB is an independent multilateral institution with its own rules and procedures about new membership approval. (Xinhua)

Putin, Trump Vow Joint Efforts to Normalize Russia-U.S. Ties in Phone Talks: Kremlin

MOSCOW - Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on Monday held a telephone conversation, with both sides agreeing to make joint efforts to normalize the current strained ties between Russia and the United States. Putin voiced Moscow's willingness to build a partnership dialogue with the new U.S. administration based on equality, mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other, the Kremlin said in a statement. Both sides agreed to review the current soured ties between the two powers, noting in particular the need to create a solid foundation of bilateral ties through the development of their trade and economic component, which would help "stimulate a return to pragmatic, mutually beneficial cooperation." Putin



and Trump also discussed joint efforts in the fight against their "common enemy" -- international terrorism and extremism, and shared views on the Syrian settlement. They agreed to continue phone contacts in the future, the Kremlin added. (Xinhua)

UN Asks People with Diabetes to Pay Attention to Eye Protection

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday called on people with diabetes to have their eyes examined regularly to prevent vision health problems. "Diabetes is a leading cause of poor eyesight and blindness worldwide. Because the changes are painless and gradual, people often only realize they have a problem when their eyesight finally begins to fail," said Ban in a message to the World Diabetes Day which falls on Monday. Ban said it's vital for people with diabetes to have regular examination so that they can get advice and timely treatment to prevent things getting worse. World Diabetes Day, which is held annually on Nov. 14, is the primary global awareness campaign focusing on diabetes mellitus. UN statistics show that some 422 million people now live with diabetes. Its prevalence has nearly doubled in the past 35 ... (More on P4)...(24)

Year 2016 on Track to be Hottest on Record: UN Agency

UNITED NATIONS - The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) reported that the year of 2016 is on track to be the hottest on record, said UN Deputy Spokesperson Farhan Haq on Monday. Preliminary data show that global temperatures are approximately 1.2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, according to a new assessment made by the WMO. "The WMO also says that long-term climate change indicators are record-breaking, with concentrations of major greenhouse gases in the atmosphere continuing to increase to new records," Haq told a daily briefing. "Arctic sea ice remains at low levels, and there has been significant and early melting of the Greenland ice sheet," he added. Peteri Taalas, the WMO's secretary-general, has said that because of climate change, "once-in-a-generation" heat waves and flooding are becoming more regular. The ... (More on P4)...(25)

Russian Military Starts Major Anti-Terror Offensive in Syria: DM

MOSCOW - The Russian military launched on Tuesday a large-scale offensive against terrorist targets in Syria with the participation for the first time of the country's aircraft carrier, Russian Defense Minister (DM) Sergei Shoigu said. The major operation conducted large-scale strikes against the Islamic State and Nusra Front in the provinces of Idlib and Homs, Shoigu said at a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the top brass of the country's Armed Forces. Russia's sole aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov has joined in combat action for the first time in the history of the Russian Navy, according to the minister. Another vessel of the Russian naval group in the Mediterranean, the Admiral Grigorovich frigate, has fired Kalibr cruise missiles against terrorist positions, Shoigu said. The Bastion coastal defense missile systems were also used in the campaign, he said, adding that terrorist facilities producing toxic substances were among the main targets of the intensive strikes. (Xinhua)



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Obama Visits Athens Amid Draconian Security Measures

ATHENS - U.S. President Barack Obama arrived in Athens Tuesday for a two-day visit amid draconian security measures as his trip marks the first to the country by a U.S. leader since 1999. A large part of the Greek capital has been locked down, and snipers are deployed on rooftops and public gatherings have been banned, according to Greek national broadcaster ERT. Despite the ban the Communist Party-affiliated union PAME and other trade unions have called for protests on Tuesday. Some 4,500 Greek police officers are participating in the security operation, together with some 300 U.S. security personnel. Greek President ... (More on P4)...(26)

Merkel Praises Decision of Backing FM Steinmeier as German President

BERLIN - After Germany's ruling coalition agreed to support Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier as a candidate for German presidential election, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Monday that the decision is "a sensible solution". Merkel said, the decision for backing Steinmeier as German future president is a "signal of stability in times of global unrest and instability". "I know him as a reliable politician who is always geared towards compensation and solutions,"



Merkel said, adding that she had personally informed the politician of Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the morning about her party's decision to support his candidacy. After monthly debates, Merkel's Union party, a bloc of Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party Christian Social Union (CSU), agreed to support Steinmeier as the new German president after the ... (More on P4)...(27)

Germany Says up to Turkey to Decide on EU Membership

ANKARA - Germany's foreign minister on Tuesday said it was up to Turkey to decide whether to advance its bid on joining the European Union, as he voiced Berlin's "serious concern" at the crackdown after the failed July 15 coup. The purge, which has seen over 35,000 people arrested and journalists as well as some MPs put in jail, has raised questions over the future of Turkey's accession effort, which dates back to the 1960s. But German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said after talks with Ankara with Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu that he did not support halting accession talks with Turkey. "The question of whether Turkey goes closer to, or further away, ... (More on P4)...(28)

UK Government Said to Have No Plan for Brexit

LONDON - The British government on Tuesday rejected a leaked report claiming it has no coherent plan for leaving the European Union and may need to hire up to 30,000 civil servants to complete the country's exit from the 28-nation bloc. The Times of London newspaper published a memo prepared by a consultant to the Cabinet Office claiming splits within Prime Minister Theresa May's team have delayed development of a negotiating strategy and that it may take another

six months to come up with a plan. The prime minister's office said "this is not a government report and we don't recognize the claims made in it." Transport Secretary Chris Grayling told Sky News that "I haven't seen any evidence of the kind of splits discussed" in the leaked document, which the government said was produced by an individual from an accountancy firm -- identified in media reports as Deloitte. Deloitte had no immediate comment. ... (More on P4)...(29)

Up to 600,000 People are Short of Food in Burundi: WFP

NAIROBI - Some 600,000 people are short of food in Burundi due to drought and flooding in the past year and the number could rise to 700,000 by next year, a World Food Programme official said. Most of those affected are in five provinces in the north and east of the central African country where around 65,000 people are reported to have fled their villages. It adds to the challenges experienced by the country of 11 million people that has been in a political crisis and witnessed sporadic violence for more than a year. The crisis was sparked by President Pierre Nkurunziza's decision to run for a third term in office, which he secured in a disputed election in July 2015. "The situation is alarming in the north of the country except that we cannot technically talk of famine ... we speak of situation with high food insecurity; what is called 'red phase' but not famine," Charles Vincent, WFP Burundi country representative, told Reuters late on Monday. Vincent made the comments after a visit to affected areas by officials from WFP, Food and Agriculture Organization, U.N. children's agency UNICEF and the government between November 1 and 3. Between September 2015 and May, Burundi suffered flooding caused by El Nino, and thereafter experienced drought due to La Nina. (Reuters)

PM Nawaz, His Children Submit Assets Details before Supreme Court

ISLAMABAD - Barely hours before the Supreme Court (SC) resumed hearing of the Panama-gate case on Tuesday, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz submitted documentary evidence on 'legitimacy of their assets' before the top court. The documents comprising nearly 400 pages contain relevant details of transactions as well as receipts of payments since 2011. While Maryam Nawaz submitted the evidence required by the court, her brothers Hassan and Hussain Nawaz, both of whom live abroad, failed to submit relevant documents in time. The five-member larger bench chaired by Chief Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali expressed its disappointment over failure of the premier's sons to comply with court orders to submit evidence within stipulated time. Following the hearing, the counsel for PM's children submitted documents detailing their assets but sought additional time from the court to submit one remaining document on behalf of PM's sons. (Monitoring Desk)

Large-Scale Construction of Railways Underway in Turkmenistan

ASHGABAT - In Turkmenistan, nearly 30 percent of the cargo turnover accounts for the share of railway transport, the Neutral Turkmenistan newspaper said. "A considerable part of the export-import and transit cargo is transported by rail," the article said. The advantages of railway transportation include the ability to deliver large volume of cargo over long distances, high load capacity of the rolling stock unit and low specific fuel consumption per unit of cargo turnover. The large-scale construction of railways is underway in Turkmenistan, the newspaper said. The new Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran railway with a length of 697.5 kilometers of the Turkmen territory, and which links the EU member states, Russia and Kazakhstan with the Gulf countries, was built in 2014. It is expected that the cargo turnover as of the fifth year of the railway line's operation will be about 10-12 million tons per year. At present, the construction of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Tajikistan railway is underway, its Turkmen section [Atamyrat-Imamnazar-Aki-na (Afghanistan)] was completed and its launch is planned for November 2016. (Trend)