

French UNSC Drafted Resolution on Syria "Politicized, Unbalanced": Russia

MOSCOW - The France-sponsored drafted resolution of the United Nations Security Council on Syria is "politicized, unbalanced and one-sided," the Russian Foreign Ministry said Saturday after Moscow vetoed the drafted resolution in a vote earlier in the day.

The draft, presented immediately after the United States refused to fulfill the Russia-U.S. agreement on Syrian settlement, "grossly distorted the real situation," as it placed all the blame for the escalation of tensions on the government of the country (Syria), the ministry said in a statement



on its Facebook page.

The ministry criticized the draft for attempting to ban flights in the area of Aleppo, which would "provide cover for the terrorist groups that have merged with militants."

The statement added that the Russian side had offered amendments during discussions on the drafted resolution, and reiterated the necessity of separating the so-called moderate militants from terrorists, but "sponsors of the French proposal... failed to show political wisdom."

While voicing "deep regret," the ministry reaffirmed Russia's... (More on P4)...(16)

Syrian Gov't Forces on Verge of another Major Victory in Aleppo City

TEHRAN - Syrian Army soldiers and popular forces continue to advance from the Northern districts of Aleppo towards the Eastern and Northeastern neighborhoods, driving Jish al-Fatah out of the city position by position, military sources said on Sunday.

"Liberation of al-Oweijeh in the Northern outskirts of Aleppo city, has paved the way for the government forces to move faster towards Bostan al-Pasha from its Northern side,"

the sources said.

"After seizing back a chunk of the highway in the Northern part of Aleppo city, the Syrian army soldiers and popular fighters have come much close to the Eastern neighborhoods of Aleppo," they added.

Reports said earlier today that Syrian Army troops and National Defense Forces continued to push Jish al-Fatah back from its positions in the Northern outskirts of Aleppo city... (More on P4)...(17)

Yemen's Former President Calls for Revenge Attacks on Saudi Arabia

ADEN - Yemen's former President Ali Abdullah Saleh called on his followers and armed forces to carry out more retaliatory armed attacks against Saudi Arabia on Sunday.

Saleh, who is the powerful ally of the Shiite Houthis group, appeared in a televised speech just one day after allegedly Saudi-led airstrikes targeted Qaah al-Kubra, one of Sanaa's biggest event halls, as it was hosting a funeral ceremony.

The former president

urged his military and security forces to head for border areas with Saudi Arabia to revenge for Saturday's attack.

"All of our sons and fighters must head immediately to take revenge by escalating armed attacks in the borders with Saudi Arabia," Saleh said in his speech.

"Commanders of our military forces have to work hard to raise the fighting readiness to take revenge



for Yemenis killed by Saudi warplanes inside camps, public markets and hospitals," Saleh said.

According to medical sources, the attack left more than 160 people... (More on P4)...(18)

Disliking Other Candidate Key Reason for U.S. Voters' Choice of President: Poll

WASHINGTON - The top reason for U.S. voters' choice of president in the 2016 election is their dislike of the other candidate, found a latest Gallup poll.

The Sept. 14-18 poll showed that 28 percent of voters - including equal proportions of supporters for Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton and her Republican rival Donald Trump - say they choose the president due to their dislike of the other candidate, who they believe is dishonest, unqualified or of poor temperament.

Twenty-four percent of U.S. voters say their choice will be based on their own candidate's qualifications, followed by policy stances (17 percent), personal qualities (14 percent) or party affiliation (9 percent).

In 2008 - the last U.S. presidential election without an incumbent seeking reelection, hardly any U.S. voters said they vote because they disliked the other candidate.

For Trump supporters, they most likely cite their lack of trust in Clinton. This... (More on P4)...(19)

'I'd Never Withdraw': Trump Refuses to Back Down as Republicans Call for Him to Exit Race

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump defiantly insisted he would not end his campaign for the presidency, rejecting pressure from fellow Republicans to exit the race for the good of the party after the disclosure of lewd comments he made about women.

In three newspaper interviews published Saturday afternoon, the Republican presidential nominee dismissed the idea that his campaign is in "crisis" and said there was "zero chance" that he would quit the race

in spite of calls from multiple Republicans for him to withdraw his candidacy.

"I'd never withdraw. I've never withdrawn in my life," Trump told the Washington Post, adding that he has "tremendous support" from within the party to continue his campaign. "People are calling and saying, 'Don't even think about doing any-



thing else but running. ... You have to see what's going on. The real story is that people have no idea

the support. I don't know how that's going to boil down but people have no idea... (More on P4)...(20)

Activity at North Korea Rocket Site Fuels Test Concerns

PYONGYANG - Analysis published Sunday of recent satellite images fuelled concerns that North Korea may be on the brink of another nuclear test or long-range rocket launch.

Speculation that Pyongyang is preparing such a show of force has been linked to Monday's anniversary of the founding of the North's ruling Workers' Party.

Past nuclear tests and missile launches have often coincided with key political dates. Its fifth nuclear test last month was conducted on the anniversary of North Korea's founding as a state.

The latest satellite imagery analysis posted by the US-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University noted increased activity at the North's Sohae satellite launch station.

The pictures taken on October 1 showed crates on the launch pad next to the gantry tower, vehicles near the fuel and oxidiser buildings, and work continuing on the facility's vertical engine test stand.

"However, since both the gantry tower and the assembly structures on the... (More on P4)...(21)

LONDON - Britain said it would not make companies list or name their foreign workers after an outcry from business groups and opposition politicians who said any proposal to "name and shame" employers would be divisive and discriminatory.

"Let me absolutely confirm that is not going to happen, we are not going to ask companies to list or name or identify their foreign workers," defense



minister Michael Fallon told BBC radio on Sunday.

Any data collected from companies would be used only to get a better picture of the extent to which different parts of the economy relied on foreign workers, he said.

Education minister Justine Greening said on ITV there... (More on P4)...(22)

China, 19 EU Countries Sign Agreements on Recognition of Higher Education Degrees

BEIJING - China has signed agreements on the mutual recognition of higher education degrees with 19 EU member states, including France, Germany and Italy, according to the Ministry of Education.

The ministry made the announcement on Saturday at a briefing on the China-EU education ministers conference and the fourth Education Policy Dialogue between China and central and eastern European countries.

The two meetings will be held in Beijing on October 11, and focus on the mutual recognition of credits between higher

learning institutions in China and the EU, as well as the balanced flow of students between the two parties, the ministry said.

According to official statistics, more than 303,000 Chinese students were studying in the EU by the end of 2015, accounting for 24 percent of all Chinese students abroad, an increase of 7.5 percent from 2014.

Over 123,000 Chinese students started studies in the EU last year, about 23 percent of all students who went abroad in 2015, up 29 percent from 2014.

More than 45,000... (More on P4)...(24)

17 Killed by PKK Car Bomb Attack in SE Turkey

ANKARA - Nine soldiers and eight civilians were killed when outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militants staged a car bomb attack targeting a military post in the southeastern province of Hakkari, the Hakkari Governor's Office announced.

Hakkari Governor Cüneyt Orhan Toprak said 17 were killed and 27 others injured after PKK militants detonated a bomb-laden car at a gendarmerie checkpoint in Hakkari's Semdinli district in the morning during a vehicle and identity check.

According to Turkish General Staff, 387 PKK militants have been killed in Hakkari since Aug. 4. A wide-scale air-supported operation is being conducted in the region, the military added.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus said the country would "not surrender to terror organizations" and vowed that all who conducted attacks would pay the price.

Semdinli is a mountainous area near the border with Iraq and Iran in the province of Hakkari, where PKK terrorists are... (More on P4)...(23)

Turkey Kills 38 ISIL Militants, Rebels Advance in Syria

ANKARA - Some 38 Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants were killed in northern Syria over the last 24 hours, the Turkish military said on Oct. 9, marking an escalation of conflict in the area where Syrian rebels, backed by Ankara, are fighting the jihadists.

Supported by Turkish tanks and air strikes, rebels have been pushing towards the Islamic State (IS) stronghold of Dabiq in an operation launched in late August.

Fourteen of the ISIL militants were killed as they attempted to enter the rebel-controlled villages of Akhtar and Turkmen Barih, three kilometers east of Dabiq, a key target of Turkey's Euphrates Operation, the Turkish military said in a statement.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on October 8 that ISIL fighters had captured those villages in a... (More on P4)...(25)

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China Reiterates Political Solution to Syrian Crisis

UNITED NATIONS - China on Saturday called on the international community to keep the general direction for a political solution and push for the solution of the Syrian crisis through dialogue by all the parties in Syria.

The statement came as Liu Jieyi, the Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations, was taking the floor at the UN Security Council after two opposing draft resolutions on Syria failed to pass the 15-nation UN body.

"On the question of Syria, the international community should keep the general direction for a political solution and push for the solution of the question of Syria through dialogue by all the parties in

Syria so that the war can be ended as soon as possible," Liu said.

China abstained from the French-drafted resolution, which sought to end airstrikes on the north Syrian city of Aleppo by grounding the Russian and Syrian military planes over Aleppo, and voted in favor of the Russian draft which called for an end to hostilities in the Middle East country and ensure humanitarian access to the Syrian people in need. The two draft resolutions both failed to be approved by the Security Council.

"Actions by the Security Council should be able to truly help ease the situation in order to help push for an end to hostilities... (More on P4)...(26)

Iran Condemns Saudi-Led Coalition's Deadly Air Strikes

TEHRAN - Iran condemned the air strikes of Saudi-led coalition on mourners in Yemen's capital Sanaa on Saturday afternoon which left hundreds of casualties, Press TV reported.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi expressed regret that the international community is silent over the military aggression of the coalition and the killing of the innocents.

In order to put an end to the fabricated crisis in Yemen, there is no way but to stop the belligerent aggressors and begin serious dialogue with the

participation of all Yemeni sides, Qasemi was quoted as saying.

He expressed Iran's strong disapproval over such an "inhumane and heinous crime" and sympathized with the families of the victims.

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NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq Lambasts PTI for Absence at Joint Session

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq on Sunday lambasted the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) for boycotting a joint session of parliament on Kashmir held last week.

"We [lawmakers] should have given the message that we are united, but one party was absent from the session," Sadiq told journalists.

"They should ask themselves whether their actions can be justified," he said. "I wanted them to be at the session so we could send a message that Pakistan is united on the India issue."

Lawmakers during the joint session unanimously adopted a resolution

on Kashmir and also passed the anti-rape and honour killing bills.

The NA speaker, a day earlier, claimed that Islamabad would not be shutdown on Oct 30 on the call of the PTI.

Earlier this month, during the PTI's Raiwind march, PTI chief Imran Khan warned the ruling party he would not let the government function after Muharram if the premier did not present himself for accountability.

As Imran Khan announced the party's boycott of the joint session of parliament held last week, the PTI chief claimed the prime minister had two options. (Monitoring Desk)

OSCE Consulting Turkmenistan on Anti-Corruption Policy

ASHGABAT - Representatives from Turkmenistan's financial institutions and law-enforcement bodies concluded in Bucharest (Romania) a study visit, organized by the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat, focused on mechanisms to counter corruption and money laundering.

The delegation visited the country's National Anti-Corruption Directorate, Justice Ministry and General Prosecutor's Office. They learnt about the objectives and functions of the National Anti-Corruption Directorate and activities of its Technical Service.

Discussions focused on

the implementation of international anti-corruption and anti-money laundering documents and membership in the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism. Special emphasis was put on the development of the national anti-corruption strategy and importance of the international and interstate co-operation in this area.

"The OSCE attaches special importance to efforts to combat corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing, as good governance is... (More on P4)...(27)