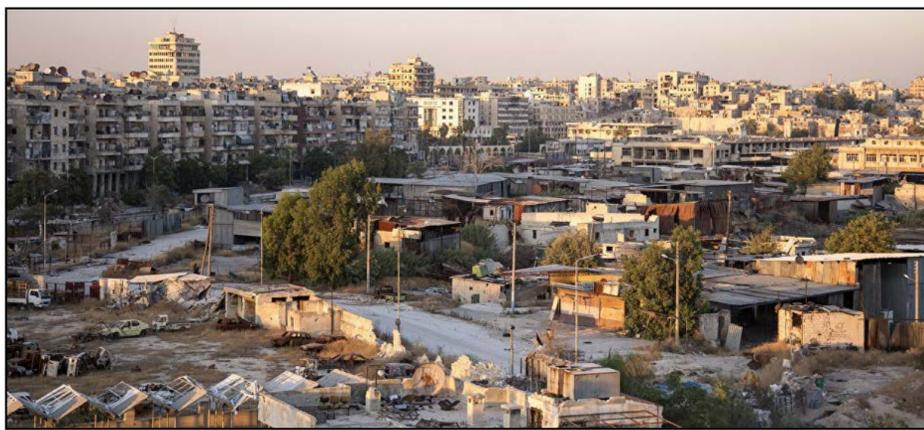


Putin Reveals why US against Making Deal with Russia on Syria

MOSCOW - Washington has been reluctant to make its ceasefire deal with Russia on Syria public because this would turn the spotlight on those who are not complying, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Saturday.

Russia has been urging the United States to disclose the details of the deal on Syria, which came into force on Monday. It aims to end violence in Syria and allow for relief aid deliveries.



"The only reason why they apparently don't want to make it public is because the international

community, as well as American and Russian public will immediately

find out who is not abiding by the deal," Putin said in the Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

"We agreed that al-Nusra Front should be distanced

from the opposition and that their location should be disclosed as well as that

of the so-called healthy [moderate] forces. What do we see instead? We see no separation of terrorists and healthy forces, but rather attempts by terrorists to regroup," he said. "I wish we were honest with each other... And I do not quite understand, why we should conceal any of our agreements. Of course, we will not disclose them, until our US partners agree with it... I repeat that we have rather positive than negative attitude [to these agreements] and we hope the promises given by the US administration will be fulfilled." (Agencies)

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China, Russia Navies Stage Air Defense, Anti-Submarine Drill

ABOARD WARSHIP GUANGZHOU - Chinese and Russian naval forces on Saturday carried out a joint drill on air defense and anti-submarine in the South China Sea off southern China's Guangdong Province. Vessels including a missile destroyer, anti-submarine vessels, missile frigates, ship-based helicopters and conventional submarines, among others, took part in the exercise. The vessels were divided into two fleets and confrontations were staged off the eastern waters of Zhanjiang in Guangdong.

A senior officer of the joint drill said the exercise was carried out under a background of actual combat and expected aim of the exercise had been reached. Chinese and Russian navies are currently holding the "Joint Sea-2016" drill that runs from Sept. 13 to 19. It features navy surface ships, submarines, fixed-wing aircraft, ship-borne helicopters, marine corps and amphibious armored equipment from both sides. (Xinhua)

Hollande Urges European Leaders to Protect Borders, Improve Security

BRATISLAVA - French President Francois Hollande on Friday urged European leaders to address issues including border protection, security, economic development and the future of youth. Protecting European Union's borders, security, economic development and the future of youth are the priorities that must be tackled by the bloc, Hollande said after an informal EU summit here. He called for strengthening

the protection of the EU's external borders. He said he wanted to control the influx of migrants, while at the same time offer assistance to those who are entitled to asylum. "We promised more help for the member states that are affected the most by migrant flows - notably Greece, Italy and



Hungary," stressed Hollande. Regarding security, the French president appealed to European

leaders to realize their responsibility and strengthen the fight against terrorism. (Xinhua)

IS "Minister of Information" Killed in Syria: Pentagon

WASHINGTON - A senior Islamic State (IS) leader who, as the extreme group's "minister of information," oversaw the group's production of torture and execution videos, has been killed in an airstrike in Syria, Pentagon said Friday. "On September 7, coalition forces conducted a precision strike near Raqqah, Syria, that targeted and killed 'Dr. Wa'il,' also known as Wa'il Adil Hasan Salman al-Fayad, one of ISIL's most senior leaders," Pentagon press

secretary Peter Cook said in a statement. ISIL is known as IS in Syria and Iraq. "He operated as the minister of information for the terror organization and was a prominent member of its Senior Shura Council - ISIL's leadership group," Cook said. Wa'il was killed by a drone targeting his home in Raqqah, IS's de facto capital in Syria, according to an ABC news report, citing an anonymous U.S. official as source. The ... (More on P4)... (21)

Pakistani PM Heads to UN on "Most Important" Foreign Visit: PM Office

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif Saturday embarked on his "most important foreign visit" of the year to New York to attend the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), his office said. This will be the Prime Minister's fourth address to the 193-member world body in his third term in office. In the statement he is expected to make to the General Assembly on Sept. 21st, he will enunciate Pakistan's position on key global and regional issues, especially focusing on the situation in the Indian-controlled Kashmir, a statement from the PM office said. On the sidelines of the UNGA, the Prime Minister will hold bilateral

meetings with a number of world leaders, including the UN Secretary-General. Among his many engagements in New York, he will also address a business meeting organized by the U.S.-Pakistan Business Council and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will make two other statements at the UN meetings on the global refugees crisis. "The Prime Minister will call upon the international community and the United Nations to live up to their promise of the right to self-determination of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions," the statement said. (Xinhua)

UN Chief Travelling to Canada for Global Fund Conference

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will leave here late Friday for Montreal in Canada to address the opening of the Fifth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a UN spokesman told reporters here. The secretary-general will also have a bilateral meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, UN

spokesman Stephane Dujarric said at a daily news briefing here. The secretary-general will be back in New York on Saturday, he said. On Sunday, he will have a number of bilateral meetings ahead of the start of the General Debate of the UN General Assembly, the week-long annual high-level event which will kick off on Tuesday, the spokesman added. (Xinhua)

Economy Tops List of U.S. Problems as Presidential Debates Come Closer

WASHINGTON - With the first U.S. presidential debate coming up soon, the economy leads the long list of top concerns for Americans, found a Gallup poll released Friday. Economy continues to lead the list at 14 percent, followed by dissatisfaction with government, at 11 percent, and jobs and unemployment, also at 11 percent, the Sept. 7-11 Gallup poll found. There are a number of other major problems cited by Americans, including the election (8



percent), race relations (7 percent), immigration (6 percent), terrorism (5 percent), and national security (5 percent), the poll

found. These will likely be among the most pressing issues atop Americans' minds as they watch the

two candidates, Democratic Party's Hillary Clinton and her Republican rival Donald Trump, ... (More on P4)... (22)

U.S. Designates Leading French Jihadist as Terrorist

WASHINGTON - The U.S. State Department said on Friday that it has designated Omar Diaby, a leading French jihadist, as terrorist. As a result of the move, all property subject to U.S. jurisdiction in which Diaby has any interest is blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in any transactions with Diaby. In a statement, the State Department said Diaby leads a group of French foreign terrorist fighters in Syria. The group of approximately 50 fighters has participated in terrorist operations alongside the terrorist group al-Nusra Front. Diaby, who is of Senegalese origin, left for Syria in the ... (More on P4)... (23)

Trump Finally Admits Obama Born in America

WASHINGTON - U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Friday that he now admits the country's first-ever African-American president Barack Obama was born in the United States. "President Barack Obama was born in the United States. Period," he said at the end of an event to promote his new luxury hotel in Washington D.C. The New York real estate developer did not apologize for stirring up the controversy year ago. Instead, he blamed his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton for the issue. "Hillary Clinton in her campaign of 2008 started the birther controversy. I finished it," Trump claimed. The billionaire has previously refused to publicly admit that Obama was born in the United States, despite the president releasing his birth ... (More on P4)... (25)

Millions of Europeans not Feeling Safe: Donald Tusk

BRATISLAVA - Millions of Europeans don't feel safe at the moment, European Council President Donald Tusk said after the informal EU summit here on Friday. "People have concerns of what's going on and of insufficient control. They're afraid of migration, terrorism and of their own economic future. We must remove imperfections from the past. We won't continue as we have until now," said Tusk. Tusk further stressed that the European Union can't tolerate an uncontrolled influx of migrants, and it should focus on full control of its borders, as well



as cooperating with Turkey and countries of the Western Balkans and pursuing contacts with African countries. The Union will support its member countries in guaranteeing their internal se-

curity, while the exchange of information between individual countries must be intensified, in addition to providing a boost to European cooperation in external security and ... (More on P4)... (24)

EU Must Show Membership Beneficial in Brexit Talks: Slovak PM

BRATISLAVA - Negotiations with Britain after its referendum to leave the European Union (EU) must lead to a state that will clearly show it's beneficial to be a member of the bloc, Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico said on Friday. "We can achieve this. In contrast to the UK (United Kingdom), we know what we want. Our stance is clear and it will be used immediately after triggering the Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty," Fico said after an informal EU summit here, adding

he believed EU wanted to maintain good ties with Britain. According to Fico, however, the union rejects terms that will allow someone to cherry pick. "If someone is interested in the EU benefits, it has to guarantee all the freedoms that are important for the EU," he said. Regarding freedoms, he was referring to the free movements of goods, workers, services and capital. "We can't allow the outcome of the British referendum to lead to the fact that ... (More on P4)... (26)

Only Syrian Troops Observe Truce: Russia



MOSCOW - The Syrian government troops alone are observing a ceasefire agreement in the war-torn country brokered by Russia and the United States, the Russian Defense Ministry said Friday. "All attempts by our American partners to show the world at least some manageability of the opposition it supports in Syria have so far proved unsuccessful," the ministry's spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said in a statement. Officers of the Russian center for reconciliation of the warring parties in Syria, based near the city of Aleppo and the Castello highway, confirmed the willingness of the Syrian forces to completely withdraw their units and equipment in synchrony with the opposition to agreed distances, it said. Lt. Gen. Viktor Poznikhir, first deputy head of the main directorate of the Russian General Staff, was quoted by Interfax news agency as saying that the Syrian government troops had effectively withdrawn tanks, combat infantry vehicles and artillery to the established distances to create a demilitarized zone. But no response was observed from the opposition groups, which had breached the ceasefire agreement 144 times since it took effect, including 39 times in the past 24 hours, Poznikhir said. (Xinhua)

Uzbek Acting President, Prime Minister Visited Jizzakh Region

TASHKENT - Acting President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited Jizzakh region to evaluate the pace of socio-economic reforms and ongoing wide-scale works in industry, agriculture and social sphere in the region. During his trip Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited Jizzakh city, Pakhtakor, Zafarobod and Dustlik districts. At the meeting of representatives of Jizzakh region, the activity and huge services of the First President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov in achieving independence of the Homeland, prosperity of our country, strengthening peace and improving welfare of the people have been particularly underscored. The life of this great leader, who has a firm place in the hearts of our people, will be a bright standard for present and future generations. It was noted that further widening the ... (More on P4)... (27)