

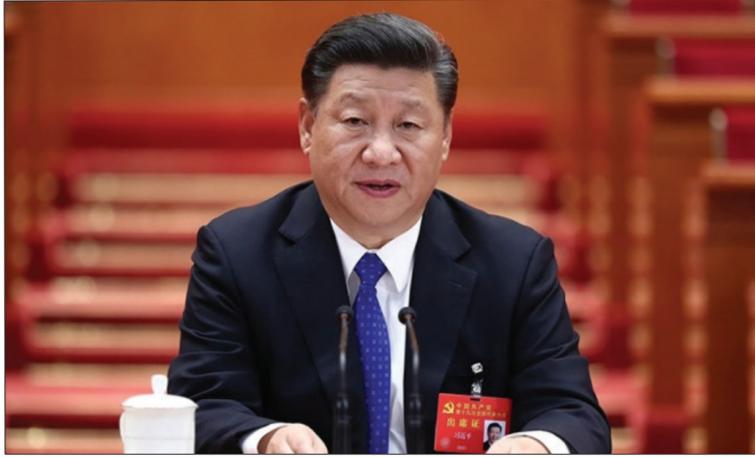
Book of Xi's Discourses on Building a Community with A Shared Future for Humanity Published

BEIJING - A book of Comrade Xi Jinping's discourses on "promoting the building of a community with a shared future for humanity" has been published by the Central Party Literature Press.

The book, which was compiled by the Party history and literature research institution of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, will be distributed across the country as of Sunday.

The book includes 85 speeches on the subject between January 2013 and June 2018 delivered by President Xi, who is also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission.

A statement provided to Xinhua Sunday said that since the



18th CPC National Congress in 2012, Xi had thoroughly pondered major issues concerning the future of humanity, such as "what

kind of the world to build and how," and profoundly expounded on key issues including the background, significance, con-

notation and approach of building a community with a shared future for humanity. "Xi's speeches led the innovation in diplomatic theory and practice in the pursuit of major country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics, and laid out a blueprint towards common development, sustainable prosperity and long-term stability for human society," said the statement, adding that it reflected "China's lofty goal of making greater contributions to world peace and development, as well as its global vision, internationally-mindedness and major-country commitment in integrating its own development with the world's development." (Xinhua)

Former Minister Calls on UK Cabinet to Make may Change Mind on Brexit

LONDON - Critics of Theresa May's plans to leave the European Union stepped up the pressure on the prime minister on Sunday, with one former minister saying her cabinet team should exert its authority to force her to change course.

With less than six months before Brexit day and just days before May heads to Brussels for a summit, former Brexit minister David Davis pressed May to abandon her proposal for leaving the European Union, saying the bloc "has rejected it. The public does

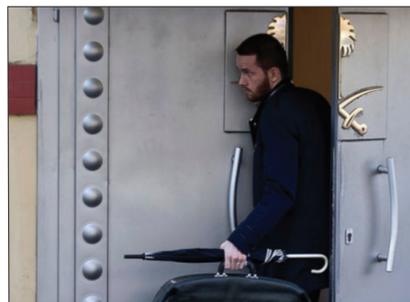
not like it. Parliament will not vote for it". The head of a Northern Irish party that props up her government also raised the stakes, saying it was ready to trigger a so-called no deal Brexit to prevent what it called "the annexation" of the British province by the EU. So far, May has shown little appetite to change tack in her strategy to leave the EU, pressing her plan and trying to persuade lawmakers in her Conservative Party and in opposition Labour to vote for any deal based on it in parliament. (Reuters)

Newspaper Says Turkey Has Audio of Saudi Writer's Slaying

ISTANBUL - Turkish officials have an audio recording of the alleged killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi from the Apple Watch he wore when he walked into the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul over a week ago, a pro-government Turkish newspaper reported Saturday.

The new claim published by the Sabah newspaper, through which Turkish security officials have leaked much information about the case, puts more pressure on Saudi Arabia to explain what

happened to Khashoggi. Also Saturday, Ankara's top diplomat reiterated a call to Saudi Arabia to open up its consulate, from where Khashoggi disappeared, for Turkish authorities to search. The writer, who has written critically about Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, vanished after he walked into the consulate on Oct. 2. The kingdom has maintained the allegations against it are "baseless," though an official early on Saturday - on Khashoggi's 60th



birthday - acknowledged for the first time that some believe the writer was killed by the kingdom. The disappearance has

put pressure on President Donald Trump, who has enjoyed close relations with the Saudis since entering office. (AP)

Israel's Netanyahu Threatens Hamas with 'Very Strong Blows'



JERUSALEM - Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday threatened to inflict "very strong blows" on Hamas after fresh violence along the border with the Gaza Strip controlled by the

Islamist group. "Hamas has apparently not understood the message - if these attacks do not stop, they will be stopped in another way, in the form of very, very strong blows", Netanyahu said during

the weekly cabinet meeting. "We are very close to another type of action which would include very strong blows. If Hamas is intelligent, it will cease fire and violence now", he added.

Israel on Friday suspended fuel deliveries to the Gaza Strip, after fresh protests along the border that saw seven Palestinians killed by Israeli troops.

The suspension came days after fuel supplies had begun running to the enclave, in a fresh bid to ease an Israeli blockade that has lasted more than 10 years.

A UN-brokered deal had seen Qatar, a longtime Hamas backer, pledge to pay \$60 million (52 million euros) for fuel to be brought into Gaza over six months to supply the strip's sole power plant.

On Saturday, Israel's Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman said fuel deliveries would only resume if there was a "total cessation of violence, the launching of incendiary ballons (from Gaza towards Israel) and the use of burning tyres against Israeli towns" near the enclave. (AFP)

Swedish Centre-Right Alliance Leader Abandons Attempt to Form Government for Now

STOCKHOLM - The leader of Sweden's Moderate Party, Ulf Kristersson, said on Sunday he had been unable to get enough support for a centre-right coalition government, putting the task of finding a candidate for prime minister back in the hands of parliament's speaker.

Sweden has been in a state of political deadlock since a Sept. 9 election when neither the Alliance bloc - headed by Kristersson - nor a grouping of centre-left parties won enough votes for a majority and

both ruled out a deal with the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats, who hold the balance of power. Kristersson said on Friday he was prepared to try to form a minority government without all the parties in the four-party Alliance bloc, but the Liberal and Centre parties of his bloc scuppered the plan by refusing to back it. "I have done what I can, for now," Kristersson said on Sunday as he told the speaker he was giving up his attempts to form a government for the moment. (Reuters)

Lebanese Army Condemns Israel over Violation of Lebanese Water

BEIRUT - Lebanese Army Command said that an Israeli military boat violated on Saturday the Lebanese territorial water near Ras AL-Naqoura, Lebanon's National News Agency (NNA) reported. According to NNA, the boat violated Lebanon's water for 555 meters in two minutes.

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon is following up on the issue. Lebanese caretaker Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil said earlier this month that Israel has violated Lebanon's airspace, land and sea over 1,500 times in the past eight months. Moreover, Lebanon's President Michel Aoun called upon the United States in August to put pressure on Israel to stop its violations of Lebanese sea and airspace. (Xinhua)

U.S. Warship Arrives in Fiji as Part of Oceania Maritime Security Initiative Deployment

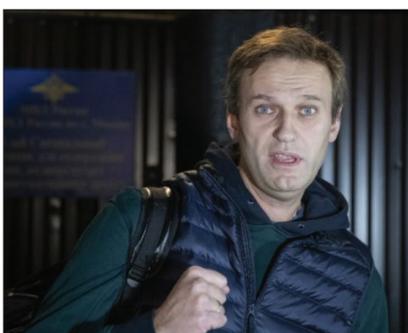
SUVA - The guided-missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86) arrived in Suva, capital of Fiji, on Sunday as part of the ship's Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) deployment. Commanding Officer of USS Shoup Commander Andy Strickland said that a U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment embarking on the USS Shoup as part of their Oceania Maritime Security Initiative mission to provide the realistic and relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.

Partnering with the U.S. Coast Guard is a new experience for them, and it will demonstrate the extensive range of U.S. Navy assets in providing critical support to embarked boarding teams in enforcing fishery laws, he said. (Xinhua)

Russian Opposition Leader Navalny Free after 50 Days in Jail

MOSCOW - Kremlin opposition leader Alexei Navalny has been released from jail after serving 50 days on two consecutive sentences for organizing unsanctioned protests. Navalny, President Vladimir Putin's most prominent foe, had been sentenced to 30 days for organizing a protest in August, but upon release was immediately arrested and then sentenced to another 20 days for organizing a protest that took place while he was in jail.

Both protests were against a Russian gov-



ernment plan to raise the eligibility age for state pensions, which has since been signed into law.

After his release early Sunday, Navalny told reporters "I think over

the 50 days which I spent here, we saw a lot of evidence that this regime has absolutely deteriorated: from failures in foreign intelligence to failures in space industry." (AP)

Myanmar Demonstrators Condemn Foreign Intervention

YANGON, Myanmar - Several thousand pro-military and nationalist demonstrators marched through Yangon on Sunday, voicing their support for Myanmar's armed forces and government while condemning foreign involvement in the country's affairs. The march led to a stage lined with portraits of Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, where speakers addressed a flag-waving crowd and condemned the international community's involvement in Myanmar, claiming groups would

"fight back" against international bodies who have called for the investigation and prosecution of the country's top generals. "We, the people of Myanmar, strongly denounce and condemn any intervention or intrusion by the foreign countries, international communities and various organizations which unrightfully manipulate our nation and our Myanmar armed forces," proclaimed one of the speakers of the event, reading from a prepared statement. (AP)

Neighbor News

Rouhani: US in War against Iran, Seeks 'Regime Change'

TEHRAN - President Hassan Rouhani says the current US administration is in a war against Iran to stamp out the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic and bring about a "regime change," but that Tehran will foil the plot. "Over the past 40 years, there has not been a more spiteful team than the current US government toward Iran and the Islamic Republic," Rouhani said at Tehran University Sunday, in a speech marking the beginning of the new academic year.

"They started with a psychological war; their next goal is an economic war and an attempt to portray [the Islamic Republic] ineffective, and their ultimate goal is to

delegitimize the system and change it," he added. Rouhani said there was a time when there was one person who had enmity with Iran and the rest were moderate, but now the worst of them have gathered at the White House.

The president said Iran has defeated the US in many arenas before and will thwart all its conspiracies with unity and integrity again.

He touched on Washington's isolation after its withdrawal from a 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Rouhani said except for a few regimes, all countries view the move as "illegal" and a "mistake." (Press TV)

Pakistan Tehreek-E-Insaf, Communist Party of China Ink Mou to Strengthen Ties

ISLAMABAD - A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Communist Party of China and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Sunday.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Chinese Minister Song Tao have signed the MoU that is aimed at strengthening party to party relations.

"Witnessed MOU signing ceremony between Communist Party of China and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf to further strengthen party to party relations," Senator Dr Shahzad Waheed tweeted.

The two parties have agreed to further strengthen and make effective links between the two parties and will sign a memorandum of understanding in this context on Sunday.

The understanding between the two parties came here at a meeting,

wherein the PTI team was led by its Secretary General Arshad Dad and the delegation of the Communist Party of China was headed by the Director General of South Asia Bureau of the Party's International Department.

They agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding between the two parties. PTI Vice-Chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Arshad Dad and other party seniors will be present and the Communist Party of China will be represented by its visiting director general and other members of the delegation.

The delegation visited the PTI Secretariat on Saturday, where they were received by Arshad Dad. The two sides exchanged views on Pakistan-China relations matters pertaining to mutual interest during talks. (Monitoring Desk)

Uzbekistan Keen on Expanding Economic Ties with Iran

TASHKENT - Uzbekistan Ambassador to Iran Bakhodir Abdullaev said his country is keen to expand bilateral ties and boosting cooperation with the Islamic Republic.

Noting that currently some 117 factories are active in Uzbekistan that are jointly owned by Iranian-Uzbek investors, Abdullaev pointed to Tashkent's intention to expand relations with Tehran.

The envoy made the remarks in a meeting with senior officials of Markazi province, during his two-day visit to Arak, the province's capital.

He noted that a large number of people from the Iranian industrial city are currently active in the Uzbekistan's business sector.

Abdullaev said Uzbek investors are well acquainted with potential fields of cooperation in the province, calling for enhancing the ties, which could benefit the both sides.

The trade volume between Uzbekistan and Markazi province is so little and plans should be drawn to multiply the economic interactions, he added.

The senior official said there is no limitation in visa issuance for economic delegations, and visa applications by Iranian businesses and chambers are dealt with in only two days.

Iran and Uzbekistan have historical and cultural commonalities and hold many common stances with regard to regional and international issues. (Agencies)

Turkmenistan's Economic Growth Slows

ASHGABAT - Turkmenistan's economic growth slowed to 6.2 percent in the January-September period this year from 6.4 percent in the same nine-month period in 2017, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov told a televised government meeting on Satur-

day. Private sector investments have been on the rise, he added. The International Monetary Fund expects Turkmenistan's economy to grow by 6.2 percent in the whole of 2018, down from 6.5 percent in 2017. (Agencies)

World Experts Upbeat about Stability, Resilience of Chinese Economy

BEIJING - Amid complicated international landscape and new changes in China's domestic economy, experts around the world believe that the Chinese government has sufficient policy tools to tap its inherent dynamism so as to secure robust and resilient economic growth.

These remarks came following the Chinese government's recent proposal of a target to "stabilize the employment, finance, foreign trade, foreign investment, investment and expectations", collectively known as the "six stabilities".

Since the beginning of this year, despite fluctuations of certain economic indicators, the Chinese economy has registered stable growth, with the four major macroeconomic indicators of economic growth, employment, CPI and international balance of payments basically meeting expectations.

In its latest World Economic Outlook report released on Oct. 8, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has kept China's economic growth forecast unchanged at 6.6 percent.

IMF Chief Economist Maurice Obstfeld recently said that the Chinese economy saw robust performance in the first half of this year, and that the recent figures which might not be so ideal are still in line with expectations, considering that measures such as strengthening financial supervision and preventing risks would drag down the economic growth by a certain degree. (Xinhua)