

G20 Leaders Pledge Further Actions to Boost Economic Recovery

ANTALYA - The Group of 20 (G20) leaders urged in a communique here on Monday on further collective actions to achieve strong, sustainable and balanced growth that is inclusive and creating more and better quality jobs.

After two-day discussions over some of the most pressing economic, financial issues, the leaders agreed to do more to revive an anemic global economic recovery.



potential growth. They pledged to remain committed to achieving the goal of lifting the collective gross domestic product (GDP) of the G20 econ-

omies by an additional two percent by 2018, an agreement reached in last year's summit in Australia's Brisbane. To do that, the leaders said G20 member

economies will continue to monitor the implementation of the commitments and adjust their growth strategies to ensure that they remain relevant to

evolving economic conditions. The summit came at a time when the world has been struggling to materialize a strong, sustainable and... (More on P4)... (20)

Erdogan Hails World Leaders' 'Resolute Stance' Against Terror

ANTALYA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday hailed the "resolute stance" against terror adopted by world leaders at a summit in Turkey dominated by the Paris attacks. "G20 Leaders agreed to show our resolute stance in the fight against terrorism," Erdogan said after two days of talks between leaders of the world's top 20 economies in the Turkish Mediterranean resort of Antalya, adding that the "strong position" against terror was one of the most important outcomes of the summit. The G20 leaders urged all nations to... (More on P4)... (21)

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Assad Should Stand in Syrian Vote: Iran

DUBAI - Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister said on Monday Syrian President Bashar al-Assad should be a part of upcoming presidential elections, according to the Fars news agency. "Iran disagrees with those who say Bashar Assad should not compete in the upcoming elections," Hossein Amir Abdollahian was quoted as saying by Fars. "Only Assad himself can decide on his participation or non-participation." Russia, the United States and powers from Europe and the Middle East outlined a plan on Saturday for a political process in Syria leading to elections within two years, but differences remained on key issues such as Assad's fate. Regional competitors Saudi Arabia

and Iran, whose rivalry has been aggravated by their support for opposing sides in Syria, both took part in the talks. Saudi Arabia has said Assad's use of air power and artillery in Syrian cities is genocidal and insists he can have no role in Syria's future. Assad and Iran accuse Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies of fuelling militancy in Syria by backing of rebel groups. The United States and the United Kingdom both made it clear on Sunday that Assad needed to leave as part of any transition in Syria. U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed on the need for a Syria-led political transition on the sidelines of the Group of 20 (G20) meeting in Turkey. (Reuters)

Ministers of APEC Members Highlight Inclusive Growth

MANILA - Ministers from Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) attached importance to inclusive growth and emphasized service sector's role in driving economic growth in the region. In his opening remark at the APEC Ministerial Meeting, Secretary of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Albert del Rosario said this year's APEC highlighted inclusive growth as "the heart of economic integration." He added that they are "expanding APEC's trade and investment goals to include a development dimension." For

his part, Secretary of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry Gregory Domingo also addressed at the same occasion that the ministers worked closely on the clear objective of building strong, sustainable and inclusive economies. Domingo also called for acceleration of international policy cooperation and coordination so as to provide a strong push to stimulate economic growth, given the backdrop that the regional economies are facing many threats. At the same time, Rosario also stressed the role... (More on P4)... (22)

Potential Further Terrorist Attacks Expected "these Days, Weeks": French PM

PARIS - French Prime Minister Manuel Valls on Monday warned of possible further attacks in French soil and in European countries after deadly shootings and suicide bombings rocked Paris on Friday. "Terrorism has hit and will hit again these days in the coming weeks. I do not say this to scare. Everyone must be fully aware of that," Valls said. "We know that more attacks are being prepared, not just against France but also against other European countries," he told RTL radio.

Overnight, French police raided homes of suspected Islamist militants across the country in the wake of the Paris attacks, Valls added. "We are making use of the legal framework of the state of emergency to question people who are part of the radical jihadist movement, and all those who advocate hate of the republic," he said. As part of judicial inquiry into Friday's attacks, police raided 168 houses across the capital, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve unveiled. Altogether 23 people were arrested and



104 others were put under house arrest over the last two days. Police has also seized 31 weapons including rocket launchers during the operation,

he added. "Let this be clear to everyone, this is just the beginning, these actions are going to continue," he told reporters. (Xinhua)

COP21 Seeks Sustainable Agreement to Cope Climate Change: UNEP

BEIJING - Deputy director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN assistant-secretary-general Ibrahim Thiaw expressed hope that the upcoming United Nations Conference of the Parties in Paris (COP21) would result in a sustainable agreement to combat climate change. Thiaw was in China last weekend for the Beijing Consultative Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Climate Change. He said that climate change was a world problem, and all countries

must play their part to cut emissions. COP21 opens at Le Bourget, north Paris, on Nov. 30. More than 40,000 representatives from 195 countries will participate. Many are upbeat that COP21 will result in a binding, final agreement to ensure global warming does not exceed 2 degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels. There will also be calls for developed countries to fulfill their promises on the Copenhagen climate summit, which was to raise 100 billion U.S. dollars every year before



2020 to support mitigation and adaptation activities in developing countries. "It's important for us to realize that early action is necessary," Thiaw said, "Between now and 2030,

we need to reduce emissions even further. If we don't [...] in 2030, we may [see a] 3.5 or 3 degrees increase. It will be a catastrophe, no one can benefit... (More on P4)... (23)

France Intensifies Airstrikes on IS, Countries Vow to Enhance Security, Combat Terrorism

BEIJING - France on Sunday intensified airstrikes on the Islamic State (IS) in retaliation for the Paris terror attacks for which the group has claimed responsibility, while countries worldwide vowed to beef up security and enhance efforts to combat terrorism. At least 132 people were killed in the almost simultaneous shootings and explosions on Friday night in several places in Paris and its suburbs, including restaurants, Bataclan concert hall and the na-

tional stadium. In an on-line statement Saturday, the IS claimed responsibility for the attacks as a response to France's offensive against IS fighters in Iraq and Syria. "MASSIVE" AIRSTRIKES ON IS France has been bombing IS positions in Iraq and Syria for months as part of a U.S.-led operation. French warplanes on Sunday launched their biggest raids in Syria to date, carrying out more than 30 airstrikes against positions of the IS de fac... (More on P4)... (24)

China, Australia Agree to Step up Cooperation

ANTALYA - China and Australia on Monday agreed to beef up exchanges and cooperation in various areas as leaders of the two countries met on the sidelines of the on-going Group of Twenty (G20) summit in Turkey. Both situated in the Asia-Pacific region, China and Australia share important interests and broad space for cooperation, Chinese President Xi Jinping told Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. "We stand ready to work with Australia, on the basis of mutual trust and benefits, to deepen friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in all fields and promote the healthy and steady develop-

ment of China-Australia comprehensive strategic partnership," Xi said. The president proposed that the two countries carry out closer high-level exchanges, strengthen communication and promote mutual trust. The two sides should push for the early entry into force of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA), which was signed in mid-June, Xi said. The trade deal was reached after decade-long talks that began in 2005. The process was greatly accelerated after Xi paid a state visit to Australia in November last year and brought about the signing of the Declaration of Intent. (Xinhua)

Putin to UK: Russia Looks to Focus More on IS

BELEK - President Vladimir Putin told British Prime Minister David Cameron on the sidelines of a G20 summit in Turkey he was seeking to do more to focus Russian efforts on combating Islamic state, a source in Cameron's office said. The killing of 132 people in coordinated attacks across Paris on Friday shifted the focus of the usually economic summit onto terrorism. Islamic State, which holds large swathes of land in Syria and Iraq, claimed... (More on P4)... (25)

Kerry Speaks to Syrian Opposition Coalition Leader after Vienna

WASHINGTON - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry spoke with the Syrian Opposition Coalition president on the importance of next steps in Syria following a meeting of the International Syria Support Group in Vienna on Saturday, the State Department said. In a call on Monday, Kerry and coalition President Khaled Kojala discussed steps including a broad and inclusive meeting of the Syrian opposition, the beginning of credible negotiations between the Syrian opposition and the regime, and steps to put in place a credible ceasefire, spokesman John Kirby said. Kerry emphasized the need for the opposition to come together to participate in negotiations and provide maximum access for humanitarian organizations, Kirby said. (Reuters)

Britain to Increase Staff, Funding for Counter-Terrorism, Aviation Security

LONDON - Britain will "substantially increase" its efforts to counter the threat from the Islamic State, including providing extra security and intelligence staff and more funding for aviation security, Downing Street announced Monday. New funding will be invested in the security and intelligence agencies to provide for an additional 1,900 officers, an increase of 15 percent, at M15, M16 and GCHQ to tackle the increasing international terrorist threat and cyber-attacks, Downing Street said Monday in a statement. British Prime Minister David Cameron has decided to "boost resources" in the wake of "the increasing



number of Islamist terror plots against Britain and the attacks in Belgium, France, Tunisia and elsewhere," it added. "This is a generational struggle that demands we provide more manpower to combat those who would destroy us and our values," Cameron said in the statement. Britain is also planning a step change in its

approach to aviation security following the Russian Metrojet disaster in Egypt a fortnight ago. Cameron has ordered a review of security at a number of airports around the world, with aviation specialists expected to conduct assessments over the next two months at locations in the Middle East and North Africa. (Xinhua)

U.S. Approves Sale of Smart Bombs to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON - The U.S. State Department has approved the sale of thousands of smart bombs worth a total of \$1.29 billion to Saudi Arabia to help replenish supplies used in its battle against insurgents in Yemen and air strikes against Islamic State in Syria, U.S. officials familiar with the deal said on Monday. The Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), which facilitates foreign arms sales, notified lawmakers on Friday that the sales had been approved, the sources said. The lawmakers... (More on P4)... (26)

At Least 80,000 Affected by Floods in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO - At least 80,000 people have been affected by flash floods in many parts of Sri Lanka while over thousands have been displaced, the Sri Lanka Disaster Management Center said here on Monday. Rescue teams are currently in the worst affected areas providing relief items to the families who have been temporarily sheltered in schools and churches and over 700 army troops are in the northern part of the island nation conducting rescue and relief operations. According to the Sri Lanka Red Cross, the north has been the worst affected by the heavy rains. Troops have also been involved in evacuating... (More on P4)... (27)

Iraqi Security Forces Retake IS-Held Ramadi, 54 Killed

BAGHDAD - Iraqi security forces on Monday fought fierce clashes with Islamic State (IS) militants and retook control of two areas in and near the IS-held city of Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, while a total of 54 people were killed in clashes with IS militants in Anbar and Iraq's northern central province of Salahuddin, security sources said. In Iraq's western province of Anbar, the security forces and

allied paramilitary units, known as Hashd-Shaabi, made an advance in southwest of the provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, and managed to seize the railway station and the southern part of adjacent Khamsa Kilo suburb, a provincial security source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The fierce battle resulted in the killing of 22 IS militants and four... (More on P4)... (28)

China, Pakistan Vow to Enhance Parliamentary Exchanges

BEIJING - China and Pakistan on Monday vowed to strengthen parliamentary exchanges to promote development of their strategic partnership. The pledge came out of a meeting between China's top legislator Zhang Dejiang and Chairman of the Pakistani Senate Mian Raza Rabbani, who is on his first China visit since taking office. The National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislative body, is ready to conduct closer exchanges with Pakistan's

senate on national governance and legislative development to create better legal conditions for bilateral cooperation, Zhang said. Zhang, chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, said the two sides should maintain their friendly relations and promote sustainable development of China-Pakistan ties. Rabbani praised the development of bilateral ties. He said the Pakistani senate will strengthen communication and exchanges with the NPC. (Xinhua)