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U.S. House Republicans Demand Reform, Collective Efforts to Achieve UN Goals

WASHINGTON - U.S. House Republicans on Tuesday dropped a proposal they passed over night to shift the Office of Congressional Ethics, an independent non-partisan agency that polices potential ethics laws by lawmakers, to a position underneath the House ethics committee, just hours after President-elect Donald Trump slammed it a "weakening the watchdog." "House Repubs made the right move in eliminating this office," said David Den... (More on P4-23)

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Japan PM Says No Immediate Plan for Dissolving Lower House, Priority on Economy

TOYKO - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Wednesday that he has no immediate plan to dissolve the lower house of parliament for a snap election and priority for the new year would be on the economy.

"Speaking at a New Year press conference in his official residence, Abe said a snap election is an option... but he is currently more concerned with the economy. He... (More on P4-23)

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Paris Int'l Conference an Opportunity for Making Peace: Palestinian Official

RAMALLAH - A senior Palestinian official said on Tuesday that the Paris international conference for peace, scheduled to be held in mid-January, is the "biggest opportunity for the peace in the region."

Nabil Abu Rmeileh, an aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and spokesman for the Palestinian Authority, said in an official statement that the "biggest Israeli remarks are a challenge to the interna... (More on P4-23)

UNWTO Secretary General Stresses Need for Sustainable Tourism

MADRID - The Secretary General of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Taleb Rifai has again high-lighted the role that tourism can play in breaking down barriers between peoples and as a key tool for sustainable development.

"Tourism is increasingly and rightly being rec... (More on P4-23)

UN Voices Concern over 116,000 People Displaced from Eastern Aleppo, Syria

UNITED NATIONS - The United Nations continues to be concerned with the 136,000 civilians who have been displaced as displaced from formerly-governed conflict controlled neighborhoods of eastern Aleppo, Syria, UN Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters. "The scale of destruction in Aleppo is massive and needs enormous efforts to rebuild the community, including health care, water, sanitation, housing, education, and other needs," said Dujarric at a press briefing. In the meantime, the UN and its partners are working closely with the (Syrian) Government to re-establish the most urgent needs, he said. "We... (More on P4-30)

French Farmer Faces Risk of Prison for Helping Migrants

NICE, France - A French activist farmer faces up to five years in prison as he goes on trial accused of helping African migrants cross the border from Italy. The case has called attention to residents of the Roya valley in the Alps and others who have resisted anti-migrant sentiment and are offering food, lodging or other aid to people from impoverished or war-torn countries coming to Europe illegally. "This is a... (More on P4-30)

India Announces Election Dates in Five States

NEW DELHI - India's Election Commission Wednesday announced schedules for forthcoming local elections in five Indian states.

The dates for state Assemblies (law making bodies) will be held in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Mah... (More on P4-30)

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