US Pulls Out of Reagan-Era Arms Treaty, Saying Russia ‘Made No Efforts’ to Comply

WASHINGTON - A historic arms-control treaty that had been signed three decades ago by Presi- dent Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was scrapped on Friday after President Trump decided to withdraw from the deal.

The move to scrap the In- ternational Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, amid the administration’s assessment that it would be “impossible to bring the treaty back into com- pliance” with the agreement, was signed by White House officials.

Russia was given a six-month period, in accordance with the terms of a “final opportunity to come back into compliance” with the agreement, but the government headed by Presi- dent Vladimir Putin “has decided to pull out from the vote at this stage,” said the official.

The end of the treaty spells an end to Russia and the United States’ status as the world’s only nuclear powers with the ability to destroy each other. The move would leave the United States and Russia as the only remaining signatories to the agreement.

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India's New 'Era in Transport' by Approving $1bn Hyperloop Project

NEW DELHI - One of India's busiest transit routes will get a new mode of transport with the introduction of a hyperloop system, a government official said on Friday.

The hyperloop project, expected to be operational in 2025, will ferry passengers between the cities of Pune and Mumbai.

Prime Minister Pratik Pratap had ordered an investigation into the feasibility of a hyperloop system in the country, just hours before the international Monetary Fund, on Friday, said India's order for the system would be a "landmark" for the country.

The hyperloop system is expected to be operational in 2025, with the first phase of the project expected to start by 2021.

Bombs Hit Bangkok During Major Security Meeting

BANGKOK - A bomb blast wounded a woman on a busy street in downtown Bangkok on Friday, as the city hosted a major security meeting.

The blast was one of three that occurred within a short span of time in the city, causing panic among residents and tourists.

Trump Says It’s Up to China to Deal with Hong Kong ‘Riots’

HONG KONG - President Donald Trump said on Friday that China could do more to deal with the protests in Hong Kong.

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Pakistan Launches 'High-Speed Rail System' in 2023

ISLAMABAD - The government of Pakistan said on Friday that it plans to launch a high-speed rail system in 2023.

The project will connect the cities of Lahore and Karachi, said the government.

The project is expected to reduce travel time between the two cities from 12 hours to under two hours.

Pakistan has long been a leader in the field of high-speed rail, and the new project is expected to further boost the country's transport infrastructure.

Cancellation of Azerbaijan-Turkey Visa Regime to Contribute to Growth of Tourism

OSMANLIV - The cancellation of the visa regime between Azerbaijan and Turkey will contribute to the growth of tourism in the two countries.

The Azerbaijan-Turkey Visa Regime is expected to increase tourism in both countries.

The two countries are strategic partners and cooperate in various fields, including tourism.

Measure on Counteraction to Illegal Trade in Ozone-Depleting Substances Discussed in Asghabat

Azerbaijan, Belarus and Kazakhstan have agreed on the development of a new strategy to counter the illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances.

The strategy will be discussed at a meeting in Asghabat, the capital of Turkmenistan, on Tuesday.

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