

# U.S., Russia Must Agree to "Ceasefire" or Consider Withdrawal from Syria: Aust'n FM

CANBERRA - The United States and Russia should consider pulling out of Syria if they cannot agree to a ceasefire, Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said on Monday. Speaking to Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) radio, Bishop said rising tension between the two powers could have further a negative effect on the Middle East. Bishop told the ABC there was an "absence of trust" on both sides, and the diplomatic thing, which would avoid unnecessary future bloodshed, would be to withdraw from the war-torn nation until ten-



sions are relieved. "While the terms of the ceasefire have been agreed more than once, they are being systematically undermined by the actions of groups on the ground," the Foreign Minister told ABC radio on Monday. "Fundamentally, while the parties believe they can achieve their goals by military means it seems they will continue fighting. "Both sides, the United States and coalition groups and the Gulf countries have to convince the opposition groups that a ceasefire must hold." ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## UNSC Holds Urgent Meeting on Syria Conflict with Calls for Truce

UNITED NATIONS - During a testy -- including a walkout -- emergency Security Council meeting on Sunday called in wake of "one of the worst" weeks in Syria in nearly six years of fighting, the UN special envoy vowed to continue his role but pleaded with the panel "to enforce a cessation of hostilities (CoH) in Syria." The walkout, by the ambassadors of France, Britain and the United States, occurred while Syria's Ambassador Bashar

Ja'afari near the end of the 2 1/2 hour session on the increased Syrian attacks on "terrorists" in his country's "second capital," said, "The Syrian government will recapture the whole town of Aleppo. The entire town." "These are indeed chilling days," said Staffan de Mistura, the UN special



envoy, for Syria and "for the people of Aleppo in particular. The past week has been one of the worst ones in Syria during the near six years of this devastating conflict." He ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## EU to Push for Global Scheme to Curb Aviation Emissions

BRUSSELS - The European Union (EU) will push for a global scheme to curb CO2 emissions in the aviation sector at the 39th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the European Commission said in a press release Monday. EU Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc will lead the EU delegation at the assembly of the UN's civil aviation body which starts Sept. 27 in Montreal, Canada.

The triennial assembly brings together all 191 aviation authorities of the world, highlighting the reduction of carbon emissions in the aviation sector. The assembly is set to adopt a Global Market-Based Measure (GMBM) to curb CO2 emissions in the sector. This would be the first ever globally binding deal to tackle emissions in an entire economic sector. During her stay in Montreal...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Russia Receives No Proposals from OPEC to Reduce Oil Production: Energy Minister

MOSCOW - Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said that his department didn't receive any proposals to reduce oil production from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the Russian news agency TASS reported Sunday. "Nobody offered us such proposals," Novak was quoted as telling journalists in Algeria, adding that at the moment they were only talking about "freezing" the level of oil production. The 15th International En-

ergy Forum will be held in Algiers from Sept. 26-28, during which OPEC will hold an informal meeting to discuss oil price and production. The Russian minister also noted that an agreement on "freezing" oil production is not "critically" important for Russia. He said the rebalancing of the oil market will occur in the second half of this year, regardless of the agreement on stabilization of oil production. OPEC Secretary-General Mohammed Barkindo said...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Japan Kicks off Parliament Session with TPP, Constitutional Change in Focus

TOKYO - Japan's National Diet kicked off a 66-day extraordinary session on Monday, with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's economic policies, as well as whether to swiftly ratify the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade pact and to change the pacifist Constitution, under the spotlight. Japanese Prime Minister Abe, taking TPP as a pillar of his economic strategy, has been calling for the pact's swift ratification since it was signed by Japan and 11 other countries in February.



In a policy speech delivered Monday, the prime minister said that the early ratification of the TPP would present a major opportunity for domestic farmers. "Using the early entry into force of the TPP as a chance, we will aim to reach a target of 1 trillion yen..."*(More on P4)...(19)*

## French President Calls on Britain to Address Migration Crisis in Calais

PARIS - Britain should take part in efforts to manage migration crisis in French port city of Calais, where thousands are camping in rickety tents in hope to reach London, French President Francois Hollande said on Monday. During a visit to Calais "jungle," Hollande added he wanted "to restate determination that the British authorities play their part in the humanitarian effort that France is undertaking and that they continue to do that in the future." "It is not because the United Kingdom has taken a sovereign decision that it frees itself from its obligations regarding France," he said. The French head of state also confirmed that Calais ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## S.Korea's Import Volume Posts Fastest Growth in Nearly 2 Years in August

SEOUL - South Korea's import volume posted the fastest monthly growth in nearly two years last month, indicating expectations for economic recovery in the near future, central bank data showed on Monday. The import volume index stood at 124.58 in August, up 7.5 percent from a year earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). It marked the fastest increase since December 2014. Import volume of general machinery jumped 22.7 percent, with those for chemical products gaining 18.9 percent. Imports of primary metals and textile goods grew 10.8 percent and 9.2 percent respectively. Those for coal and oil products increased 10.1 percent last month. In terms of value, ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Trump, Clinton Head Toward first Debate Amid Strife Between Blacks, Police

WASHINGTON - U.S. Presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are headed toward their first presidential debate on Monday, at a time of ongoing tensions between blacks and police. The two will lock horns on the debate stage on Monday, amid ongoing protests in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina that have seen a dozen police officers injured by protesters. The protests happened after a black man was shot and killed by po-



lice, the latest in a string of high-profile incidents in recent years in which police have shot young black men. In this most recent case, the police officer himself was black, but many cases have seen white officers shoot African American young men, giving the issue a racial component as well. The two candidates view the situation differently. Republican candidate ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## US Air Force Should Incentivize Foreign Training Mission: Dunford

NATIONAL HARBOR - Between a shortage of pilots, daily strikes against the Islamic State group and a budget crunch that forces tough choices between modernization programs, the US Air Force has its hands full. For years, the Pentagon has sought to offload some requirements onto partner air forces, with mixed results. But Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thinks the mission to train allied air forces needs extra emphasis from the service, potentially includ-

ing building in incentives for the airmen who do that mission. Calling the training of foreign allies a "core mission" of the Air Force, Dunford called on the audience to make sure that area is not considered a secondary mission that can be given perfunctory focus. "Our strategy today is based on building effective, indigenous forces," Dunford told an audience at the Air Force Association conference on Wednesday. "We cannot be everywhere. We ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

## India Launches 8 Satellites into 2 Orbits with Single Rocket

NEW DELHI - The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Monday put eight satellites from one rocket into two different orbits, officials said. The satellites were launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, off the Bay of Bengal coast located in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh at 9:12 a.m. (local time). "India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), in its thirty-seventh flight (PSLV-C35), launches the 371 kg SCATSAT-1 for weather related studies and seven co-passenger satellites into polar Sun Synchronous Orbit (SSO)," said a statement issued by ISRO after the satellite launch. The PSLV was carrying three satellites from India, three from Algeria, and one each from Canada and the United States. "Co-passenger satellites are ALSAT-1B, ALSAT-2B, ALSAT-1N from Algeria, NLS-19 from Canada and Pathfinder-1 from USA as well as two satellites PRATHAM from IIT Bombay and PISAT from PES University, Bengaluru," said the statement. According to ISRO, this was the first mission of PSLV in which it launched its payloads into two different orbits. SCATSAT-1 was placed into a 720 km Polar SSO whereas, the two university and academic institute satellites, and the five foreign satellites will be placed into a 670 km polar orbit, officials said. (Xinhua)

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### Australia Must Not "Close the Door" on Foreign Investment: Chinese Investment Tycoon

CANBERRA - The Chinese investment mogul behind the vetoed 285 million U.S. dollar bid for Australia's largest pastoral land holding said he had "given up" the dealing with Australia, urging the government not to "close the door" on foreign money. Charles Liu, founder and chairman of billion dollar company HAO Capital, told local media on Monday that the Malcolm-Turnbull's government's "protectionist" attitude toward Chinese and foreign investment would continue to discourage investors from taking their money there. Liu, who has invested in Australia for 20 years, said the process surrounding the failed bid for pastoral company S. Kidman and Co. was

reminiscent of the "unfortunate trend" of closing the door on Chinese money by other Western nations. "(The government) should have made clear at the beginning (of the Kidman & Co. bidding process) - if that were the case - that a Chinese bid would not be acceptable," Liu told The Australian newspaper. "If this is the attitude of the Australian government, one has to totally give up on the Kidman deal." He added that Australia's previous Tony Abbott-led federal government which put together the historic China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) "was quite supportive, and then came the change of the administration". (Xinhua)

### 'Joint Strategy against Graft within 10 Days'

LAHORE - The Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) claims the joint opposition will come up with a common strategy against corruption within 10 days. "The opposition parties will present a common line of action against corruption in the first week of October," JI emir Sirajul Haq responded to a question during a press conference after a three-day meeting of the party's consultative body here on Sunday. He said the JI was against violence or show of force and if the government had solved the issues in the assem-

blies, the masses would not have been forced to come on roads. He said the JI would continue its drive against corruption within the courts and outside and that the party was holding a mass rally in Faisalabad on Sept 30. On the Kashmir issue, the JI chief said the nation and the armed forces were on the same page against India and in case of an aggression, would give a befitting response to the enemy which would end up in the emergence of several new states within India. (Monitoring Desk)

### Iran will Continue to Support Syria Until Final Victory: Leader's Aide

TEHRAN - A senior advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has reiterated Iran's support for Syrian government and nation in their bid to protect the war-stricken country's territorial integrity until a final victory is achieved. "[Iran's] support for this country will still continue until a final victory," the Leader's aide on international affairs, Ali Akbar Velayati, said in a meeting with Syrian Parliament Speaker Hadiya Khalaf Abbas in Tehran on Monday. "We strongly support the [Syrian] government and [President] Bashar al-Assad himself," he added.

He emphasized that Ayatollah Khamenei has put the issue of supporting Syria on the agenda of the Islamic Republic and that the Iranian administration has also provided the necessary support in this regard. The top Iranian official noted that Tehran and Damascus have common goals in Syria and have been experiencing "growing and strategic" relations since the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran. He added that Iran and Syria have been strengthening mutual bonds on a daily basis and have managed to overcome various problems successfully. (Presstv)

### OSCE Consults Turkmenistan on Border Patrol Issues

ASHGABAT - The OSCE Center in Ashgabat city organized a series of training courses for the State Border Service of Turkmenistan to contribute to ensuring border security in the Central Asian region," said Ambassador Natalya Drozd, head of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat. "We organized these training courses to support the host government's efforts in strengthening the capacities of the State Border Service of Turkmenistan through the use of innovative techniques applied by border forces around the globe," she said. (Trend)