

British PM May Tells Brexit Opponents Britain Leaving EU Unstoppable

LONDON - British Prime Minister Theresa May opened the Conservative Conference in Birmingham Sunday by telling MPs and opponents of Brexit that they will not stand in the way of Britain leaving the European Union (EU).

Urging people to "ignore the pessimists", May outlined her vision for an independent Britain free from Brussels control.

In a message directed mainly at the Scottish Nationalists, May said: "We voted in referendum as one United Kingdom and we will negotiate our exit as one united kingdom, and we will leave as one united kingdom." "There is no opt-out from



Brexit and I will never allow divisive nationalists to undermine the pressure union between the four nations of our united kingdom," said May.

She described politicians who want MPs to vote on Brexit in parliament as "insulting the intelligence of the British people", adding "they're not standing up for democracy, they're trying to subvert it."

"Even now some politicians, democratically elected politicians, say the referendum isn't valid. That we need to have a second vote. Others didn't like the result and say they will challenge the decision through the courts," said ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

ASEAN Parliamentarians Pledge Continued Cooperation in Addressing Challenges

NAY PYI TAW - The 37th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) wrapped up here Sunday with the regional parliamentarians pledging to continue cooperation to keep addressing challenges that the region faces.

"Through helping each other build up the capability of respective parliaments and by crafting and harmonizing laws supportive of ASEAN Community building, we can contribute significantly to the maintenance of regional peace and the promotion

of economic progress and social development for the benefit of our people," presidency of the AIPA general assembly U Mann Win Khaing Than, who is speaker of the Myanmar parliament, told the assembly in his closing address.

The regional parliamentarians also pledged commitment to build a progres-



sive ASEAN Community. A joint communique, issued at the end of the assembly, called for more emphasis on the imple-

mentation of AIPA resolutions and need to work closely with the ASEAN to overcome the new challenges...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Clinton Continues Post-Debate Surge over Trump

WASHINGTON - Hillary Clinton continues to widen her lead over Donald Trump after the presidential candidates shared the debate stage for the first time one week ago.

In a new Politico/Morning Consult survey of likely voters taken Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, the Democratic nominee leads her Republican rival by 6 points, 42 percent to 36 percent. It's a sizable swing since the pre-debate poll which showed Trump leading by 1 point, underlining what a rough week it was for the New York business mogul.

Clinton's surge has been largely driven by her boost among independents. Before the debate, Trump led Clinton by 12 points (35 percent to 23 percent) among independents, but over the weekend, she narrowed that margin to 5 points (30 percent to 25 percent). She also retains a 9-point advantage among women, whereas Trump is pulling even with Clinton among men.

Similarly, white voters have migrated toward Clinton since the debate. She still trails Trump ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

India Ratifies Paris Climate Agreement

NEW DELHI - India on Sunday ratified the historic Paris agreement on climate change by depositing the instrument of ratification with the United Nations, officials said. India's ambassador to the United Nations Syed Akbaruddin handed over Instrument of ratification signed by Indian President Pranab Mukherjee to Santiago Villalpando, head of the treaties division during a ceremony in New York.

India's formal consent to cut global green house gas emissions will give a significant push for the

deal to enter into force by the end of this year. Last week Indian government headed by Narendra Modi gave its approval to ratify the Paris agreement, which is expected to give impetus to implementation of measures to control global warming at international level.

India's ratification to the agreement coincided with the birth anniversary of country's most celebrated independence leader Mahatma Gandhi. "India keeps its promise," India's foreign ministry...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Russia Suspends Plutonium Disposal Deal with U.S.

MOSCOW - Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday ordered the suspension of a plutonium cleanup program with the United States for "hostile actions" by Washington.

The Plutonium Management and Disposition Agreement (PMDA) has been halted due to "the emergence of a threat to strategic stability as a result of hostile actions by the U.S. in respect to Russia," as well as "Washington's inability to fulfill its commitments to disposing of surplus weapons-grade plutonium behind its de-



cision," said a document published on the Russian government's website. First signed in Septem-

ber, 2000 and updated in 2010, the PDMA committed each side to disposal of no less than 34 metric tons

of weapon-grade plutonium, enough to produce 17,000 nuclear weapons. (Xinhua)

Iraq Rejects Erdogan Comments on Turkey's Participation in Mosul Battle

BAGHDAD - The Iraqi Foreign Ministry on Monday rejected recent comments by the Turkish president over Ankara's willingness to join in the imminent battle to flush out Islamic State (IS) militants from their last major stronghold in Mosul.

"The Iraqi Foreign Ministry rejects the repeated comments made by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan about the battle to liberate Mosul," a ministry spokesman said in a statement.

Such comments "represent a blatant interference in Iraqi internal affairs and a violation of principles in bilateral relations and good neighborliness," the spokesman said in the online statement.

Ankara has ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

New Zealand Finance Minister to Attend IMF, World Bank Meetings

WELLINGTON - New Zealand Finance Minister Bill English said on Monday that he would be sounding out prospects for the economy at major international meetings in Washington this week.

English said he would be attending the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank in Washington, as well as meeting with international ratings agencies to discuss the economy and the international outlook.

"The meetings will provide me with a valuable opportunity to discuss issues of economic interest to New Zealand with representatives of other governments and policy specialists and to get a read on international developments," English said in a statement. "New ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Hungarian Voters Overwhelmingly Reject EU Migrant Quotas, but Referendum Invalid

BUDAPEST - With 98.56 percent of the ballots counted, 98.28 percent of the Hungarian voters chose the "no" option Sunday in a government-sponsored referendum on whether to accept the European Union (EU)'s scheme for migrant quotas, the National Elections Bureau reported, leading the government to claim victory.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said that the important part of the vote was to learn the opinions of people and the huge portion of voters choosing the "no" option clearly demonstrated the will of



the people. Gergely Gulyas, deputy chief of the ruling party Fidesz, said he believed Orban had received a clear mandate.

However, since ballot validity would have required

50 percent of eligible voters and in Sunday's referendum only 39.8 percent cast valid ballots, the left-wing opposition, which called for a boycott, has also claimed the win. ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

IS Claims Responsibility for Hama Bombings in Syria

DAMASCUS - The Islamic State (IS) group said it was behind three bombings on Monday that rocked Syria's central city of Hama.

According to the group's Amaq news agency, three suicide bombers detonated their explosive belts at the headquarters of the ruling al-Baath party, and a police station near the al-Assi Square, the main square in the city.

The short dispatch from Amaq provided no further details. The IS has claimed re-

sponsibility for much of the bombings that rocked government-controlled areas in Syria, the latest of which was last month in Tartus, where dozens of people were killed. Meanwhile, state news agency SANA said at least two people were killed and 12 others wounded in the explosions. It put the number of explosions to hit Hama at two. The bombings on Monday are believed to be the first to hit the Hama area in the country's five-year-old conflict. Hama is the among ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

2 Suicide Bombings Kill 10, Wound 35 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD - The toll from two suicide bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Monday rose to 10 people killed and 35 others wounded, a police source said.

"The latest report said that a total of 10 people were killed and 35 wounded in the two suicide bomb attacks in Baghdad," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In one attack, a suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest at a crowded area in Amil district in southwestern Baghdad, leaving six people killed and 18 others wounded, the source said.

The other attack happened in eastern Baghdad, when a suicide bomber, also was wearing an explosive vest, blew himself up in Mashtal district, killing four people and wounding 17 others, the source said.

Earlier, the source put the toll of both attacks at six killed and 20 others wounded.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the Islamic State (IS) militant group, in most cases, had been behind past suicide attacks targeting crowded areas, such as markets, cafes and mosques, across Iraq.

Terrorist acts, violence and armed conflicts killed 1,003 Iraqis and wounded 1,159 others in September across Iraq, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq said earlier. The tally did not include casualties in Anbar, due to volatility in the western province. (Xinhua)

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Germany to Press US to Effectively Lift Iran Sanctions: Vice Chancellor

TEHRAN - Germany has promised to exercise pressure on the United States to act on its commitment of "effectively" removing sanctions against Iran. Germany wanted to "re-mind the United States of the commitment to get to an effective dismantling of sanctions," German Vice Chancellor and Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel said at the opening of an economic forum in Tehran on Monday.

He arrived in the Iranian capital on Sunday for a two-day visit at the head of a business delegation comprising 160 industry representatives, including agents

from German giants such as Siemens and Volkswagen.

Germany had for decades been Iran's biggest European trading partner before a series of sanctions were tightened against the Islamic Republic under the pretext of its nuclear program.

Almost immediately after Iran's nuclear deal with world powers, which had been struck late last year, the German government sent Gabriel to Tehran at the head of a major delegation to discuss post-sanctions business opportunities in the Islamic Republic. (Presstv)

Shanghai Bourse Interested in Buying Stake: PSX

KARACHI - Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) has received interest from international companies including the Shanghai Stock Exchange to buy a stake, the head of the index said on Monday.

The index has been searching for a strategic investor and in July invited companies to show interest in buying a stake of up to 40 per cent.

The PSX index is a merger of the Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad stock exchanges and was inaugurated earlier this year. The integration was expected to help reduce market fragmentation and create a strong case for attracting strategic partnerships necessary for providing technological expertise and assistance. (Monitoring Desk)

Turkmenistan, Qatar to Expand Oil and Gas Co-Op

ASHGABAT - Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has drawn attention to the prospects of developing the cooperation between Turkmenistan and Qatar in the oil and gas sector, the Turkmen government said in a message on Monday.

President Berdimuhamedov made remarks at a meeting of the Turkmen Cabinet of Ministers.

According to the message, the president stressed the importance of learning from the experience of the countries with rich hydrocarbon resources and ordered to send a governmental delegation to Doha.

Diplomatic relations between Turkmenistan and Qatar were estab-

lished in 1996. President Berdimuhamedov called Qatari businessmen for participating in the implementation of the construction project of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline in April 2016.

The president added that TAPI is designed to ensure long-term supply of natural gas to the largest countries of Southeast Asia and contribute to resolving economic problems of the region, as well as important social and humanitarian issues.

The solemn ceremony of launching the TAPI construction with a capacity of up to 33 billion cubic meters of gas was held in mid-December 2015. (Trend)

Uzbekistan Acting Leader Wows with Major Project Pledges

TASHKENT - Uzbekistan's acting president Shavkat Mirziyoyev has been busily touring the regions and vowing to improve people's lives as he tries to bolster his legitimacy ahead of December 4 elections.

In concrete terms, Mirziyoyev is pledging to build homes, improve provision of household electricity and gas, and create a more efficient transportation system. Although his victory in the December 4 presidential election is not in any doubt, Mirziyoyev is energetically trying to raise his public profile and have it associated with major, life-enhancing infrastructure.

On October 1, while he was in the Syrdarya region, around 100 kilometers outside Tashkent, the acting leader visited a power station that serves as the largest

provider of electricity for central Uzbekistan. He then traveled to the regional capital, Gulistan, and dropped in on the building site of a multistory residential complex intended for hard-off families. A state television report showed Mirziyoyev stressing that the apartments were being provided to buyers on preferential loan terms and that they should be distributed fairly to those in need.

All the way in the far western edge of Uzbekistan, in the officially autonomous Republic of Karakalpakstan, Mirziyoyev demanded that works be speeded up to modernize the Takhiatash thermal power station.

"Without completion of this project, the development of industry in ...*(More on P4)...(26)*