

UN Committee Endorses Principles for Protection of Child Migrants

GENEVA - A UN committee on Monday endorsed principles to guide governments, NGOs and other stakeholders in actions concerning children on the move and other children affected by migration.

The UN committee on the rights of migrant workers and members of their families also expressed alarm about the situation of children, particularly the human rights violations they face at all stages of migration.

According to committee chair Jose Brillantes, the recommended principles set out in simple terms that the best interests of a child should be a



primary consideration in all actions concerning them, and detaining children because of their parents' migration status constitutes a child rights violation. "The principles are vital tools to help uphold international human rights standards regarding children affected by migration," the official said. The committee said it hoped the recommended principles would be part of the discussions at the high-level meeting on the large movement of migrants and refugees in New York on Sept. 19, and at the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Dhaka in December. (Xinhua)

Experts Laud China-U.S. Leadership in Climate Action, Call for EU Action

BRUSSELS - The determination and joint leadership that China and the United States have demonstrated on the sidelines of the Group of 20 (G20) summit in fighting climate change have won widespread applause.

At a meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping, U.S. President Barack Obama and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on the eve of the G20 Hangzhou summit, both China and the United States formally ratified

the climate change agreement.

In the eyes of some environmental experts, it is time for European countries as well as the European Union (EU) to follow suit.

As a result, the early entry into force of the Paris Agreement, which was seen as an inconceivable task a short few months ago, is now close to reality, said Li Shuo, senior global policy advisor of Greenpeace East Asia.

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Brexit Minister Already has Team of 300 Working on Arranging Britain's Exit from EU

LONDON - British politicians returned to the Houses of Parliament Monday with the fallout from the decision to quit the European Union top of the agenda.

It was a baptism of fire for the MP (member of the parliament) David Davis, making his debut on the front benches as Theresa May's newly appointed Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, also known as the government's Brexit Minister.

In his first major speech as Brexit Secretary, Davis re-

iterated the message from Theresa May that there will be no attempt to stay in the EU by the back door, no attempt to delay, frustrate or thwart the will of the British people and no attempt to engineer a second referendum.

Instead, he told MPs that his newly set up department already has over 180 staff in London, plus the expertise of over 120 officials in Brussels, "and we are still growing rapidly with first class support from other government departments."



Davis said: "The people have spoken in the referendum and all of us, on both sides of the argument, must respect the result. That is a simple matter of democratic politics. Naturally, people want to know what Brexit will mean. "Simply, it means the UK leaving the European Union. We will decide on our borders, our laws, and taxpayers' money. (Xinhua)

G20 Summit Promotes New Int'l Anti-Corruption Order

BEIJING - Important developments were made in the fight against corruption during the G20 summit.

G20 leaders endorsed the High Level Principles on Cooperation on Persons Sought for Corruption and Asset Recovery, and the 2017-2018 G20 Anti-corruption Action Plan.

An important principle in the document is appropriate measures against "safe havens."

"These principles will help overcome political and legal barriers to treaties on

extradition and criminal judicial assistance," said Liu Jianchao, director of the international cooperation bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI).

They will help establish a cooperation system involving law enforcers, prosecutors and diplomats, Liu said.

At the 2014 APEC meeting in Beijing, a declaration on fighting corruption described how extradition, ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

ASEAN Leaders Agree to Step up Efforts for Further Regional Integration

VIENTIANE - Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed here Tuesday to step up their efforts to push forward the integration process in the region.

The agreement came as they adopted the third Work Plan of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI Work Plan III) at the 28th ASEAN Summit which was opened here earlier in the day.

The five-year work plan, an integral part of the ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together, aims at narrowing the development gap,

enhancing the region's competitiveness and supporting the implementation of the community blueprints which ASEAN leaders adopted in November last year.

Built upon the first IAI Work Plan launched in 2000, the IAI Work Plan III will continue to provide technical assistance to Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam so as to enhance their capacity in implementing their regional commitments.



Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, or the CLMV countries, joined ASEAN between 1995 and 1999. The IAI Work Plan III focuses on five strategic areas, namely food and agriculture, trade facilitation, micro, small and medium enterprises, education as well as health and well-being. (Xinhua)

U.S. Plans to Hit ISIL Before Militants Grab Human Shields

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar - U.S. military commanders are drawing up plans to block Islamic State militants from using human shields to escape Mosul and other cities, as U.S.-backed ground forces prepare to expel them from their remaining strongholds in Iraq and Syria.

"I think we need to be prepared for them to try to find ways to get out," Air Force Lt. Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigan, commander in the Middle East, said in an interview at the air campaign's headquarters here. "That will be part of the planning that we're looking through right now."

U.S. commanders have been frustrated by tactics the militants have used to avoid annihilation - fleeing just as their defenses are about to collapse, a central part of the militants' game plan.

Last month, hundreds of fighters escaped Manbij in northern Syria by placing civilians in a convoy of 500 vehicles. Hundreds of militants were killed in battle but several hundred others escaped with weapons and ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

Fresh Combat Casualties Reported in Eastern Ukraine despite Ceasefire

KIEV - The conflicting sides in eastern Ukraine on Monday reported more combat casualties among their soldiers despite a ceasefire that has been in place since Sept. 1.

The government military spokesman Olexandr Motuzanyk said one Ukrainian soldier was wounded in the hostilities in the restive region in the past 24 hours, but there were no deaths.

Besides, six other servicemen and a border guard officer were injured in two separate cases of ord-



nance explosion, Motuzanyk said.

Meanwhile, the press service of the government military operation in eastern regions said that despite the casualties, the ceasefire regime in the

area is widely observed -- the Ukrainian military has recorded 20 attacks on their positions in the last day, a drastic decline from 75 attacks reported on Aug. 31, a day before the ...*(More on P4)...(28)*

Russia, Turkey Mending Ties, Though not as Quickly as Turkey Wants - Putin

HANGZHOU, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Russia and Turkey are gradually mending relations, though not as quickly as the Turkish side would want, President Vladimir Putin has said, Russia's TASS news agency reports.

"As for restoration of our bilateral ties, work proceeds, goes as planned, but not as quickly as our Turkish partners would want this," he told a news conference after a G20 summit.

"Maybe we, for our part, would also want to do it quicker. When we are breaking something, it always hap-

pens quickly, but it is always more difficult to restore things, this requires certain procedures connected with decisions of the government, with activity of our phytosanitary agencies," Putin explained.

He said "work progresses, and most important is that we have created a basis for restoring full-format cooperation."

"This basis is an appeal made by the Turkish leadership with apologies for the tragic events involving our aircraft, with the death of our pilot," the Russian leader said. (Agencies)

Deadly Bombings Rock Syria Amid Superpowers' Failure to Reach Ceasefire

DAMASCUS - Several bombings rocked key Syrian cities almost simultaneously Monday, killing at least 48 people, as Russia and the United States fail short of concluding negotiations on a ceasefire in Syria.

The first bombing happened in the central city of Homs at 7.14 a.m. local time (0414 GMT), when a booby-trapped car was detonated after being discovered by government soldiers at a checkpoint at

the Bab Tadmur area. Four people were killed and many others wounded in the explosion.

Had it not been stopped, the vehicle could have caused much heavier casualties if the powerful explosives detonate inside the city, the national Syrian TV said.

The Homs blast also left property damage in an area almost deserted from civilians in that part of the city. It said the explosion came...*(More on P4)...(29)*

IS Claims Responsibility for Syria's Serial Bombings

DAMASCUS - The Islamic State (IS) group claimed responsibility for the six bombings that rocked key Syrian cities and killed at least 48 people earlier on Monday.

In a statement carried by the group's Amaq news agency, the IS said six of its suicide bombers had carried out bombings in the cities of Tartus, Homs, Hasakah and Damascus.

It said a bomber detonated himself at a military checkpoint in the Sabura area in the countryside of Damascus, and another

one detonated himself at a checkpoint in the central city of Homs.

In the predominantly-Kurdish city of Hasakah, the IS said, a bomber carried out a suicide attack against a checkpoint of Kurdish security forces, known as Assayish.

In the coastal city of Tartus, three suicide bombers, one with an explosive-laden vehicle and two others with explosive belts, detonated themselves at a checkpoint of the entrance of the city, the statement said. (Xinhua)

Neighbor News

British PM Says China Ties in "Golden Era"

HANGZHOU, China - British Prime Minister Theresa May said here Monday that relations between Britain and China remain in a "golden era."

"I've been clear that we will be continuing the global strategic partnership with China. It is a golden era of the relations between China and the United Kingdom," May said in a press conference shortly after the closing of the 11th Group of 20 (G20) summit in this eastern Chinese city.

Commenting on the Hinkley project, a partly Chinese-invested nuclear power station program delayed by the

British government in July, May said there will be a decision about the project later this month. The Hinkley Point C plant, to be co-built by China General Nuclear Power Corp., which has a one-third stake, and French state-owned company EDF, would be Britain's first new nuclear facility in decades and help address its future energy demands.

"If you look at the investment that has been from China in various other parts of the United Kingdom and other infrastructure and so forth in the UK, we have built a global strategic partnership with China," she said. (Xinhua)

Iran Encourages Foreign Investment in its Massive Telecom Projects

TEHRAN - Iran welcomes foreign investments in its Information and Communications Technology (ICT) projects, Minister of Communications and Information Technology Mahmoud Vaezi said here on Tuesday.

Iran plans to invest 16 billion euros (17.86 billion U.S. dollars) in ICT by the state and private sectors in the next five years, Vaezi was quoted as say-

ing by official IRNA news agency.

One fourth of the investment will be made by the government and the private sector will undertake the rest, the minister said.

Iran encourages foreign investment in ICT and will facilitate the grounds for that, he said in an address to 'Iran Connect 2016' conference that started here on Tuesday and will last for two days. (Xinhua)

Pakistan, Senegal to Enhance Trade: Officials

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and Senegal on Tuesday decided to enhance bilateral trade from its current volume of 30.469 million U.S. dollars a year to its true potential, top officials said here.

The visiting President of Senegal Macky Sall and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif reached the understanding during their delegation level talks in Islamabad, the PM's office said.

Presently Pakistan's annual exports to Senegal amount to 29.433 million U.S. dollars while imports are at 1.06 million U.S. dollars. The Senegal President, leading a

34 member delegation, arrived in Islamabad Tuesday morning on a two-day state visit. Matters pertaining to defence cooperation between the two countries and the proposal for opening a Pakistani bank in Senegal was also discussed during the meeting, a statement issued after the meeting said.

The Prime Minister said that in addition to existing items like textiles, pharmaceuticals and rice, Pakistan can also export leather and leather products, light engineering goods, agricultural machinery and implements to Senegal. (Xinhua)

Tajikistan Investigates Threats by Islamic State

DUSHANBE - Tajikistan's security services are investigating unspecified threats of action this month purportedly made by a former commander of the Central Asian nation's elite police force who has defected to Islamic State, security sources said on Tuesday.

Colonel Gulmurod Khalimov, who has gone through special forces training in Russia and the United States, joined the militant group last May. Last week, Washington offered a reward of up to \$3 million for information

leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of Khalimov, describing him as "a key leader" of the Syria- and Iraq-based group.

Two security sources told Reuters that this week servicemen in Tajikistan, a country bordering Afghanistan and seen by the West and Russia as a possible conduit both for militant islamists and drug runners, started receiving text messages on their mobile phones in Khalimov's name.

In these messages, he ...*(More on P4)...(30)*

Turkmenistan Discussing Caspian Sea Agreements

ASHGABAT - Another meeting of the Turkmen Interdepartmental Commission on the Caspian Sea was held in Ashgabat, the Turkmen government said Tuesday.

According to the message, the draft agreements on trade and economic cooperation among the Caspian-littoral countries and the agreements on transport cooperation in the Caspian Sea were considered at the meeting.

The Turkmen Interdepartmental Commission on the Caspian Sea includes the representatives of the State Enterprise for the Caspian Sea under the president of Turkmenistan, the foreign ministry, as well as oil and gas, transport and industrial sectors of the country's economy, the message said.

"At present, the mutual trade volumes of the ...*(More on P4)...(31)*