

Hillary Clinton to Campaign in Arizona in Final Week of Election

WASHINGTON - Hillary Clinton is heading to Phoenix on Wednesday to campaign in the traditionally red state less than a week before Election Day. "With more people voting in this election than any in history, Clinton will urge Arizona voters to take advantage of in-person early voting," the campaign announced Friday. Her campaign manager, Robby Mook, told reporters Friday that Arizona is now a "battleground state" and that early voting data suggests Latino voters are turning out in force for Clinton there. "The race in Arizona today is tied," Mook said. The state has



11 electoral votes, the Clinton is up a point and a half on average in public polls in the state, which has elected a Republican for president in nine out of the past 10 elections. Poll-

ing also suggests Clinton has a shot in the traditionally Republican states of Texas and Utah, though she has not scheduled appearances there. Donald Trump has a rally in Phoenix on Saturday. Mook stressed that the campaign was not visiting Arizona because they are confident they will win other swing states and are expanding the map. "It's not that these other races are put away, it's just that the number of competitive races is increasing," he said. Latinos are predicted to make up more than 20 percent of voters in Arizona...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Oil Prices Fall Amid OPEC-Deal Concerns

NEW YORK - Oil prices ended lower on Friday amid rising concerns over whether an output-cut deal can be reached among OPEC (the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) members. OPEC experts and counterparts from non-member producers including Russia started a two-day meeting on Friday on limiting production to curb a global glut that has weighed on markets for years. Officials at the meeting have not agreed on details of a plan to cut oil output and Iran is opposing such

a move, according to media reports on Friday. Crude prices were under pressure after the news. Iraqi Oil Minister Jabbar Ali al-Luaibi said on Sunday that the country, the second largest producer in OPEC, wanted to be exempt from output curbs as it needed more money to fight Islamic State militants. OPEC agreed last month to cut oil production to 32.5 million barrels a day from current level of 33.24 mil-



lion barrels a day to boost the market. The group will agree concrete levels of output by each country at its next formal meeting in November. The West Texas Intermediate for December delivery lost 1.02 U.S. dollars to...*(More on P4)...(20)*

French President Vows to Clear Paris Streets of Migrant Camp

PARIS - French President Francois Hollande vowed Saturday to shut down a bulging migrant camp in Paris, after his government moved 5,000 people from a camp in northern France in an overdue effort to tackle the migrant crisis. The makeshift camps in Calais on the English Channel and in the French capital have become visible symbols of the country's struggle to accommodate migrants and refugees seeking better lives in Europe. Hollande also urged Britain to do more to help underage migrants in Calais, a port city that has long been a magnet for desperate travelers from the Mideast and Africa seeking to reach British shores. "We cannot tolerate camps," Hollande said, calling the street encampments "not worthy" of France. "We will evacuate the camps in Paris, because it cannot be a long-lasting solution." He played down concerns that...*(More on P4)...(21)*

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European Commission VP to Take up New Post in World Bank

BRUSSELS - European Commission Vice President Kristalina Georgieva is going to take up a new post as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the World Bank in January 2017, the Commission said on Friday. The Bulgarian commissioner, responsible for Budget and Human Resources since 2014, has informed the Commission of her resignation from the current post in order to take up a new post as CEO of the World Bank as of Jan. 2, 2017.

"It is with great regret that I have accepted Kristalina Georgieva's decision to resign from the European Commission," European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said in a statement. Juncker described Kristalina Georgieva as "an experienced politician" and thanked for her "loyal and committed work." The European Commission president said he has asked Gunther...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Iraqi Forces Free Town from IS in South of Mosul

MOSUL - The Iraqi security forces on Saturday freed a town from Islamic State (IS) group in south of the group's stronghold of Mosul, as major anti-IS offensive continued to seize more ground around the city, a security source told Xinhua. The federal police and paramilitary Hashd Shaabi units managed to liberate the central part of the town of Shoura, some 30 km south of Mosul, and raised the Iraqi flag on the local government building after fierce clashes with IS militants since the early

morning hours, a source from the Operations Command of Nineveh Liberation told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The troops backed by the Iraqi and U.S.-led coalition aircraft participated in the battle, destroying at least ten booby-trapped vehicles and killing dozens of the extremist militants, the source said without giving further details. Earlier in the day, the source told Xinhua that the troops started in the morning to enter the town of Shoura amid fierce clashes



with the extremist militants inside the town. During the past few days, the troops were fighting to...*(More on P4)...(23)*

NATO Concludes Exercise Detonator 2016 in Latvia

BRUSSELS - NATO wrapped up its exercise Detonator 2016 on Friday, an annual exercise to seek and destroy conventional munitions in Latvia, the organization said in a press release. The 10-day multinational exercise began on Oct. 16 in a former ammunition storage facility in central Latvia. It was a tactical level exercise for land force, national guards, and engineering units. The aim of the exercise was to clear the territory of the former ammunition storage facility and practice cooperation with specialists from other countries. Participants included more than 140 soldiers from Latvia, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Germany, Belgium and Sweden. (Xinhua)

EU-Canada Summit to Take Place Sunday: Tusk

BRUSSELS - The European Union (EU)-Canada summit will take place on Sunday, European Council President Donald Tusk tweeted late Friday. "Mission accomplished! Just agreed with (Canadian) PM Justin Trudeau to hold EU-Canada Summit this Sunday," Tusk said. The remarks shortly came after all Belgian regional parliaments voted in favor of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, or CETA, on Friday. Belgium's French-speaking region of Wallonia, with a population of 3.5 million, has been the biggest obstacle of CETA signing as Belgium's backing asked for unanimity from all regional parliaments under the country's complex...*(More on P4)...(25)*

China, Japan, S. Korea Agree to Boost Trade Cooperation

TOKYO - Trade ministers from China, Japan and South Korea agreed on Saturday to strengthen trade and economic cooperation between the three neighbors. The meeting, held ahead of a China-Japan-South Korea trilateral summit, saw the ministers discussing a number of issues, including implementing the G20 Summit outcome and conducting practical economic cooperation. As the world economic recovery remained fragile and anemic, the three major economies in East Asia should implement the consensus reached between their leaders, give full play to their indus-



trial complementarity, and further promote investment and trade, so as to contribute to the steady economic growth in Asia, said Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng. Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Hiroshige Seko, for his part, said the three countries reached consensus on jointly advancing economic structural reform. He believed the meeting's outcome will promote regional and global economic growth. South Korean Trade, Industry and Energy Minister Joo Hyung Hwan said the three sides reached consensus on establishing...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Ukraine Develops four Projects to Enhance Asia-Europe Connectivity

KIEV - Ukraine together with international partners is developing four infrastructure projects aimed at boosting the connectivity between Asia and Europe, the country's Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Viktor Dovgan announced here on Friday. "I hope that the result our work will be the formation of a clear and transparent system of cargo transportation, which will effectively promote the development of economic relations of all interested countries in the Asia-Pacific re-

gion and Europe," Dovgan said during a conference "Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (ITTR)- realities and prospects." The first project is designed to combine routes from Ukraine's Black Sea ports, which serve ferries running to Georgia, with the Viking and the Zubr trains, which transport cargo to the countries in Northern Europe, Dovgan said. According to him, the second scheme is intended to establish...*(More on P4)...(26)*

UNSC Slams Attacks on Schools in Syria

UNITED NATIONS - The UN Security Council on Friday condemned "in the strongest terms" the recent attacks on schools in Syria. Earlier on Friday, an attack hit a school in Syria's northern city of Aleppo which reportedly killed a number of children. The attack came just two days after another attack on a school complex in Syria's rebel-held town of Haas in Idlib governorate, which killed at least 22 children and teachers.

In a press statement, the 15-nation council expressed outrage at all attacks against civilians and civilian objects throughout Syria, and meanwhile called on all parties to avoid harm to civilians. The council members reiterated in a statement that "parties to the armed conflict may not make civilians the object of attack or use them as human shields." UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has said such attacks, if deliberate, may amount to war crimes. He also called on the UN Security Council to refer the situation in Syria to the International Criminal Court.

In recent months, the Syrian army has laid siege to rebel-held areas in the northern city of Aleppo, urging the rebels to surrender themselves or leave eastern Aleppo to other rebel-held areas in Idlib. The rebels did not comply with the military's repeated requests. Last week, a three-day truce, aiming to facilitate the evacuation of civilians and rebels who want to surrender in exchange for pardon, expired with few civilians and rebels leaving. (Xinhua)

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China Re-Elected to UN Human Rights Council

UNITED NATIONS - The UN General Assembly on Friday elected China and other 13 countries to the UN Human Rights Council for a three-year term of office starting from Jan. 1, 2017. China, a current member of the council whose term ends at the end of 2016, was re-elected to the council by winning 180 votes for another three-year term. The other elected members are Tunisia, South Africa, Rwanda, Japan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Hungary, Croatia, Cuba, Brazil, the United States and the United Kingdom. The Human Rights Council is the main United Nations intergovernmental body responsible for promoting and protecting all human rights and funda-

mental freedom. It was established by the General Assembly in 2006 to replace the 60-year-old UN Commission on Human Rights. The UN council addresses human rights violations and makes corresponding recommendations. It responds to human rights emergencies, works to prevent abuses. The council's 47 members are elected directly and individually by secret ballot by the majority of the 193 members of the General Assembly. They serve for a three-year renewable term and cannot seek immediate re-election after two consecutive terms. Apart from the current term from 2014 to 2016, China also served as a council member from 2006 to 2012. (Xinhua)

Rouhani Urges Political Solution to Syrian Crisis

TEHRAN - Iran's President Hassan Rouhani called for political solution to Syrian crisis here on Saturday in a meeting with the European Union's foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, Press TV reported. "The Syrian issue has no military solution and must be resolved through diplomatic means," Rouhani said. He described EU's role in promoting diplomatic efforts on Syrian issue as "effective" and called for its political influence to this end. Rouhani warned that the Middle East region and North Africa would witness the formation of several terrorist groups in the future "if the ter-

rorists are not seriously confronted." Iran supports territorial integrity and sovereignty of Syria in the face of divisive threats, the president stressed. Both sides highlighted the regional stability and joint cooperation in the fight against terrorism and extremism in Syria, said Hamid Aboutalebi, a political deputy in the president's office, quoted semi-official Mehr news agency. Rouhani and Mogherini also reviewed political cooperation as well as relations in the fields of economy, energy and communications between the two sides in the meeting. (Xinhua)

Pakistan Information Minister Resigns over "Security Breach": PM Office

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Information Minister Pervez Rashid has resigned over leakage of details of a top security meeting in section of the media, local officials said Saturday. Musadaq Malik, spokesman for the Prime Minister, confirmed that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had sought resignation from the information minister. The Interior Ministry had started investigation as to who shared sensitive information of a meeting that was presided over by the prime minister and was attended by the top military leadership and key ministers. An English daily had

published details of the meeting which given an impression that there are "differences over policies between the political and military leaders." Later the government and the military had taken a serious note of the reports and the government had initially banned the reporter from leaving the country. The order was later withdrawn. A statement from the prime minister said the planned story related to the National Security Council and the National Action Plan meetings published in an English daily on Oct. 6 was a "breach of national security." (Xinhua)

Uzbekistan to Unify Activities of Free Economic Zones

TASHKENT - Uzbekistan is taking additional measures to activate and expand activities of free economic zones (FEZ), according to the decree of the country's acting President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Currently, there are three free zones offering investors privileges and special opportunities for doing business in Uzbekistan. They are the Navoi free industrial and economic zone established in Navoi region in 2008, the Angren special industrial zone created in Tashkent region in 2012, and the Jiz-zakh special industrial zone with its branch in Syrdarya district, established in 2013. In accordance with the decree, the names of all

zones will be standardized, they will now have the status of free economic zones (FEZ). A single legal regime will be set for all the zones, tax and customs privileges and preferences will be unified in order to create most favorable investment conditions for foreign investors. The participants of the FEZ will be exempt from paying a number of taxes, customs duties and mandatory payments for imported equipment and raw materials for production needs. In particular, tax benefits to participants of the FEZ are provided for a period of 3-10 years depending on the amount of investments made. (Trend)