

## Companies Welcome US-China Trade Truce, Warn Disputes Remain

BEIJING — Companies have welcomed a U.S.-Chinese trade truce as a possible step toward breaking a deadlock in a 15-month-old tariff war, while economists caution there was little progress toward settling core disputes including technology that threaten global growth. President Donald Trump said Washington will suspend a tariff hike planned for Tuesday on \$250 billion of Chinese goods. In exchange, Trump said China agreed to buy as much as \$50 billion of American farm goods. Details of other possible agreements weren't immediately released. The bruising battle over



China's trade surplus and technology ambitions has disrupted global trade. Economists warn a final settlement might take years to negotiate. Despite that, financial markets rise ahead of each round of talks and fall back when

no progress is reported. Companies acknowledged Friday's agreement was a modest step and appealed to both governments to step up efforts to end the fight that is battering manufacturers and farmers.

Washington still is planning a Dec. 15 tariff hike on \$160 billion of smart-phones and other imports. Before then, Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are due to attend an economic conference in Chile in mid-November. That is raising hopes a face-to-face meeting might produce progress. "Taking tariffs out of the equation for at least the next two months will give space for substantive negotiations," said Jake Parker, senior vice president of the U.S.-China Business Council, an industry group. Trump said Friday's deal has yet to be put down ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

### Almost 200,000 People Have Been Displaced by Turkish Offensive in Syria

DAMASCUS — The Syrian Kurdish-led administration in northeastern Syria said on Saturday that 191,069 people have been displaced as a result of Turkish military operations. In a statement, the Kurdish-led authority said the attack had caused successive waves of displacement from Dayrik also known as al-Malikiya at the Iraqi border to Kobani some 400 km to the west. The United Nations on Friday estimated some



100,000 people had left their homes in northern Syria since the offensive began on Wednesday. (AL Arabiya)

### Heavy Rain, Winds Lash Tokyo as Powerful Typhoon Hits Japan

FUJISAWA, Japan — A heavy downpour and strong winds pounded Tokyo and surrounding areas on Saturday as a powerful typhoon forecast to be Japan's worst in six decades made landfall southwest of Tokyo, with streets, beaches and train stations deserted. Store shelves were bare after people stocked up on water and food ahead of Typhoon Hagibis. The Japan Meteorological Agency warned of dangerously

heavy rainfall in Tokyo and surrounding prefectures, including Gunma, Saitama and Kanagawa, and later expanded the area to include Fukushima and Miyagi to the north. An earthquake shook the area drenched by the rainfall shortly before the typhoon made landfall in Shizuoka prefecture on Saturday evening. The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude 5.3 quake was centered in the ocean off the coast of



Chiba, near Tokyo, and was fairly deep, at 59.5 kilometers (37 miles). Deep quakes tend to cause less damage than shallow ones. "Be ready for rainfall of the kind that you have never experienced," ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

### Saudi Arabian Border Guards: Iranian Tanker Captain Says Breakage Caused Leak



RIYADH — Saudi Arabian Border Guards, the agency responsible for guarding land and sea borders of the Kingdom, said it had learned that a breakage

in the front of the Iranian tanker in the Red Sea had caused an oil spill. The agency said on Saturday that it received an email from Jeddah

Radio which stated that the tanker's captain sent them of the cause of the oil spill. When the agency was

trying to determine whether the vessel needed any assistance, the Border Guards noticed that the vessel had shut down its tracking system and was not responding to calls. The Iranian tanker sailed south-west of Jeddah's port at 9.7 knots (11.2 mph), according to Saudi Arabian Border Guards. Saudi Arabia reaffirmed on Saturday its commitment to the security and safety of maritime navigation, as well as its commitment to international agreements. (AL Arabiya)

### US to Send 1,800 Troops, Dozens of Fighter Jets to Saudi Arabia Amid Iran Tensions

WASHINGTON — Roughly 1,800 U.S. service members, as well as several dozen fighter jets and other air defense implements, will be sent to Saudi Arabia to help protect the Kingdom amid heightened tensions with Iran, the Pentagon announced Friday. Officials said the U.S. is set to ship two F15-squadrons, two Patriot missile batteries, one anti-missile defense system known as THADD and other planes. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper

said he informed Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman earlier Friday about the additional troops "to ensure and enhance the defense of Saudi Arabia." "Saudi Arabia is a longstanding security partner in the Middle East and has asked for additional support to supplement their own defense and defend the international rules-based order," Esper told reporters at the Pentagon. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

### 4 Killed, 9 Injured in Truck Overturn in Central Myanmar

YANGON — Four people were killed with nine others injured in a truck overturn accident in Myanmar's Mandalay region, according to a release from the Information Ministry on Saturday. The accident took place in Wundwin township of the region on Friday. Carrying barrels filled with edible oil, a 22-wheeled trailer truck lost its joint connecting part of the trailer and overturned, hitting passersby on Yangon-Mandalay highway on Friday afternoon. The crash killed four passersby including a child and ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

### China, locked in Trade War with U.S., Agrees to Tackle India's Trade Deficit

MAMALLAPURAM — Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi agreed at a summit on Saturday to set up a high-level group to tackle India's galloping trade deficit with the world's second-biggest economy, a top Indian diplomat said.

Xi and Modi held nearly six hours of talks in an Indian seaside town in their second annual summit designed to break through decades of distrust over border disputes, trade rows and China's close military ties with India's arch rival, Pakistan.

Relations were ruffled further in August when India revoked the special status of the Himalayan territory of Kashmir, angering both Pakistan, which claims the region, and its all-weather ally China. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

### Catalan Separatist Leaders to Get Up to 15 Years in Jail: Judicial Source

MADRID — Spain's Supreme Court plans to convict and sentence Catalan separatist leaders to a maximum of 15 years in prison over a 2017 bid for independence, a judicial source said on Saturday.

The most prominent of the 12 Catalan leaders on trial would be found guilty of charges of sedition and misuse of public funds but none would be convicted and sentenced for the more severe charge of rebellion, the source told Reuters.

The decision was taken unanimously by the seven members of the



top court, the source added. The verdict is expected to be signed by the judges and made public next week, most likely on Monday, the source said.

The trial's top judge, Manuel Marchena, declined to comment on the media leaks. However, he added that

"everything is open (because) a ruling will not be completed until it is signed by every single judge." Marchena was speaking to reporters at an event celebrating Spain's national day in comments quoted by several Spanish media, including La Vanguardia ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

### Smaller Hong Kong Protests Held Saturday

HONG KONG — Hong Kong pro-democracy demonstrations Saturday were smaller and less disruptive than recent massive rallies that shut down much of the city.

The largest event on Saturday was a march that included thousands of protesters in the Mong Kok shopping district in Kowloon, across from the business and financial centers on Hong Kong Island.

Some black-clad protesters sprayed government offices and

subway stations with anti-Chinese messages. Others set up impromptu roadblocks. Some vandalized shuttered shops that protesters say have expressed support for Beijing.

Riot police nearby displayed a black flag to indicate they would fire tear gas but took no action during the afternoon long march. Some protesters passing by shouted obscenities at the police.

Most of the protesters were young and masked ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

### Expo in Kyrgyzstan Gathers US and International Investors

BISHKEK — Over a thousand entrepreneurs, business leaders, and government officials on October 10 participated in the first ever International Franchise and Trade Expo (IFTE) in Bishkek. The event aimed to build partnerships with international exhibitors from the United States, Europe, and South Korea. The event was co-organized by the U.S. Embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic and Business Association JIA, together with sponsorship from the U.S. Department of State, USAID and other local partners.

The Expo showcased over 35 companies from around the world, including the United States, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Italy, Czech Republic, and South Korea, in a push to introduce international companies to commercial opportunities existing in Kyrgyzstan. In his opening remarks, U.S. Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan Donald Lu emphasized that the U.S. Embassy is committed to increasing trade and investment in the Kyrgyz Republic. Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic Muhammedkaliy Abylgaziev declared that an important priority is to increase the investment attractiveness of the country, protect private property and eliminate all bureaucratic obstacles. The first-ever International Franchise and Trade Expo in Bishkek featured a series of presentations from various U.S. government agencies and ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Neighbor News

### Uzbekistan Repatriates 64 Children of ISIS Members from Iraq

ERBIL — Uzbekistan announced on Friday the arrival of 64 children who belong to Islamic State members who are serving life imprisonment in Iraq. According to a statement by the Uzbek foreign ministry, the children were transferred in a joint effort by the two countries and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The statement said the children's age was between 3 to 14 years, with 14 of them under the age of three, who had suffered "moral, psychological, and physical problems." The children will receive "medical, psychological, and social assistance by specialists," at a special accommodations house, the ministry said. It added that the parents

had permitted the repatriation. In September, Uzbekistan announced it had plans to bring back 65 children and 235 citizens from Iraq with alleged Islamic State affiliation, not specifying whether they would face trial or not. Other nations like Kazakhstan, Russia, and Sweden have also repatriated children who belong to Islamic State families. Following the emergence of the terror group in Syria and Iraq in 2014, thousands of foreign nationals flocked to areas under their control to join the Islamic State. Often accompanying them were women either from their own countries or elsewhere. (Kurdistan 24)

### Punjab Govt to Evolve Strategy after Fazl Reveals Sit-In Plan: Raja Basharat

LAHORE — Punjab Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Raja Basharat said on Friday that the government would evolve a strategy as per law after revealing a protest plan by JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman. He expressed these views during the Punjab Assembly session which started one hour and 50 minutes behind its schedule time with Deputy Speaker Sardar Dost Muhammad Mazari in the chair. Raja Basharat said that

parents should refrain their children from participation in political activities, adding that political leaders should not use children to achieve their political interests. Speaking at the floor of the house, Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid repelled the impression that dengue cases were rising and said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government had taken effective and efficient measures to cope with dengue. (Pakistan Today)

### Foreigners No Longer be Prosecuted for Violation of Rules of Stay in Uzbekistan

TASHKENT — Foreigners will no longer be prosecuted for violation of the rules of stay in Uzbekistan, as provided for by the law approved by Uzbekistan's Senate of Parliament on Oct. 11, Trend reports citing Uzbekistan's State Committee for Tourism.

Thus, Article 224 "Violation of the rules of stay in Uzbekistan" is excluded from the Uzbekistan's Criminal Code. This measure is explained by a decrease in the number of crimes provided for in this article. A criminal liability was established in Uzbekistan, unlike other states, for violation of the rules of stay, including imprisonment for up to three years. Over the past three years, 76 such criminal cases have been investigated. In addition, the legislation establishes admin-

istrative liability for violations of the passport system and the rules of stay. For 2016-2018, out of 18,026 persons held administratively liable, 11,997 were foreign citizens.

Therefore, the law, approved by the senators, significantly improved administrative measures in the direction of an impressive reduction in the amount of the fine. Responsibility was liberalized regarding the expulsion of foreign citizens and stateless persons from the country. Now, after the first violation of the rules of stay, the offender will be expelled from Uzbekistan without the right to enter for a period of one year, and with a second offense - for three years. The law will enter into force after signing by the president of Uzbekistan. (Trend)

### Iran Threatens to Respond to Oil Tanker Attack in Red Sea

TEHRAN — A senior Iranian security official said on Saturday that Iran will respond to the recent attack on its oil tanker in the Red Sea, official IRNA news agency reported.

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani said that such "evil deeds" will not go unanswered. "A special committee has been set up to investigate the attack on the SABITI (oil tanker), which was targeted

by two missiles near the coast of Saudi Arabia in the Red Sea," Shamkhani was quoted as saying.

He added that the existing video images and information have provided the Iranian officials with "clues" about the attack on the Iranian tanker.

On Friday, two separate explosions hit the Iranian oil tanker SABITI in the Red Sea 60 miles off Saudi Arabia's Jeddah port city. (Xinhua)