

U.S. Key "Swing State" Colorado Still Splits after Second Presidential Debate

BOULDER, the United States - With a month to go before the U.S. election day which falls on Nov. 8, voters in Colorado, a pivotal western state in this year's chase for presidency, still splits after two rounds of presidential debates.

After Trump's lewd remarks and bragging about forcing himself on women were released Friday, Colorado's two biggest Republicans have asked him to step down, namely U.S. Senator Cory Gardner and U.S. House 6th Dist. Rep. Mike Coffman. Meanwhile, Colorado's Clinton supporters called Trump's remarks as a turning point in



the election.

But Boulder's Dark Horse Bar and Grill, an oasis of conservative thought in Colorado's most liberal city, was packed with Trump loyalists during Sunday night's second round of presidential debate against Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

Colorado is a traditional "swing state" with the most conservative city in America, Colorado Springs, which is 120 km south of Denver and one of the most liberal cities, Boulder, located 80 km north of the state capitol.

Nancy Leong, a law professor with ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

China Calls for Political Solution to Syrian Crisis

BEIJING - A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson on Monday called on the international community to pursue a political solution to the Syrian crisis through dialogue by all parties involved.

"We are concerned about the current Syrian situation," spokesperson Geng Shuang told a press conference. The conflict has been going on for about five years.

Two opposing draft resolutions: a French-Spanish version and another by Russia, on Saturday failed to be approved by the UN

Security Council.

China called for a political solution, adherence to the principle that the future of Syria must be decided by its own people, and giving full play to the role of the United Nations and its Security Council as the main channel of mediation, Geng said.

Geng said efforts shall be made along four parallel tracks, namely the ceasefire, negotiation, humanitarian assistance and a joint campaign against terrorism.

Geng expressed his hope that ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

After May's Brexit Pledge, Europeans Close Ranks

BRUSSELS - The concerted response from Berlin, Paris and Brussels to British Prime Minister Theresa May's announcement last week of a March deadline to open divorce talks with the European Union made clear the bloc is not waiting idly for London to call.

Statements from German, French and EU leaders show they have been working on maintaining a united front in anticipation of British attempts to play the other 27 mem-

bers off against each other and have agreed some broad negotiating lines.

Their firmly articulated, central aim is to nip in the bud British demands for free trade without open immigration - once pithily summed up by Brexit leader and now foreign minister Boris Johnson as "having cake and eating it".

Less audibly, cracks have appeared in the EU refusal to discuss options



before May triggers a formal process that will launch Britain out the door in two years, with some diplomats suggesting such talks could mean a less radical split.

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Russia Ready to Join OPEC Oil Output Curbs: Putin

ISTANBUL - President Vladimir Putin on Monday said non-OPEC member Russia was ready to work with the cartel in imposing measures to limit oil production, in comments that propelled the price of crude to its highest levels in a year.

Eyes have turned to Russia, the world's top oil producer alongside Saudi Arabia, to see if it will join in a concerted effort alongside cartel members to prop up prices after OPEC last month agreed a surprise output cut in the hope of

lifting rock-bottom prices. Putin said at the World Energy Congress in Istanbul that such coordinated output curbs were the only way to balance the market after a prolonged period of low prices.

In response, Brent North Sea crude rose \$1.53 to \$53.45 a barrel, the highest level reached since October 2015.

"In the current situation, we believe a freeze or a cutting of the production of oil is the only way preserve the stability of the energy ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

UN Chief Slams Deadly Attack on Funeral Ceremony in Yemen

UNITED NATIONS - U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has condemned the attack on an event hall in the Yemeni capital of Sana'a, where hundreds of people were gathered for a funeral ceremony.

Initial reports indicated that the Saudi-led coalition conducted the attack, which killed at least 160 people, in airstrikes, Ban said in a statement issued late Saturday night by his spokesman.

"The secretary-general notes that any deliberate attack against civilians is

utterly unacceptable and calls for a prompt and impartial investigation of this incident," the statement said, "Those responsible for the attack must be brought to justice."

Ban also expressed his sincere condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to those injured, the statement



said. "The secretary-general once again reminds all parties to abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law -- including the fundamental rules ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

Italian PM Faces Fresh Opposition against Referendum

ROME - Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi may have earned himself another outspoken opponent of his constitutional reform law within his own center-left Democratic Party (PD), namely, former Rome mayor Ignazio Marino.

Marino resigned in October 2015 amid an expenses scandal and was acquitted on Friday of embezzlement, fraud and forgery. The former mayor said on Saturday he may campaign for a 'No' vote on a December 4 referendum on Renzi's reform.

"I have invitations to appear in over 20 Italian cities," Marino told Turin-based La Stampa daily. "I will say what I think of the reform."

The ex-mayor added that the constitutional revision is worded in a way that is too complicated and difficult for the average person to understand, which is not in the spirit of Italy's original charter.

"The Constitution is the Magna Carta -- the one everybody understands," Marino said.

On December 4, Italians will be called to answer 'yes' or 'no' on a question that ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

Russian Defense Ministry Denies British Accusations on Waging Civil War in Syria

MOSCOW - The Russian Defense Ministry refuted Monday Britain's recent accusation that it was responsible for the continued civil war in Syria.

On Sunday, British Defense Secretary Michael Fallon told the BBC that Russia should be "held accountable" for its actions in Syria's Aleppo, where an airstrike on a United Nations humanitarian convoy left dozens dead.



Fallon claimed that Russia was "determined to prolong the civil war in Syria, conniving with the regime's bombing of civilians and may indeed have

been bombing civilians itself." "The British minister, before voicing unconvincing arguments about the ...*(More on P4)...*(23)

WHO Falls Short of Target to Fight Dengue in Western Pacific: Official

MANILA - The regional director for the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Western Pacific region said on Monday that the international organization has fallen short of its target to control the spread of dengue, saying the number of dengue cases has more than doubled in recent years.

In a keynote address to the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, Shin Young-soo said, "despite the best efforts to members, WHO and our partners, we have had limited success fighting dengue."

"We have not met the targets we set in 2008 the Regional Committee endorsed

the last dengue strategic plan," Shin said. "While case fatality rates have been cut in half between 2008 and 2015, the number of dengue cases has more than doubled." WHO regional committee for the Western Pacific region opened on Monday its annual meeting in Manila to discuss progress on key public health priorities in the region, including dengue, malaria, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases.

At the meeting, Shin said ways to control the spread of dengue are the topic on Tuesday in a bid to "eventually control" the mosquito-borne disease.

Shin said the results will be included in the Western Pacific ...*(More on P4)...*(25)

S.Korea to Preemptively Strike DPRK in Imminent Nuke Attack

SEOUL - South Korea's defense ministry said Monday that its military would preemptively strike the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in case of an imminent nuclear attack by the DPRK.

Seoul's defense ministry spokesman Moon Sang-kyun told a press briefing that preemptive strike would be possible for self-defense in case that there are signs of the DPRK's use of nuclear weapons. His comments were a response to rising voices in the United States claiming the need for preemptive

strike against the DPRK following the country's fifth nuclear test a month ago.

On Sept. 9, the DPRK announced its successful test of a nuclear warhead that can be mounted on ballistic missiles. It came just eight months after its fourth nuclear detonation in early January.

Preemptive strike against the DPRK's nuclear facilities has long been shunned by previous South Korean governments as it can lead to an all-out war on the Korean peninsula. ...*(More on P4)...*(24)

102 Police Officers Killed, 715 People Killed by Police in 2016 in U.S.

LOS ANGELES - The number of deaths of police officers in the United States was 102 to date in 2016, according to the latest data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

The data showed that the number of the police officers shot and killed so far this year is up more than 40 percent from last year. The deaths included two police officers who

were killed Saturday in Palm Springs, 170 km east to Los Angeles.

California authorities early Sunday arrested the suspect gunman, John Felix, a 26-year-old resident of Palm Springs, who had a history of violence in police records. He also wounded a third police officer.

Palm Springs police said this incident started with a ...*(More on P4)...*(26)

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China Issues Annual Report on Human Rights Progress

BEIJING - China has issued an annual report on the country's progress in human rights in 2015.

The compiler of the report, China Society for Human Rights Studies (CSHRS), said in a statement on Monday that the report, also known as China's human rights blue paper, includes a general report, 17 special reports on different topics, as well as two research, investigation and case study reports and two appendices. It analyzes China's progress in promoting people's right to development through the implementation of the country's five new development concepts. It mentions the national commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the end of World

War II, which reflects the country's understanding of the right to peace. The report also shows China's contributions to tackling climate change in order to safeguard people's environmental rights. Special reports cover the Chinese government's efforts in protecting citizens' rights in the fields of health, environment, legal proceedings and religion, as well as its protection measures for people living in poverty, medical workers and rural teachers. The documents also report China's progress in fighting gender discrimination as well as its work to ensure senior care and protection of minors, in addition to covering China's commitments to UN peacekeeping missions. (Xinhua)

Pakistan Pledges to Deepen Ties with Sri Lanka

COLOMBO - Pakistan said on Monday that it attaches great importance to its relationship with Sri Lanka.

A 27-member delegation of the Sri Lankan Army met with High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka Major General (R) Syed Shakeel Hussain at the High Commission of Pakistan.

The delegation is traveling to Lahore, Pakistan, to participate in an international competition this month.

While addressing the delegation, the Pakistan high commissioner in Colombo highlighted that Pakistan and Sri Lanka have consistently

maintained close, cordial and mutually supportive relations at all levels.

"These deep rooted relations draws strength from centuries old civilizational link through our shared rich heritage, which is preserved by the people and government of Pakistan with due reverence," he added.

Shakeel Hussain further elaborated that the government of Pakistan is actively engaged with all neighboring countries in an effort to create a peaceful neighborhood. On Pakistan-Sri Lanka relations, he said both sides have intensified ...*(More on P4)...*(27)

Iranian Red Crescent Ready to Send Aid to Yemen: Zarif

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has voiced his "shock and disgust" over a Saudi Arabian airstrike on a Yemeni funeral which killed over 140 civilians.

Zarif condemned Riyadh's latest atrocity in a letter penned to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Sunday.

"Not only Saudi Arabia, but also those who have supported the aggression by the Saudi-led coalition against Yemeni people should be held accountable for the war crimes perpetrated in Yemen over the past year and a

half," he said. Iran's foreign minister also called on Ban to facilitate a proposal by the Iranian Red Crescent Society to send humanitarian aid to the Yemeni capital Sana'a.

"In view of the gravity of the situation in Yemen and the devastation caused by the attacks against the funeral hall, the Iranian Red Crescent Society is proposing to arrange for humanitarian assistance, including medical supplies, to the Yemeni people and evacuating the injured to hospitals in Iran," he added. (Presstv)

Turkmenistan, Russia Expand Regional Business Partnership

ASHGABAT - The Turkmen-Tatar business forum is planned to be held in Ashgabat October 11, the Turkmen government said in a message on Monday.

"A wide range of issues accelerating fruitful contacts are planned to be discussed at the meeting," the message said.

According to the message, this issue was discussed at the recent governmental meeting in Ashgabat where Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov stressed that the relations with the Republic of Tatarstan of the Russian Federation are being intensively developed and a number of large joint projects are being implemented.

"The Turkmen-Tatar business forum is designed to give a new impetus to the further development of bilateral cooperation," the Turkmen president said.

Earlier, it was reported that President of Tatarstan Rustam Minnikhanov intends to visit Turkmenistan.

Ashgabat has the largest retail and service center in the Central Asia, KamAZ. The total number of KamAZ cars in Turkmenistan is more than 10,000.

Turkmenistan and Tatarstan are cooperating in fuel and energy sphere. As for instance, Tatarstan's Tatneft and Turkmenistan's Turkmenoil signed an agreement in 2008. (Trend)