

# UN Security Council Oks New Sanctions on DPRK, Targeting Oil, Textiles

UNITED NATIONS - Citing threats to not only North-east Asia but the whole world, members of the UN Security Council on Monday ratcheted up, yet again, sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) for its most recent nuclear test. The new sanctions severely restrict oil imports, and ban all its textile exports worth 800 million U.S. dollars and remittances of some 93,000 DPRK laborers from abroad. Speaking after a unanimous vote on the resolution that passed the sanctions, several ambassadors said the severity of the sanctions was



designed not so much as to hurt the DPRK but help it see negotiations are only way out of the Korean Peninsula nuclear crisis. "The situation on the Korean Peninsula remains complex and grave. All relevant parties must be cool-headed and avoid rhetoric or action that might aggravate tensions," Chinese Ambassador Liu Jieyi said. He urged the DPRK to heed the aspirations and will of the international community, abide by relevant Security Council resolutions, refrain from any more missile launches or nuclear tests, and return to the track of denuclearization. (Xinhua)

## China Supports UN Security Council Resolution on DPRK

BEIJING - China supports the UN Security Council to take necessary measures regarding the DPRK's nuclear test, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said Tuesday morning. The UN Security Council Monday unanimously adopted a resolution to impose fresh sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) over its nuclear test on Sept. 3 for violation of previous Security Council resolutions. Geng said the resolution reflected the unanimous stance of Security Council members in safeguarding

peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in the region, advancing denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula and upholding international non-proliferation. He said the resolution called for a peaceful settlement through diplomatic and political means, supported the resumption of six-party talks and stressed measures to de-escalate tension on the peninsula. "The Chinese side hopes that this resolution will be implemented comprehensively and completely," the spokesperson said. (Xinhua)

## British Crucial Brexit Bill Passes First Parliament Hurdle as Opposition Warns Division

LONDON - British Prime Minister Theresa May's crucial bill to pave the way for Britain's exit from the European Union (EU) cleared its major hurdle in the House of Commons in the early hours of Tuesday. It was a nail-biting finale at the end of three days of intensive debate with the government winning one of three votes by a thin margin of just 17. The main vote, to back the European Withdrawal Bill, was won by 326 votes to 290, a government majority of 36. The margin would have been even narrower if

seven lawmakers from the main opposition Labour Party had not defied their leader Jeremy Corbyn and voted alongside the Conservatives. Although a number of Conservative lawmakers had threatened to rebel, no members of the governing party voted against the measure. In the first round of voting, Labour attempted to win their amendment that would have wrecked the Brexit Bill. Their claim was that the EU withdrawal bill handed sweep-



ing powers to government ministers that would allow them to by-pass the elected parliament. They gained 296 votes, but not enough to challenge the government who notched up 318 votes. The final vote, to set the program for the bill's journey through the parliamentary committee stages, was won by 318 votes to 301, a margin of just 17. (Xinhua)

## UNHCR Emergency Airlift Lands in Bangladesh as Refugee Tally Soars to 370,000



GENEVA - A major UN Refugee Agency airlift with emergency relief supplies for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh was underway Tuesday, with the first flight land-

ing in Dhaka. The number of refugees fleeing Myanmar since Aug. 25 has increased to 370,000. Leonard Doyle, spokesperson for the UN migration agency, IMO,

announced the updated influx number during a UN media briefing. "The system is at full stretch," he said. UNHCR spokesperson Adrian Edwards said the increase in the estimated total of those counted fleeing to Bangladesh is a result of more assessment teams being able to reach more villages, hamlets, and pockets where refugees have gathered. He said one of the refugee agency's chartered flights flew in Tuesday with 91 metric tonnes of aid, including much-needed

shelter materials, jerry cans, blankets, sleeping mats and other essential items from Dubai. A second aid flight, donated to UNHCR by United Arab Emirates (UAE), was scheduled to land later in the day bringing in some 1,700 family tents. "The two emergency flights are meant to meet the immediate aid needs of some 25,000 refugees. Further flights are being planned, ultimately delivering emergency aid for some 120,000 refugees in total," said Edwards. (Xinhua)

## EU Parliament Chiefs Say not Enough Brexit Progress

STRASBOURG, France - European Parliament Brexit chief Guy Verhofstadt warned Tuesday there had not been enough progress in talks so far to move on to negotiations on a future EU-Britain trade deal. European Union leaders are set to decide at a summit in late October whether to start divorce talks, including the bill Britain must pay, have made enough headway to start discussions on future relations. Verhofstadt urged British Prime Minister Theresa May to address the parliament as part of the negotiating process,

but another senior MEP warned she would be "out of her depth". Verhofstadt, a former Belgian prime minister, told a news conference in Strasbourg, France, where the parliament is meeting: "For the moment we don't see sufficient progress, clearly." MEPs are set to vote on a motion early next month about whether there has been enough progress, Verhofstadt said, adding: "at the moment, everyone can see that isn't the case." The European Parliament will have the final vote on any Brexit deal when Britain leaves in March 2019. (AFP)

## OPEC Says Oil Output Dips, 'Rebalancing' Underway

PARIS - OPEC's oil output dipped in August, the cartel said Tuesday, a sign that supply and demand could be moving further towards balance. Production by the 14 members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries came to 32.755 millions of barrels per day (bpd) last month after 32.834 in July, it said in a report, citing secondary sources. OPEC and a number of other producers including Russia agreed in May to extend production cuts, originally agreed last year, into 2018 to ease a global supply glut and support the price of crude. In August, production rose in Nigeria, which has been exempted from output curbs, OPEC said. (AFP)

## White House Social Media Director Fooled by Fake Hurricane Video

WASHINGTON - As powerful Hurricane Irma roared into Florida with strong winds and heavy rains on Sunday, misleading and outdated footage has fooled many Internet users, including White House social media director Dan Scavino. Scavino, a close aide to U.S. President Donald Trump, on Sunday tweeted a video of what he initially claimed a flooded Miami International Airport during Hurricane Irma. "Sharing #HurricaneIrma on social media with President @realDonaldTrump & @VP Pence hourly. Here is Miami International Airport. STAY SAFE!!!" he wrote. However, Scavino was quick to delete the erroneous post after Miami International Airport debunked it, saying that the video was not actually taken in Miami. (Xinhua)

## Syrian Gov't Troops Controls 85 Pct of Country: Russia

MOSCOW - Syrian government troops, supported by the Russian air force, are in control of nearly the entire territory of the Middle Eastern country, the Russian Defense Ministry said Tuesday. "As of today, 85 percent of Syria's territory has been freed from illegal armed units. About 27,800 square kilometers of the territory of the republic have yet to be liberated before IS is completely destroyed," a ministry statement quoted Lt. Gen. Alexander Lapin, chief of staff



of the Russian Armed Forces group in Syria, as saying. He said government troops continued to conduct successful offensive operations along the western bank of

the Euphrates River in northeast Syria, clearing Islamic State (IS) terrorists in the northern and southern quarters of Deir ez-Zor after breaking a three-year blockade of this city. (Xinhua)

## Trump Likely to Visit China during November Asia Trip: U.S. Official

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Donald Trump is likely to make a stop in China in November during his first official visit to Asia, a U.S. official said on Tuesday, a trip that will come amid tensions over North Korea's nuclear tests. Washington and its allies have said there is a growing urgency for China, North Korea's top ally and trading partner, to apply more pressure on its already isolated neighbor to get it to back down on its nuclear weapons and missiles programs. Chinese President Xi Jinping had invited Trump to visit China during their meeting in April in Palm Beach, Flori-

da. The two leaders also met on the sidelines on the G20 summit in July. Trump is set to attend the U.S.-ASEAN summit and the East Asia summit in the Philippines in November, as well as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Vietnam. China's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment on a potential trip by Trump to the Asian country. On Monday, the U.N. Security Council unanimously voted to step up sanctions on North Korea, with its profitable textile exports now banned and fuel supplies capped. (Reuters)

## Anti-THAAD S. Korans to Continue Fight Against Deployment, Operation

SEOUL - Residents and peace activists, who had protested against the U.S. Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), decided on Tuesday to continue their fight against the U.S. missile shield deployment and its operation. According to the anti-THAAD association, composed of residents and activists, it held a press conference at Soseong-ri village in Seongju county, South Korea's southeastern North Gyeongsang province. During the press conference, it said the anti-THAAD protesters would continue to fight for the THAAD withdrawal and demand a halt to its operation and ongoing construction inside the site. It said the anti-THAAD people denounced the United States forcing South Korea to deploy the U.S. missile defense system as well as President Moon Jae-in's government pushing ahead with the THAAD installation. Four more mobile launchers and other THAAD elements were transported on Sept. 7 to the former golf course at the village after the police violently suppressed the anti-THAAD protesters. About 8,000 riot policemen were mobilized to disperse some 500 protesters, among whom almost 100 were injured during the physical tussle with the police. Five were seriously wounded, according to the organization. With the further deployment and construction, the THAAD battery in South Korea was forecast to get into a full operation in the near future. The battery will be operated by the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK). (Xinhua)

## Neighbor News

### China-ASEAN

#### Expo Opens in South China

NANNING - The 14th China-ASEAN Expo opened Tuesday in southern China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, highlighting trade and investment among China, ASEAN and other countries along the Belt and Road. The expo, "Co-Building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, Promoting Regional Economic Integration through Tourism," is in Nanning, capital of Guangxi. The four-day event attracted over 2,700 exhibitors, up 1.5 percent from the previous event, while the number of buyers is expected to exceed 10,000, including about 4,000 international buyers, according to Yang Yanyan from the expo secretariat. The China-

ASEAN Business and Investment Summit also opened Tuesday. The expo features 6,600 exhibition booths, an increase of 800 from the previous event. It includes 36 forums in fields such as industrial capacity cooperation, environmental protection, culture, transport and tourism. A focus of this year's event is the Belt and Road Initiative, as a display area is dedicated to products from countries along the Belt and Road, such as Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan. Kazakhstan took part in the expo with a delegation of more than 200 people, as the first country along the Silk Road Economic Belt that was invited as a special partner. (Xinhua)

#### Iran, Russia Railroad Projects Benefit Asia, Europe: Official

TEHRAN - Iran and Russia's joint railroad projects are profitable not just for both countries, but also for Asian and European states, an Iranian railway official was quoted by Financial Tribune daily as saying on Tuesday. "An important element of our (Iran, Russia) cooperation is the International North-South Transport Corridor," the chairman of Islamic Republic of Iran Railways' International Affairs Department, Abbas Nazari, said. The International North-South Transport Corridor is a 7,200-kilometer interconnected network of railroads, roads and shipping lanes designed to facilitate the flow of freight through India, Iran, Russia, Azerbai-

jan, as well as European and Central Asian states. Iran seeks to establish its railroads as the primary transit element of the corridor, Nazari said. Russia and Iran need each other to move their freight between Europe and Asia, and that Tehran enjoys an unprecedented level of technological cooperation with Moscow, Nazari said. The Iranian segment of the corridor is about 2,000 kilometers, he said. Iran cooperates with Russia on several other important rail-related ventures, like the joint manufacturing of railroad carriages and the electrification of its railroad, as well as on other large-scale infrastructure projects, he added. (Xinhua)

#### Pakistani PM Warns U.S. against Cutting Military Assistance

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said that U.S. sanctions against Pakistani officials, or further cutting of military assistance will be counterproductive, local media reported Tuesday. Abbasi said any such move would harm war against militancy, which both countries are fighting for the last 16 years, Urdu newspaper Roznama Express said. He warned that Washington will not achieve its counter-terrorism aims by starving Pakistan of funds, adding that both countries need to make cooperative efforts to win over militancy in the region. The PM's remarks came after Washington asked Islamabad to do more against militant group Haqqani Network, which

it believes has close ties with Pakistan. The United States also conditioned future aid to Pakistan on its tackling the network which is believed to be carrying out terrorist attacks at allied forces in Afghanistan. Abbasi said it is unfair on the part of the United States to hold Pakistan responsible for all the troubles it is facing against militants in Afghanistan. He urged Washington to show more appreciation for Pakistan's losses in war on terror and its role in hosting 3.5 million Afghan refugees. Talking about the U.S. Congress blocking the sale of subsidized F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan, Abbasi said that Pakistan will have no choice but to look at other options to maintain its national defensive forces. (Xinhua)

#### Kuwait, Turkmenistan Discuss Cooperation

ASHGABAT - A Kuwaiti delegation led by the Special Representative of the Emir, the Minister of Al-Diwan Al-Emiri Affairs of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah was received at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan September 11, the ministry said. During the meeting, the sides highly appreciated the current state of cooperation between the two countries in the political-diplomatic, trade-economic and cultural-humanitarian spheres and discussed the need for its expansion in various fields. In this context, the sides, noting the important role of high-level visits, reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the agreements reached on an integrated basis. As a result of the talks, the parties expressed satisfaction with the current state of relations between Turkmenistan and the State of Kuwait and expressed confidence that a huge amount of work will continue to be carried out for the development of friendly relations between the two countries. (AKI)