

# With High Refugee Flows, UN Members Seek Safe, Orderly, Regular Migration

UNITED NATIONS - Members of the United Nations, on the eve of their VIP-packed annual UN General Debate and in the face of the recent wave of refugees and migrants, on Monday committed to working for a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration through a 2018 compact.

The outcome document of this summit, the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, "represents a breakthrough in our collective efforts to address the challenges of human mobility," said UN Secretary-General Ban in his opening remarks. It



means that "more children can attend school; more workers can securely seek

jobs abroad, instead of being at the mercy of criminal smugglers."

"More people will have real choices about whether to move once we end

conflict, sustain peace and increase opportunities at home," he said.

In response to growing xenophobia and as called for in the declaration, Ban launched a campaign dubbed "Together - Respect, Safety and Dignity for all."

Also Monday, in connection with the Summit, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), formed after World War II, formally joined the UN family when Ban and William Swing, Director-General of the IOM signed an agreement for the agency to work with UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi. newly installed President ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## UN Chief Calls for More Efforts to Ensure Food Security for Refugees

UNITED NATIONS - UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Monday called for strengthened efforts to ensure food security for millions of refugees who are facing food insecurity and the risk of malnutrition. Speaking at a high-level event here to improve food security for refugees, Ban said that stronger response is required to meet food and nutrition needs of refugees in the world. "Food is a matter of life and death, especially for people on the run," Ban said at the event held on

the sidelines of the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants. "We have a moral obligation to help."

The high-level event touched upon how to strengthen self-reliance in food security and nutrition to support greater dignity and protection of refugees. Ban also hailed the efforts



of host communities to meet the food and nutrition needs of refugees, saying this solidarity not only saves lives but also benefits refugees and host communities in the long term....*(More on P4)...(23)*

## Russian Military Starts Drills in South Ossetia

MOSCOW - Russian military starts to take drills from Sept. 20 to 24 in South Ossetia in southern Russia, involving 4,000 Russian servicemen and 1,000 units of military equipment, Russian news agency Sputnik reported Tuesday. "The servicemen of the Russian military base in the Southern Military District have started the command and staff exercises in South Ossetia. The military crews will practice to overcome the contaminated areas under enemy use of weapons of mass destruction,"

the Russian Defense Ministry's press service said. According to the ministry, the aim of the drills is to improve the practical skills of commanders in managing the units while conducting defense in a forested mountainous and flat terrain with advanced automated control systems and new weapons. The newest unified command and staff vehicles, designed to provide communication and control units during the battle, also take part in the exercise. (Xinhua)

## S. Korean Lawmakers Wrangle over DPRK Nuke Program

SEOUL - South Korean lawmakers on Tuesday wrangled once again over how to resolve the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s nuclear program following its latest nuclear test earlier this month. Opposition lawmakers called for the resumption of dialogue with Pyongyang, while ruling party members demanded stronger sanctions and the deployment of a U.S. missile shield on South Korean soil. Kim Boo-kyum, mem-

ber of the main opposition Minjoo Party, said during the first day of the parliamentary interpellation session that sanctions-only approach, which has been pursued by South Korean governments in the past eight years, proved to have failed, according to Yonhap news agency. Citing the May 24 sanctions and the shutdown of the Kaesong Industrial Complex, Kim said new approach should be pursued such as a gradual ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

## Hillary Clinton Extends Lead over Donald Trump Nationally: Poll

WASHINGTON - Hillary Clinton has expanded her lead over Donald Trump nationally, according to an NBC News/SurveyMonkey Weekly Election Tracking Poll released Tuesday. Among likely voters, the poll found 50 percent support Clinton and 45 percent back Trump. Among registered voters, Clinton leads by 6 percentage points - 49 percent to 43 percent. With third-party candidates involved, Clinton leads Trump by 5 percentage points - 45 percent to



40 percent. Ten percent said they back Libertarian Gary Johnson and 4 percent said they support Green Party candidate Jill

Stein. The poll found 56 percent of likely voters think Clinton will win the presidency and 39 percent said the

same about Trump. Last week, the tracking poll found Clinton led Trump by only 4 percentage ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

## U.S., Iraqi Leaders Vow to Retake IS Stronghold

NEW YORK - U.S. President Barack Obama and Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi discussed on Monday plans to retake Iraqi city Mosul from the Islamic State (IS) in a major offensive against the extremist group. Obama said despite the fact that the IS has embedded itself deeply within Mosul, he and Abadi felt confident that the offensive will "move forward fairly rapidly." "Hopefully, by the end of this year, we will have seen further progress with respect to Mosul," Obama told reporters after his meeting with Abadi on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Abadi, in an optimistic tone, said the two leaders hoped ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

## India Successfully Testfires Surface-to-Air Barak-8 Missile

NEW DELHI - India on Tuesday successfully test-fired its most advanced long range, surface-to-air, nuclear-capable ballistic missile Barak-8, jointly developed with Israel, from a military base off the coast of the eastern state of Odisha, a senior defense official said. "The missile was fired from a mobile launcher at the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur in the state's Balasore district. The test-firing was successful as the missile intercepted a moving aerial target over the Bay of Bengal," he said on condition of anonymity. More tests will be carried out Wednesday, the official said, adding that earlier tests in June and July were ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

## UN Suspends Aid Convoys Following Deadly Strikes on Trucks

GENEVA - The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said Tuesday that aid deliveries set to reach besieged and hard-to-reach areas in war-torn Syria have been temporarily put on hold following an airstrike on a UN/Syrian Arab Red Crescent convoy Monday. "As an immediate security measure, other convoy movements in Syria have been suspended for the time being," OCHA spokesman Jens Laerke told the press. According to reports, 18 out of 31 trucks carrying life-saving supplies were destroyed by warplanes in Urum al-Kubra, northwest



of Aleppo. The evening-attack resulted in at least one senior humanitarian official working for the Syrian Arab Red Crescent being killed as well as civilian casualties and severe damage to key infrastructure including a hospital.

A UN spokesperson said the convoy had received clearance from all required parties to deliver critical supplies of food, medical supplies as well as non-food items including blankets and clothes to some 78,000 people in Big Orem. (Xinhua)

## Iran Calls for Global Efforts to Tackle Refugee Crisis

TEHRAN - Iran's Interior minister has called for a global contribution to the safe repatriation of the refugees and migrants hosted by the Islamic Republic for many years. Abdolreza Rahmani-Fazli made the remarks in an address to the UN General Assembly's first-ever summit for Refugees and Migrants on Monday. He said the Islamic Republic has been hosting a huge population of refugees for many years, a move that has put Iran

"among the lead countries in the history of humanitarian assistance." The minister was referring to a massive influx of refugees from the neighboring countries of Afghanistan and Iraq. "This has been remarkably achieved on the basis of our religious teachings and humanitarian principles," said Rahmani-Fazli, adding that Iran-based refugees now enjoy job opportunities, as well as education and health services "above many international ...*(More on P4)...(28)*

## China Supports Bigger Role for NAM in International Affairs

BEIJING - China firmly supports the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) playing a bigger role in international affairs, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang on Tuesday.

The 17th NAM Summit was held on September 17-18 in the Caribbean island of Margarita in Venezuela, which holds the rotating presidency of the non-aligned bloc for the next three years.

China congratulates Venezuela for successfully hosting the 17th NAM Summit and appreciates the tremendous work the country has done preparing the meeting, Lu told a press conference.

The Non-Aligned Movement is an important hallmark for developing countries to pull together and has played an important role in safeguarding world peace and promoting common development, he added.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Sunday approved the Margarita Declaration of the 17th NAM Summit. The declaration covered several areas, including consolidating a new international order, achieving self-determination for all people, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, human rights and anti-terrorist measures. China is an observer state of NAM and has always supported its purpose and principles, said Lu, adding that China attaches great importance to NAM's role in international affairs and will continue to deepen its traditional friendship and expand mutually beneficial cooperation with NAM. (Xinhua)

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### Xi Commends all Who Contributed to G20 Hangzhou Success

BEIJING - Chinese President Xi Jinping ordered that all individuals and agencies who contributed to the success of the G20 Hangzhou summit should be commended. In an instruction read out Tuesday at a conference for major contributors to the summit, Xi said that the values shown by those involved - patriotism, selflessness and dedication - should be promoted across society. He said these values should play an important part in the cultivation and practice of socialist core values, culture and ethics. The president attributed the summit's success to the organizing committee

as well as central and local authorities under the leadership of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. The Hangzhou summit has shown China's spirit and strength to the world and left a deep China mark on G20 progress, Xi said. Xi ordered efforts to pursue follow-up work, implement the summit's achievements, and fully publicize its effects. The president also spoke highly of Hangzhou residents, saying they had made a major contribution to the summit's success with their dedication and voluntary service. (Xinhua)

### Iran Urges Respect for National Sovereignty of Countries in Terror Fight

TEHRAN - An Iranian deputy foreign minister says respect for the national sovereignty of countries is crucial to a genuine campaign against terrorism. "We believe that an effective and serious fight and confrontation with terrorism must be carried out in accordance with international regulations and respect for the countries' territorial integrity and independence," Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Jaber Ansari told IRNA in Damascus on Tuesday. He added that any campaign against terrorism within a

country's territory must be conducted in coordination with its government, warning that any fight against terrorism outside such a framework will yield negative outcomes in the long run even if positive results are achieved in the short term. "Trespassing on a country's soil without any coordination in order to fight terrorism will exacerbate problems and escalate terrorism and extremism," Jaber Ansari pointed out. He reiterated that a successful campaign against terrorism hinges on respect for the countries' sovereignty. (Presstv)

### Solar Scale-Up in Pakistan Hits Roadblock after Payments Cut

BAHAWALPUR - An effort to boost large-scale solar energy production in Pakistan has hit a roadblock after the government slashed the rate it pays for solar electricity, frustrating investors. The Punjab government set up the 100-megawatt Quaid-i-Azam Solar Park in the Cholistan desert in March 2015 as a pilot project to lure foreign investment for an additional 900MW of power. Zonergy Limited, a Chinese-owned firm, then agreed to invest \$1.5

billion to produce the power, with a promise to complete the work by June 2016. But last December, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) reduced the amount the country pays to buy solar electricity from 14.5 cents to 9.25 cents per kilowatt-hour, citing falling costs for solar panels and other equipment. The cut has prompted a lawsuit by Zonergy officials, who last month brought online just 200MW of the promised ...*(More on P4)...(29)*

### Uzbekistan Reportedly Opens Border Crossing with Kyrgyzstan

TASHKENT - In the wake of a fresh boundary dispute, Uzbekistan has re-opened a border crossing with Kyrgyzstan and started allowing the passage of private citizens. Uzbek news site Anhor.uz reported that the crossing began to operate normally on September 19 following telephone negotiations between the presidents of the two countries. On the face of it, the move marks another surprising thaw over border issues, which had been strained intensely after a helicopter of Uzbek policeman last month occupied a Kyrgyz telecommunications tower on a disputed mountain and detained four technicians working there. The men have since been released and the telecommunications tower was

abandoned by the Uzbek police officers over the weekend. But Kyrgyz residents living near the crossing in question have told EurasiaNet.org that private citizens have not been able to get into Uzbekistan through that point for many years now, so claims the situation will revert to that before an earlier border dispute in March are highly confusing. The only relatively operational land crossing between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan is in the latter's Kadamjaj district - a fact that all but cripples trade and communication between the two countries. Despite the uncertainty, even the news of potential new border crossings is heartening Uzbek exporters, like Tahir in Tashkent. (Agencies)