

# Clinton Wins Main Rival's Support on Email Scandal in 1st Primary Debate

WASHINGTON — US Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton on Tuesday got unexpected backing from her main rival in the primary election as controversy around her private email setup continues to dog her campaign. In a rare move to show party unity, Senator Bernie Sanders, the runner-up in polls in the Democratic presidential field, came to Clinton's aid for her exclusive use of a private email account and server as the top U.S. diplomat in the first primary debate of the Democratic Party in Las Vegas. "Let me say something that may not be great politics.



But I think the secretary the American people are about your damn emails," of the emails. Let's talk is right, and that is that sick and tired of hearing Sanders said. "Enough about the real issues fac-

ing America." Sanders' remarks came only seconds after Clinton scrambled to divert discussions away from the email scandal while echoing her previous remarks that she had made "a mistake" of setting up her private email system while serving as the secretary of state. "Tonight, I want to talk not about my emails, but what the American people want from the next president of the United States," Clinton said. At a press conference in March, Clinton said she had exchanged about 60,000 emails from her private email account during her stint in the Obama ... (More on P4)... (19)

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### EBRD Increases Investments to \$200 in Tajikistan

AVESTA - The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) will increase investments to 200 million U.S. dollars in Tajikistan this year, the Tajik central bank said Wednesday. The issue was discussed here Tuesday during a meeting between Jamoliddin Nuraliev, first deputy head of the National Bank of Tajikistan (NBT) and Masaru Honma, the EBRD director for Central Asia and Mongolia. "The EBRD plans to invest about 200 million U.S. dollars in Tajikistan and is ready to establish bilateral cooperation with all Tajik banks for the purpose of supporting them", said Honma. Last year the bank increased investments in Tajikistan to a record 75 million

U.S. dollars. In 2015, the EBRD expects to invest about 200 million U.S. dollars to some high-profile projects of regional importance, including the modernization of Tajikistan's electricity transmission infrastructure. At the meeting, Nuraliev and Honma also discussed a number of issues related to enhancement of Tajikistan's financial sector, including the current problems and existing opportunities. They considered Tajik central bank's strategy for development of the country's banking sector. Honma said the EBRD delegation will arrive in Tajikistan next month to discuss issues of providing technical support and loans to Tajikistan's banking sector. (Agencies)

### Iran's Guardian Council Passes Nuclear Bill into Law

DUBAI - Iran's Guardian Council ratified a bill on Wednesday approving the nuclear deal reached by Tehran and six world powers, state news agency IRNA and other agencies said, allowing the government to implement the agreement. Parliament on Tuesday approved the bill with a strong majority, in a victory for President Hassan Rouhani's government over conservative opponents of the July 14 deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. The Guardian Council, made up of six Muslim clerics appointed by the Supreme Leader and six lawyers elected by parliament, is charged with ensuring draft laws do not contradict religious laws or Iran's constitution. "The majority of the Guardian Council did not find the bill... to

be against religious law and the constitution," the council's spokesman Nejatollah Ebrahimian was quoted as saying by the Fars news agency. 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 the bill, analysts expect Iran to begin shutting down parts of its nuclear program in the coming weeks. When completed, that process will result in most international sanctions, imposed on Iran since 2006 over concerns it was covertly seeking atomic bombs, being lifted. (Reuters)

### Pakistan Deploys 10,000 Troops to Prevent Sectarian Violence

Islamabad - Pakistan is deploying some 10,000 troops and 6,000 paramilitary members to prevent sectarian violence during the holy month of Moharram, the interior minister said Wednesday. Moharram, which begins on Thursday and sees Shiites hold gatherings and processions to mourn the martyrdom of the Prophet Mohammed's grandson Imam Hussain, is frequently marred by sectarian violence, which has risen markedly in recent years. Clashes between Sunnis and Shiites led to at least 11 deaths two years ago in the garrison city of Rawalpindi, close to the capital Islamabad.

"We have adopted a pro-active strategy like previous years and some 10,000 personnel from the army and another 6,300 from civil armed forces, including Rangers and Frontier Corps, will be deployed across Pakistan for security during the month of Moharram," Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar told a press conference. Sectarian violence - in particular by Sunni hardliners against the Shiites that make up roughly 20 percent of Pakistan's 200 million people - has claimed thousands of lives in the country over the past decade. In July the leader ... (More on P4)... (24)

### Chinese Delegation to Attend 3rd Arctic Circle Conference

BEIJING - A Chinese delegation will attend the 3rd Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Wednesday. Vice Chinese Foreign Minister Zhang Ming will lead the delegation to the conference in Reykjavik from Oct. 16 to 18, spokesperson Hua Chunying told a regular press briefing. Foreign Minister Wang Yi will send a video message to the opening ceremony of

the conference to explain China's policy on Arctic affairs. Zhang will give a keynote speech at a meeting on China and outline China's stance on the Arctic. There will be presentations on China's scientific research, shipping, oil and gas exploitation, and research into climate change. The conference will feature a photo exhibition called "China and the North Pole." (Xinhua)

### Turkey, Bulgaria Pledge to Boost Cooperation on Refugee Crisis

ISTANBUL - Turkey and Bulgaria on Wednesday pledged to boost cooperation on the Syrian refugee crisis. The two countries made the pledge at a joint press conference between visiting Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov and his Turkish counterpart Ahmet Davutoglu following their meeting in Istanbul. During the conference, the Bulgarian prime minister stressed full support for Turkey in tackling the influx of more than two million refugees from war-torn Syria. "We called upon European Union countries to allocate funding to Ankara so that the migrant influx will be managed effectively," Borisov said. There are 66,000 new-born Syrian babies in Turkey. "They all need financial aid," he added. Turkey has spent almost eight billion U.S. dollars alone to meet the expenses of the refugees. During the Europe visit last week, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged the EU to share the burden. Borisov highlighted that Sofia is among the supporters of Turkey's proposal of creating a safe zone in northern Syria. "We sent a letter to EU countries to consider immediate steps in the establishment of a safe zone in Syria," he said. A safe zone would facilitate ... (More on P4)... (20)

### Palestinians Still Extend Hands for Real Peace Process: Abbas

RAMALLAH - Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Wednesday that the Palestinian people are still extending their hands for a real peace process with Israel, based on their "deep belief of co-existence and denouncing violence." Addressing the Palestinian people on the occasion of an Islamic holiday coinciding Thursday, Abbas said the peace process should reach a final agreement that ensures the implementation of the two-state solution and the establishment of the Palestinian state on the lands occupied in 1967 with east Jerusalem as its capital. Abbas stressed in his message published by the official Palestinian news agency Wafa the need to have a fair solution to the refugees issue on the basis of the Arab peace initiative and the international legitimacy decisions, as well as releasing all detainees in Israeli jails. "In these difficult circumstances, the needs stem for unity and Palestinian people should stand together in their legitimate struggle of defending their holy sites, and their right to independence ... (More on P4)... (21)

### IS Battles Insurgents near Aleppo as Army Prepares Assault

officials say the Syrian army is preparing an offensive of its own backed by Iranian soldiers and Russian jets. A rebel fighter and a group monitoring the war said Islamic State fighters took control of part of the towns of Ahras and Tel Jabin, about 12 km (8 miles) north of Aleppo, before being pushed back. Gains by Islamic State north of Aleppo will threaten the supply lines of rival rebels inside the city, which is divided between insurgents and government forces. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the road used by Aleppo residents heading north to the Turkish border remained closed on Wednesday. "Today there are fierce battles between us and Daesh in Ahras, Tel Jabin, and rural northern Aleppo," said Hassan Haj Ali, head of the Liwa Suqour al-Jabal rebel group, using another name for Islamic State. His unit is one of several foreign-backed insurgent forces which find themselves fighting Islamic State on the ground, at the same ... (More on P4)... (22)

## 126 German Politicians Sign Urgent Letter Against Merkel's Refugee Policies

BERLIN - A total of 126 politicians of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) called on their party leader to change her course on refugee policies, German newspaper Bild reported Wednesday. The rebellion in the CDU against Merkel's refugee policies is widening, according to the report. Last week, the three-page urgent letter to Merkel contained only 34 signatories. The now 126 signatories, who all are CDU function or mandate holders, include 38 members of German state parliament. Their main demand is the closure of German borders to refugees who have come from safe third countries to



Germany, said the report. "This should be practiced at least as long as the Schengen external borders are actually open and the other Schengen states do not comply to their obligations under European law," as it said in the urgent letter. However, the notion of rejecting refugees at the border was thrown out by Mer-

kel at a CDU meeting with its Bavarian CSU sister party on Tuesday in the Bundestag. As German media reported last week, the original three-page letter signed by 34 officials of Merkel's conservative CDU party said the chancellor's refugee policies disregarded party principles and broke the law. (Xinhua)

## Kerry to Travel to Mideast Amid Mounting Tension Between Israel, Palestinians

WASHINGTON - Amid escalating tensions between Israelis and Palestinians, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Tuesday he will travel to the region soon in an effort to calm down violence in the region. At an event at the Harvard University, the top U.S. diplomat said he would go to the region "at some point appropriately," without announcing a date, to move the situation away from "precipice." "What's happening is that, unless we get going, a two-state solution could conceivably be stolen from everybody," Kerry said. "You have this violence

because there's a frustration that is growing and a frustration among Israelis who don't see any movement." Three Israelis were killed and at least 15 others wounded in a series of attacks in Jerusalem and central Israel on Tuesday, in the gravest outbreak of Palestinian violence since the current round of unrest started. The recent violence broke out last month with clashes at East Jerusalem's flashpoint al-Aqsa mosque compound and quickly spread throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Earlier in the day, at a press conference held in Boston after

the annual Australia-U.S. Ministerial Consultations, Kerry said the U.S. condemns "in the strongest terms possible" the terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians. "The situation is simply too volatile, too dangerous, and it is not going to lead to the outcome that people want, which is to have a peaceful resolution of the differences," Kerry said. At a regular press briefing on Tuesday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest reiterated the U.S. policy of seeking a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying it is "the most effective way" to address the issue. (Xinhua)

## Russian FM Hails Integration of Russian, Chinese National Strategies

MOSCOW - Moscow sees bright future for the integration of the Russia-led Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) with China's Belt and Road initiative, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Wednesday. "The EAEU, taking into account prospects of its development, via cooperation with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Silk Road Economic Belt initiative, represents a very serious competitive position and I believe we have to use it with a maximum of efficiency," Lavrov said in a live webcast of a meeting at the State Duma, the lower house of Russian parliament. The Belt and Road initiative refers to the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013 with the aim of connecting Asian, European and African countries and promoting regional cooperation. Moscow and Beijing agreed in May to integrate the initiative with the EAEU, which also includes Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. According to Lavrov, Western powers led ... (More on P4)... (23)

## EU Confirms Support for IPCC in Run-up to Paris Climate talks



RUSSELS - The European Union (EU) confirmed its continued support for the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in the run-up to the Paris Climate Summit (COP21), according to a European Commission press release Wednesday. IPCC is the leading international body for the assessment of climate change.

The Commission spoke highly of the reports provided by the IPCC, saying they "serve as the scientific basis for global climate action." "This information is crucial for the negotiations for a new global climate agreement due to be concluded at the Paris Climate Summit (COP21) this December," added the Commission. "The Paris Agreement

must provide the framework for accelerating the global transition to low-carbon, climate-resilient economies, and the IPCC's scientific work helps show us the way," said Miguel Arias Canete, EU Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy. The EU also said it backed the newly-elected IPCC chair, Dr. Hoesung Lee from the South Korea. (Xinhua)