

# UN Annual General Debate Ponders World Problems

UNITED NATIONS - The general debate of the 71st session of the UN General Assembly was held Tuesday, with world leaders pondering global issues. The general debate was themed "The Sustainable Development Goals: a universal push to transform our world." Barack Obama, making his last appearance before the assembly as U.S. president, reviewed his administration's success in the eight years since his first appearance in 2008 as the global financial crisis was exploding. "From the depths of the greatest financial crisis of



our time, we coordinated our response to avoid further catastrophe and re-

turn the global economy to growth," he said. "Our assistance is help-

ing people feed themselves, care for the sick, power communities

across Africa, and promote models of development rather than depend-

ence," he said. Although the world was less violent and more prosperous by many measures, yet societies were filled with uncertainty, unease and strife, Obama said, calling on countries to press forward with a better model of cooperation and integration. British Prime Minister Theresa May said while her country recently voted to leave the European Union, it did not mean it was turning inward, adding that her country would be a "confident, strong and dependable partner internationally." (Xinhua)

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### China Urges India, Pakistan to Keep Restraint for Regional Peace

BEIJING - China on Wednesday called on India and Pakistan to communicate more and properly handle their differences for regional peace, stability and security. An army base in Indian-controlled Kashmir was attacked Sunday, and 18 soldiers were killed and 30 others injured. India has blamed Pakistan for supporting the terror attack, while Pakistan has rejected the accusation as "baseless." Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lu

Kang said he was concerned about the recent violence in Kashmir and the tension between India and Pakistan. India and Pakistan are important countries in the region, Lu said, adding that China hopes they will show restraint and avoid action that may escalate the tension. Stressing that China opposes terrorism in any form, Lu called for more international communication to deal with the threat of terrorism and to maintain security. (Xinhua)

### Obama Draws Pledges from 50 Countries to Take in 360,000 Refugees

UNITED NATIONS - US President Barack Obama on Tuesday urged countries to "welcome the stranger in our midst" at a summit that drew pledges from 50 countries to take in 360,000 refugees. Speaking at a US-led refugee summit at the United Nations, Obama praised Germany and Canada among other countries for opening up their doors to those fleeing the war in Syria and other conflicts. "We are facing a crisis of epic proportion," Obama said.

"We cannot avert our eyes or turn our backs. To slam the door in the face of these families would betray our deepest values." Some 50 world leaders took part in the summit, but their participation was conditional on new commitments to address the world's largest refugee crisis since World



War II. "Collectively, our nations are roughly doubling the number of refugees that

we admit to our countries to more than 360,000 this year," Obama announced. In...*(More on P4)...(21)*

### British Statistics Reveal no Sign of Major Post-Brexit Collapse in Confidence

LONDON - There has been no sign of a major post-Brexit collapse in confidence in the British economy, but the picture emerging after the June 23 referendum will continue over the coming months and years, the country's Office for National Statistics (ONS) said Wednesday. Based on results spanning several full months following the decision by Britain to leave the European Union, the ONS has given its first major assessment of the economy.

ONS chief economist Joe Grice said: "As the available information grows, the referendum result appears, so far, not to have had a major effect on the UK economy. So it hasn't fallen at the first fence but longer-term effects remain to be seen." In the run up to the referendum, fears were expressed about a plunging economy, tax rises, an emergency budget and a rise in unemployment. ONS said in its report: ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

### Iran Marks Anniversary of War with Iraq

TEHRAN - Iranians on Wednesday marked the 36th anniversary of the start of the Iran-Iraq war with a large-scale military parade that showcased the country's military achievements. The Iran-Iraq war, which broke out in September 1980 and lasted through August 1988, incurred tremendous loss of lives and economic damage to both countries. Half a million Iraqi and Iranian soldiers and civilians are believed to have died during the war, with many more injured. The armed forces, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), the Basij militia volunteer forces as well as aerospace units participated in the parade during the ceremony. In the capital Tehran, the parade was held at

the mausoleum of the founder of the Islamic republic, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Iranian Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Mohammad Hossein Baqeri, was the keynote speaker at the parade in Tehran, according to local reports. Baqeri said Iran has established comprehensive defensive strategies to counter all threats and that there will be no delay in Iran's military tests and war exercises, reported Tasnim news agency. The Iranian commander said certain regional countries, supported by the United States and Israel, seek to destabilize Iran and the region, but that the Iranian Armed Forces enjoys powerful defense capabilities against any potential surprise attack. (Xinhua)

### Europe Sees Intensified Resistance to Trade Deals with U.S., Canada

BRUSSELS - Europe is facing intensified resistance to its trade deals with its transatlantic partners as a new wave of protests emerged across the continent. A total of 9,000 people paraded in central Brussels around the European Union (EU) institutions late Tuesday to protest the bloc's trade agreements with the United States and Canada, fearing those deals would harm Europe's interests. The march came three days after massive pro-

tests took place in seven German cities this weekend, in which some 180,000 people participated. Another protest is planned in the Slovak capital of Bratislava on Friday when EU trade ministers are scheduled to gather and discuss the two deals. ANGRY PROTESTERS "I am totally against TTIP," Guillaume, a French sophomore aged 20, told Xinhua, referring to the Transatlantic Trade and...*(More on P4)...(23)*

### US Sends B-1B Bombers to S. Korea

SEOUL - The U.S. military on Wednesday sent two strategic bombers to South Korea. Two B-1B Lancers flew low over the Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek, some 70 km south of capital Seoul, at about 1:10 p.m. local time (0410 GMT), according to local media reports. The supersonic bombers had made a sortie from the U.S. air base in Guam. One of the two bombers returned to the Guam base after the fly-over, but the other unusually landed in the Osan base. How many days the U.S. supersonic bomber will stay in South Korea is unknown.



On Sept. 13, the U.S. military dispatched two B-1B bombers to South Korea, but all of them returned back to the Guam base

right after flying low around the Osan base for about 10 minutes. The move came after the DPRK said on Sept. 9 that it

successfully conducted an explosion test of nuclear warhead to fit on ballistic rockets. The fifth nuclear test...*(More on P4)...(24)*

### Syrian Warplane Downed while Striking IS, Pilot Rescued

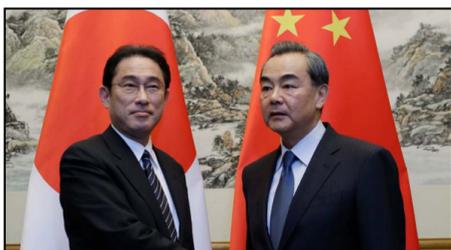
DAMASCUS - A Syrian warplane was downed on Wednesday while striking Islamic State (IS) positions north of the capital Damascus, state news agency SANA reported. The pilot was rescued, SANA said. The plane went down after completing its mission in striking IS positions in the mountainous Qalamoun region, the news agency said. Meanwhile, the IS-linked Amaq news agency said the Syrian warplane carried out four airstrikes against IS positions before being shot down and crashed in an area between an IS-controlled region and other Syrian opposition factions. The aircraft is the...*(More on P4)...(25)*

### China, France Pledge to Promote Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Program

NEW YORK - China and France pledged here late Tuesday to ensure a smooth implementation of Britain's Hinkley Point nuclear power plant project, and to enhance cooperation in third-party markets. The Hinkley Point nuclear project is Britain's first nuclear power plant in two decades. It will be co-built by China General Nuclear Power Corp., which has a one-third stake, and French state-owned company EDF. The two sides reached the consensus as Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met with French President Francois Hollande on the sidelines of a series of UN conferences. During their talks, Li hoped all those concerned could work together to deliver a smooth partnership...*(More on P4)...(27)*

### China-Japan Economic Cooperation Has Huge Potential: Official

BEIJING - Chinese and Japanese enterprises have great potential for future economic cooperation as they are highly complementary, a senior official said Wednesday. Jiang Zengwei, head of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, made the remarks at a seminar on China-Japan economic cooperation attended by more than 300 representatives from over 140 enterprises from both countries. Both the Chinese and Japanese government are working to improve



the investment environment, which brings a rare historical opportunity to strengthen bilateral economic ties, said Jiang. Japanese enterprises can help upgrade China's industrial structure through technical innovation exchanges and personnel

training with their advantages in various sectors, including intelligent manufacturing and biotechnology, Jiang told the seminar. Jiang said both countries can advance cooperation in green economy, modern...*(More on P4)...(28)*

### Greece Rejects Asylum Bids by 3 Fleeing Turkish Military Officers: Sources



ATHENS - The asylum bids of three out of eight Turkish military officers, who fled to Greece in July after the failed coup attempt in Turkey, were rejected by Greek authorities on Wednesday, according to Greek asylum service sources. A day after the coup attempt, the eight officers landed at an airport in northern Greece on a Turkish military helicopter and requested asylum. Ankara asked for their extradition in late August, calling them "traitors" who participated in the coup attempt. In their statements in front of Greek judges and through their lawyers, the eight men have repeatedly rejected the charges. They claimed they fled to Greece fearing for their lives when their helicopter came under fire on the evening of July 15 and they were informed by relatives about attacks on military personnel. Greek asylum sources told Xinhua on Wednesday that the officers can appeal the initial decision within two weeks. Under the legislative framework, the procedures following Wednesday's decision are lengthy and can take up to nine months, officials said speaking to Xinhua on condition on anonymity. (Xinhua)

### CTD Arrests 'IS Man' in KP

PESHAWAR - The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) arrested suspected members of the militant Islamic State (IS) group from Peshawar's Qazi Kaley area on Wednesday, less than a month after Pakistan's Inter-Services Public Relations chief Lt Gen Asim Bajwa announced the army had 'foiled Daesh designs in Pakistan'. CTD Senior Superintendent of Police Dr Mian Saeed confirmed the arrests in what is the first time captured 'militants' have been termed IS suspects by the CTD in the province. SSP Saeed claimed that a man called Muhammad Farid, who recently joined the IS,

was arrested during a raid in the area. Farid was allegedly involved in plotting large-scale terror attacks and target killings. The SSP said Farid was involved in 32 target killings, including those targeting police officials in various parts of Peshawar, and had also killed five women over allegations of prostitution in the city. He added that the arrested suspect had been trained in the Toba Toba area of Afghanistan in 2008, and that his brother was also arrested in Afghanistan over his links to IS. Another brother of Farid's was killed in an encounter with security forces, he said. (Monitoring Desk)

### Tajikistan Reportedly Detains Relatives of Warsaw Protesters

DUSHANBE - Human Rights Watch says it is checking reports that authorities in Tajikistan detained some 50 relatives of Tajik activists who had staged a protest at an OSCE conference in Poland this week. HRW's Central Asia researcher Steve Swerdlow told RFE/RL that, if confirmed, the detentions would be defined as a "human rights violation." Swerdlow said some 20 Tajik opposition and rights activists residing in Europe held a silent protest in Warsaw on September 19 during a conference session where the situation of

human rights in Tajikistan was being discussed. The protesters wore T-shirts with portraits of Tajik opposition politicians and lawyers who were jailed in the country in recent months. Human rights groups have called the cases politically motivated. Tajik government officials told RFE/RL they do not have any information about the alleged arrests. Sources in Tajikistan's State Committee for National Security said the detentions took place across the country and have nothing to do with the protesters in Poland. (Agencies)

### UN Women Report Highlights Gender Equality in Global Universities

UNITED NATIONS - UN Women on Tuesday launched its first-ever University Parity Report which outlines commitments from 10 universities worldwide to achieving progress on gender equality. The report noted that universities can address three imbalances: the ratio of men to women represented in university faculty, the fields of study selected by young women versus young men, and the number of female students at universities. The 10 universities are chosen from eight

countries on five continents, including the University of Oxford of the United Kingdom, Georgetown University of the United States, University of Hong Kong of China's Hong Kong, Paris Institute of Political Studies of France and the University of the Witwatersrand of South Africa. The universities also vowed to work together to combat sexual violence on campus. The University of Oxford is engaging their whole student community to address campus-based...*(More on P4)...(28)*