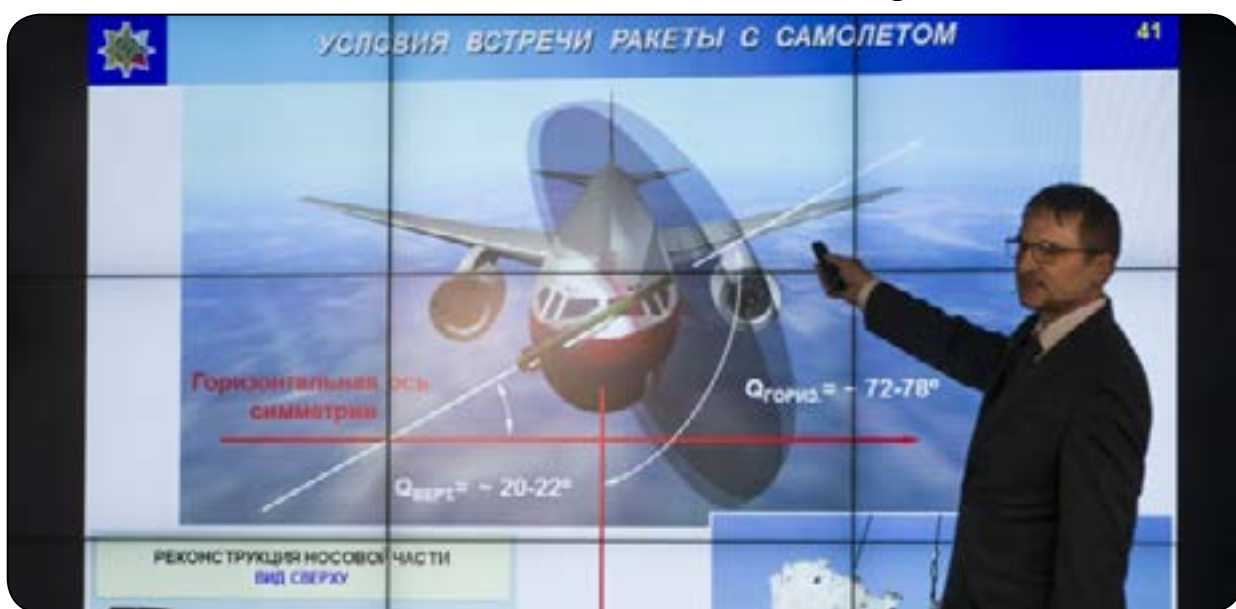


MH17 Shot Down by Ukrainian Military: Russia

MOSCOW - Russian Almaz-Antei missile manufacturer said Tuesday that the Malaysian MH17 plane was shot down by 9M38 surface-to-air missile from the territory controlled by the Ukrainian military.

"Today we can say with certainty that if Boeing has been hit by a surface-to-air missile, it was by the 9M38 missile launched by the BUK-M1 air defense missile system from the vicinity of Zaroshchenskoye settlement (in southeastern Ukraine)," Almaz-Antei CEO Yan Novikov said at a press conference.



press conference results done by specialists, which "completely contradict Safety Board on the type of two actual experiments led to the conclusion that the results of the Dutch of missile and the launch

location." According to Novikov, the missile was "for sure" being fired from Zaroshchenskoye village in southeastern Ukraine, which is under control of Ukrainian military forces rather than insurgents in the eastern Ukraine.

On June 2, the Russian side has already denied involvement in the plane crash citing investigation results after looking into the wreckage and missile fragments found at the crash site.

Mikhail Malyshevsky, adviser to the general designer of Almaz-Antei, said that all the evidence ... (More on P4)... (22)

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Youth Suicides Increasing in Northern Tajikistan

BISHKEK - suicide Experts in northern Tajikistan are alarmed at the rising suicide rate among young people. In the most recent case, a second-year university student in the provincial centre Khujand hanged herself, said the Institute for War and Peace Reporting. In the past six months, 11 minors committed suicide, out of a total of 136 deaths of this kind in the Sughd region. "Suicides among 12- to 14-year-olds are a national catastrophe," said Mahbuba Sultonova of Nasl, an NGO in northern Tajikistan.

The motives vary, but family problems, poverty, and lack of employment opportunities have been cited as possible causes.

Officials in Sughd are concerned, and are re-training 340 psychologists for deployment in schools across the region. Psychologists themselves say families are crucial to preventing the adolescent sense of alienation that can lead to suicidal tendencies. School psychologist Muharrama Rahimova recalls one case where a schoolgirl tried to drown herself after family members accused her of behaving badly and compared her unfavorably with her older siblings. Psychologists invited her parents into the school, and they modified their behavior so that the child was able to reconnect with her family. (AKIpress)

Xi Stresses Urgency of Reforming Global Governance

BEIJING - Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed the urgency of strengthening global governance and reforming the global governance system against a backdrop of growing global challenges, according to a Tuesday press release.

Reform is about "laying down rules for the international order and international mechanisms" and "deciding in which direction the world will head," Xi said at a study session of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee.

"It is not simply a case of competing for the high ground of economic development, but what roles and functions nations will play in the long-term systemic arrangement of the international order," according to Xi. The rise of developing countries has brought revolutionary changes to the world order, he said. For centuries, powerful countries divided the world and competed for profit and power through war and colonization, but that has been replaced in today's world by rules and mechanisms to balance different interests, he said.

"Today, more than at any time before, countries need to negotiate. Problems are not limited within borders, and challenges cannot be handled by any country alone," the president said at the meeting. He cited China's coordination of the Belt and Road regional trade and infrastructure network and its proposal for a new, more cooperative model of major-country relations as examples of a focus on common interests. (Xinhua)

Turkish Airstrikes Kill 12 PKK Members



ANKARA - Twelve members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) were killed in air operations in southeastern Turkey on Monday, the Turkish military said on Tuesday.

The 12 were killed in airstrikes on PKK camps in the town of Yuksekova, in Hakkar province, said the statement released by the General Staff of the Turkish Armed Forces. PKK ammunition depots and bunkers in the region were also destroyed in the airstrikes, the statement added.

Since July, more than 2,000 PKK militants have been killed in security operations across the country, Turkish Interior Minister Selami Altinok said.

Authorities have declared security zones, also known as military forbidden zones, in 231 regions in 22 provinces, the semi-official Anadolu Agency quoted Altinok as saying.

Tensions have been running high, especially in southeastern Turkey, as major military operations against PKK militants have been going on since July, after a cease-fire fell through.

The PKK is designated a terrorist organization by Turkey, the European Union and the United States. (Xinhua)

Germany Extends Border Controls in Face of Refugee Influx

BERLIN - Germany has extended controls along its borders until the end of October as refugees continue to stream in, the interior ministry said on Tuesday. Members of Europe's 26-nation 'Schengen zone' normally allow travelers to cross frontiers without passport checks, but governments can reintroduce controls in special circumstances for a maximum of two months.

A record number of migrants, many of them fleeing conflict in the Middle East, are arriving in Germany. The government expects 800,000 new arrivals this year, but Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel has said more than a million will come.

Germany introduced controls along its borders with



Austria and the Czech Republic on Sept. 13 for an initial 10 days, and Tuesday's announcement marks the second time it has extended them.

"The aim of this measure remains to limit the almost uninterrupted inflow of members of third countries to Germany and to return to an orderly procedure for entry into the country," interior ministry spokesman Harald Neymanns said. "That's also necessary for security reasons."

He said the measure would focus on Germany's border with Austria. (Reuters)

EU Launches Trade Negotiation with Tunisia

BRUSSELS - The European Union (EU) announced it had launched negotiations on a free trade area with Tunisia on Tuesday.

The EU's trade commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom made the announcement during her visit in Tunis, saying the time was right to bring EU-Tunisia relations to a higher level.

The EU wants to mark its support to the political and economic reforms in the country by creating an ambitious partnership on trade and investment matters. "Closer trade relations play an important role here," Malmstrom said.

Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) talks are aiming to tear down barriers to trade between the EU and Tunisia, and to make sure that the EU can support Tunisia's further development by opening up trade relations, the EU's executive body, the European Commission said in a statement.

According to the commissioner, this agreement would be asymmetrical, meaning the EU would open its market for Tunisia more, and faster, than Tunisia would for the EU. The EU said it believed that the EU-Tunisia DCFTA would bring new growth and job opportunities to both sides.

"As we now kick off our trade negotiations, we will not only discuss trade in agricultural products, but also investment and trade in, for instance, services," Malmstrom said. ... (More on P4)... (24)

Israel Shells Syrian Military Posts

JERUSALEM - Israel fired shells into Syria on Tuesday after three mortars exploded earlier on Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, the Israeli army said.

"In response to the rocket fire, Israel Defense Forces' artillery targeted two military posts of the Syrian Armed Forces in the central Syrian Golan Heights," a statement by the Israeli army spokesperson read.

Although it appears that the rockets which hit northern Israel on Tuesday were errant fire, a spillover from the Syrian civil war, the Israeli army said it still holds Syria accountable for attacks on Israel's turf.

"The IDF holds the Syrian army responsible and accountable for this blatant



breach of Israeli sovereignty, and will not tolerate any attacks emanating from Syria, intentional or not," the military said.

There were no injuries or damage as a result of the shells hitting northern Israel. The area of the Syrian Golan, bordering the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights in

its north, has been a focus of intense fighting between forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and rebel groups fighting to oust the government, and fire had occasionally spilled over several times during the past four years.

Israel had sometimes re ... (More on P4)... (23)

UNHCR Condemns Attacks in Western Chad Town

GENEVA - The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) on Tuesday deplored the violence and mourned the loss of life caused by suicide attacks at the weekend in the western Chad town of Baga Sola.

"We are particularly concerned about the attack at the Kousseri site for internally displaced Chadians in Baga Sola that left at least 22 people dead in an area where UNHCR and other humanitarian agencies have been trying to help provide protection and assistance to tens of thousands of people displaced from their homes by the conflict with Boko Haram," UNHCR's spokesperson Leo Dobbs told a press conference.

Dobbs quoted local and UN security reports as saying that suicide bombers, including three women and two children, attacked the market and the Kousseri site for internally displaced people on the outskirts of Baga Sola on Saturday afternoon. The latest toll at the two locations stands at 47 people dead with dozens injured. The most serious cases were flown by helicopter to N' Djamaena.

Dobbs highlighted "conditions for the displaced are dire", adding most are ... (More on P4)... (25)

Britain to Fund better Security for Mosques as Religious Hate Crime Increases

LONDON - British Prime Minister David Cameron Tuesday announced special government funding to enable mosques and other faith establishments to improve their security measures. It was one of the measures outlined at the first meeting of the new Community Engagement Forum, set up by Cameron to fight extremism. The Prime Minister hosted the first meeting which took place at 10 Downing Street.

Latest figures published Tuesday by the Home Office, the government's department for internal affairs, revealed there were 52,528 hate crimes recorded by police in 2014-2015, an 18 percent increase compared with the previous 12 months. More than four out of every five of those crimes were related to race. Religious race-hate crime registered the



biggest rise, an increase of 43 percent, from 985 in 2013-2014 to 3,254 a year later. Cameron said today police forces in England and Wales will from now record anti-Muslim hate crime as a specific category in recorded crime statistics. Police already keep a separate record of anti-Semitic attacks against members of Britain's Jewish community. The message from Cameron was that he "wants to build a national coalition to challenge and

speaking out against extremism." Downing Street said creating a separate category will provide the first accurate picture of the extent of anti-Muslim hate crime in England and Wales. The task of the new forum, which includes around 30 leaders of different faiths, is to discuss themes and objectives of the forthcoming counter-extremism strategy, including mobilizing a national coalition to challenge extremism in all its forms. (Xinhua)

China-Russia Expo Highlights Integration of National Strategies

HARBIN - China's Belt and Road Initiative could help Russia's aspirations for the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) in deepening bilateral cooperation and facilitate growth, said experts at a seminar during the second China-Russia Exposition.

"In its vision of the Belt and Road initiative, China mentioned the concept of win-win cooperation many times, indicating China's willingness to share the economic interests brought about by cooperation with all participating nations," said T. H. Ludina, an economics professor of the Lomonosov Moscow State University, at a top think-tank seminar during the second China-Russia Exposition in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. The Belt and Road Initiative refers to the Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st-

Century Maritime Silk Road, proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013 to connect Asian, European and African countries more closely and promote cooperation. The EAEU is Russia's plan to develop its far eastern region, and it needs China's participation, said B. Larin, a chief expert with the Far East Russian Academy of Science. The integration of the two nations' strategies will promote infrastructure connections and guarantee a safe development environment for the border areas, Larin said. China remained Russia's largest trade partner for a fifth year in 2014, while Russia is China's ninth-largest trade partner.

Bilateral trade rose 6.8 percent from the previous year to a record high of 95.28 billion U.S. dollars in 2014. Twenty years ... (More on P4)... (26)

Iran Parliament Approves Nuclear Deal Bill in Victory for Rouhani

DUBAI - Iran's conservative-dominated parliament passed a bill on Tuesday approving its nuclear deal with world powers, signaling victory for the government over headline opponents who worry the accord opens a door to wider rapprochement with the West.

Many conservative lawmakers opposed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) that President Hassan Rouhani's government agreed with the six powers on July 14, and the vote -- which followed a bad-tempered, rowdy debate on Sun-

day -- lifts a significant hurdle to putting the deal into effect.

With strong parliamentary backing, the bill is likely to be ratified by a clerical body called the Guardian Council.

The exact stance of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the last word on all matters of state, is not known. To date, he has neither approved nor rejected the agreement, but has commended the work of Rouhani's negotiating team.

Provided Khamenei does not openly oppose it, many expect Iran will ... (More on P4)... (27)

Pak Opposition Walks out from Senate over 'Unsatisfactory Answer' by Minister

ISLAMABAD - The opposition members in the Upper House of the Parliament staged a token walkout to protest against the "unsatisfactory answer" given by Federal Minister of Religious Affairs Sardar Muhammad Yousaf about the whereabouts of missing Pakistani pilgrims in the Mina stampede. Yousaf came under fire after Senate Chairman Raza Rabbani asked, "Where are the missing pilgrims and what's their status?" To this, the religious minister was unable to give a sat-

isfactory answer. He said, "99 Pakistani pilgrims died during the Mina stampede of which 70 have been buried as confirmed by Saudi authorities." "Information about the remaining 29 pilgrims is yet to be issued by Saudi authorities after which the bodies will be buried -- which are currently being kept at a mortuary in Saudi Arabia," the minister remarked.

He added that 18 Pakistanis were missing while two were being treated at a hospital in Saudi Arabia. (Agencies)