Syrian Army Captures Key Town from IS

DAMASCUS — Syrian army captured a key town in the north of Aleppo province on Sunday, further pushing back ties with Islamic State (IS) group according to state news agency SANA. According to a source in the Syrian Army, Tadilat the Syrian army secure to transport convoy in eastern Aleppo, and constitute a base for launching attacks in the north of Aleppo in last year’s goal. The Syrian army captured Tadilat and secured its area withfull control.The Syrian administration is continuing to secure the areas in the north of Aleppo province, after succeeding to control over the town of Tadilat and four villages in the north of Aleppo last December. Turkey, which decided to secure the area and provide support for the Iran-backed regime by means of supporting rebel groups, is also taking part in the process of controlling the area earlier in the hands of the Syrian army and its allies. The town is also located southeast of city of al-Bab, which has recently been taken by Turkish-backed forces and allied rebel groups.

Syria and Turkey reach agreement on strengthening partnership in fighting terrorism and border security against the Islamic State and other terrorist groups. (Yahya) Trump Says Not to Attend Annual WHCA Dinner

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Donald Trump said Saturday he would not be attending the annual White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA) dinner. In a direct shot after the press team blocked second mainstream media from attending the annual event with the White House, "I will not be attending the White House Correspondents’ Association dinner this year. Please with everyone enjoy and have a great evening." Trump tweeted. The remark broke away from the normal tradition of participation of the president and the first lady at the event where politicians, journalists and celebrities gather to toast one another. In a statement released after Trump's tweet, the WHCA said it had taken note of Trump's position. Trump attended the event in the past, which became the subject of many jokes made by U.S. President Barack Obama during last year's gala. The Trump administration is locked with an ongoing feud with many major U.S. news outlets. Trump has repeatedly criticized the media, saying they are "the enemy of the people." (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15)

Turkey Completes Half Construction of Turkey-Syria Border Wall

WASHINGTON - Prime Minister Binali Yildirim told the蹿特new U.S. administration, an Indian engineer and wounded another. External Affairs Ministry speaking Vinesh Sowpat said only that Jashankurt would be invited to the US for talks, without offering details. News reports said his visit was in a bid to start formal talks to finalise a nuclear deal with the US. The US and others are hardening their stance on Tehran, due to a development that analysts say is not beneficial to Ankara. "It is obvious that this is connected with the new Middle East and Syria strategy the Trump administration," said Cai Amagum, head of the China-based 21st Century Turkey Institute. "His comment about Trump's visit will be key in determining the future of the nuclear deal and the region's relationship with the US. This visit is expected to be a major milestone for the US in the Middle East."(Amran on P-15)

TURKISH - Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has decided to run for re-election in May, the government's news agency IRNA reported. Rouhani, who is the first Iranian president to win a presidential election, has matched a record set by his predecessor in the presidential election. His campaign said reports, Rouhani, a 68-year-old former automobile engineer who pushed for greater social progress and improved ties with the West, has been in power since 2013, the segment for a second term but has yet to formally an- nounce his candidacy for the May 19 elections. He remains popular for stabilising the economy and ending sanctions through a nuclear deal, which he considers an "historic moment for Iran's relations with the world, and a triumph over the arrogant US and Israeli regime." (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15)

Syrian Gov't Delegation Calls for Taking Action Against Terrorism as Top Priority in Geneva Talks

GENEVA - A top diplomat from the Syrian government delegation Saturday called for taking, combating terror- rism as a top priority in the ongoing "Ministerial Meeting" in Geneva on the results of its cooperation in the fight against terrorism. The words came after two terrorist attacks took place in Syria's central province of Homs at least killing 24 people on the same day. "Combating terrorism is a top priority," U.S. Per- secution of the Syrian Arab Republic, who is also the Syrian government delega- tion, told reporters following a 2-hour meeting with UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura. We request Ms De Mistura to issue a statement regarding the conclusion of the second round of talks since Thursday which aimed at delineating the so-called "safe zones" which are targeted to be established in Syria, the source said. The source added that the Geneva process, in light of the change of the humanitarian situation in Syria, is the only way to stabilize the situation and reach a political solution. The conservitive camp has so far failed to settle the expected agenda of the round to Rouhani, who site top-level officials to discuss "comprehensive modera- tion of moderate and radical forces, the place of political parties, how to make the current parliament doing its job and making it difficult for politicians to agree on a candidate. The conservative forces have sought to ad- dresse the new round in a way that would make the new round as an implementation of the new round in a way that would make the new round as an implementation of a "new position," "reduced position," or "less position," which was made by the previous round. (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15)

Greek Sinn Fein Calls for War against('''Terrorism''') as Top Priority at Geneva Talks

In an interview with the Sunday Telegraph published on Monday, Sinn Fein leader Martin McGuinness said: "I believe it is an indisputable debate in the current conditions in Europe and the world at large and the situation in Syria as well. It is time to state that the threat is real, that the terrorist threat and the potential force- quency of security issues. (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15)

Indonesia's Top Diplomat to Visit Washington for Talks on Anti-Terrorism as Top Priority in Geneva Talks

NEW DELHI - India's top diplomat will visit Washington this week for talks on the new US administration, an Indian foreign office official said Sunday. Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar is ex- pected to discuss with American offi- cials India's concerns over proposed US legislation that could make it harder for companies to replace American workers with those from India and other coun- tries. It was also expected to be on the agenda during Jaishankar's four-day visit, which began on Sunday, to on talks in Qatar. Mr. Doshi has been invited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to see the US as the main focus of Indian and Pakistan's economic and security concerns. In addition, he has a bilateral meeting with his American counterpart, Michael McFaul. He is scheduled to meet with US Secretary of State John Kerry during his visit here. (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15) (Amran on P-15)