**Korean Peace Olympics End on Hopeful Note**

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea has submitted documents to the Council of Europe formally requesting the establishment of a special criminal court to deal with crimes committed during the country’s division. The request follows a series of initiatives aiming to investigate and prosecute war crimes committed during the Korean War. The Korean government has pledged to cooperate fully with the International Criminal Court in The Hague to ensure justice for victims of war crimes.

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**Italy’s Vaccine Debate Shows Anti-Establishment Swing**

ROME — The anti-establishment Five Star Movement (M5S) has taken a lead in Italy’s national elections, according to exit polls. The party has managed to capitalize on public frustration with traditional political parties andekon the back of a host of popular policies, including promises to reduce taxes, improve public services, and tackle corruption. The results could be a turning point in Italian politics, with the possibility of a stable anti-establishment government forming in the country’s future.

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**Pakistan to Be an Economic, Business Giant Following Completion of CPEC Projects**

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan has signed a series of agreements with China to complete the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a major initiative aimed at boosting trade and cooperation between the two countries. The completion of CPEC projects is expected to bring new opportunities for Pakistan’s economy, increasing foreign investment and creating thousands of jobs. The Pakistani government has been optimistic about the prospects of the CPEC, with officials saying it will help transform the country’s economy and improve living standards for its people.

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**Zambia Blanketed By ‘Snow as Arctic Storm Sets European Records**

LONDON — A powerful Arctic storm has brought heavy snow to southern England, disrupting travel and causing power cuts. The storm, which has been described as “unprecedented,” has led to the closure of schools and transport networks across the country. The Met Office has issued warnings of severe weather conditions, and people are being advised to take precautions.

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**Neighboring News**

**CHINA, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan to Launch New Freight Routes**

SHANGHAI — China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan have signed an agreement to launch new freight routes connecting the three countries. The agreement aims to strengthen economic cooperation and enhance connectivity between the countries. The new routes will facilitate trade and investment, promoting mutual benefits and shared development.

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**Russia, Turkmenistan to Jointly Fight Against Drug Trafficking**

SHANGHAI — A memorandum of understanding between Russia and Turkmenistan has been signed to fight against drug trafficking. The two countries agreed to cooperate on intelligence sharing, border controls, and countering the financing of terrorism. The memorandum is part of a broader effort to combat drug-related crime, with both countries facing significant challenges in this area.

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**Uzbekistan, US Businesses Consider Boosting Interaction**

SHANGHAI — Uzbekistan and the United States are considering ways to boost economic and business interactions. The two countries have expressed interest in expanding trade and investment, with Uzbekistan looking to leverage its strategic location to access new markets.

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**South Korea President Joins Country in Spring as ‘Moo Too’**

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea’s President Moon Jae-in joined a group of members of the country’s Moo Too movement, adding fuel to recent allegations of corruption against some of the most powerful men in the nation’s art and entertainment industry. President Moon Jae-in has previously said that the Moo Too movement’s attempts to remove corrupt figures from the industry were commendable and that he supported such efforts.

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**‘Emperor’ Stocks Soar in China as Xi Cleared for Indefinite Reign**

SHANGHAI — Chinese speculators pounced on stocks with “emperor” in their names on Monday, following the announcement by the Communist Party that President Xi Jinping will stay in office indefinitely. The move came after the declaration by the National People’s Congress that President Xi will be able to stay in office indefinitely. The sudden spike in the market was accompanied by a decrease in the number of trades, indicating a strong demand for the stocks with “emperor” in their names. The government has stated that it will take steps to control the speculative frenzy and ensure market stability.

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**UN Rights Chief Slams ‘Pernicious’ Security Council Vetoes**

GENEVA — The outgoing United Nations human rights chief, Michelle Bachelet, has warned that the Security Council’s use of its veto has become more frequent and is undermining the Council’s effectiveness. Mrs. Bachelet highlighted the recent decision by the Council to block a resolution on chemical weapons in Syria as an example of a ‘pervasive’ trend. She called for a more balanced and fair approach to the Council’s work.

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**TASHKENT - Business Circle of Uzbekistan to Organize Business Consultations**

TASHKENT — The Business Circle of Uzbekistan will organize business consultations with Chinese and Russian partners in October 2017. This initiative is aimed at promoting economic cooperation and mutual understanding between the countries. Uzbekistan, a major player in Central Asia, has a significant interest in strengthening ties with neighboring countries to boost trade and investment.

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**‘Greeting the emperor’s car’ atomic testing: Afghan president urges end**

KABUL— Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has urged the international community to support Afghan efforts to “de-nuclearize” the country, with a specific emphasis on a ban on nuclear testing. The president made the call in a speech to the UN General Assembly, where he called for international support in realizing this goal. He emphasized the need for a “nuclear-free world” and called for a comprehensive ban on all forms of nuclear testing.

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**Pakistani Chamber of Commerce and Industry Supports completion of CPEC Projects**

ISLAMABAD — The Pakistani Chamber of Commerce and Industry has expressed its support for the completion of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. The Chamber has called for all stakeholders to work together to ensure the successful implementation of the projects, which are expected to boost the country’s economy and create job opportunities. The Chamber has also urged the government to create a conducive environment for business and investment in the country.