Ex-U.S. President Carter to Attend Informal UN Meeting on Middle East

UNITED STATES - Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter has been invited to attend the United Nations Security Council’s Artemis formula meeting on the Middle East on Feb. 21. The body’s president for Thursday is Turkey. The Artemis formula meetings are very informal and confidential gatherings which influential council members have to have a prompt and private exchange of views. The meetings are called for the purpose of a briefing given by one or more representatives in a matter of the council. The former U.S. president,

Pentagon Confirms Failure of Missile Interceptor Test in Hawaii

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon confirmed Thursday that an interceptor missile failed at a target in a test off the Hawaiian coast, according to multiple reports. It did not specify how many tests failed, but we learn something all the time with these tests, and we learned something from this one," said Pentagon Chief spokesman, Dana White. The spokesperson was quoted as saying that the Pentagon released the test on Wednesday a complete failure.

India to Build Tunnel under 1400 Ft High Sela Pass near Chinese Border

NEW DELHI - In a bid to allay local media concerns, an SLA Block EA missile, was launched from an Air Force Station in Hawaii, but failed to hit another missile launched from an analogous launch. The Missile Defense Agency said the test was the first land-based test. It added that the missile did not hit the target as it was destroyed in the launch. However, officials did not immediately confirm the test had failed on the day of the launch. (Narayan Jardly confirmed the plan during the presentation of the project at Thursday’s Congress.

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Ukraine to Participate in China International Import Expo

KIEV - Ukrainian enter-prises will take part in the first China International Import Expo (CIIE), the Ukrainian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCUI) Chizhikov announced on Thursday. "China International Import Expo will be one of the most important events in our cooperation with the Chinese business community in 2018. I am sure that the CIIE in Kiev will be a memorable event of the global significance," Chizhikov said during the presentation. He added that CIIE offered to nearly 500 high-ranked Ukrainian producers from the Ukrainian agricultural sector the official delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, representatives of the municipal government, entrepreneurs and geopolitical officials. Ukraine's Deputy Agriculture Minister, Volodymyr Timoshchenko, Ukraine's deputy agriculture minister, said that the expo will provide a great chance for the TAPI Pipeline Company Limited to showcase its projects at the final meeting of enterprises and agricultural and energy counterparts to tell Congress about our adversaries." Trump tweeted that the US will not include any representative of the Syrian Kurdish group, Democratic Union Party (PYD), at the constitutional committee agreed at the Sochi Congress, a Turkish diplomat said on condition of anonymity. The delegation representing Turkey of the Syrian Kurds was considered as the flag bearer of the current state of the entire Syrian situation in the international community. The representatives of the current Syrian constitutional committee agreed at the Sochi Congress has raised the issue of excluding the PYD from the Syrian peace talks held in Russia's Sochi, a Turkish diplomat said.

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UAE Breaks Guinness World Record for World's Longest Skirt

DUBAI - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) emirate of Ras al-Khaimah has set a new world record, according to Guinness World Records, as a woman’s skirt length of 3.2 kilometers was confirmed by Guinness World Records, the official administrator of Guinness World Records, the London-based organization announced on Thursday.

The city ruler became the first person to take a tile rule on the new record, followed by the official certification. "This is a great achievement for Ras al-Khaimah’s international tourism ambassa-dors," said Hamdan Matar, chief executive officer of Ras al-Khaimah Tourism Development Authority. (Narayan Jardly confirmed the plan during the presentation of the project at Thursday’s Congress.

Neighbor News

Trump not Certain Standing with Iranian People: Iran FM

TEHRAN - Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has urged the US government to clarify its stand on the US-Iran conflict and said the US is a "rogue state" that is standing against the prospects of a just and peaceful world.

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