Trump Not to Immediately Reject Iran Nuclear Deal: Corker

WASHINGTON - A top Republican lawmaker on Friday that he didn’t expect US President-elect Donald Trump to abruptly “tear up the fraud deal” taking office on Jan. 20. “To tear it up on the front door at the end, in my opinion, is not going to happen,” Senator Bob Corker, Chairman of Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters Friday. Corker, who was op- posed to the nuclear ac- cord, said he had been warned in 2015, that the deal would be kept but to abruptly abandon the agreement would be “terrible.”

Trump Reiterates Mexico to Pay Back Border Wall Cost

WASHINGTON - US President-elect Donald Trump on Friday stressed once again his push for Mexico to pay back border wall costs, a day after he continued, the US government will finance the wall initially for “sake of appearances.”

The US president-elect held firm on his promise to “build a wall” between the US and Mexico, which has been a major campaign promise for Trump.

Trump Says Hacking of Clinton Email Server ‘Major Flaw’

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump, who is raising concerns about hacking of, Clinton’s email server “is a major flaw,” on Friday.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Trump’s executive order on border security, which has been a major campaign promise for him, was signed on Friday.

Syrian Solution Meeting in Astana to Complement Geneva Talks: Lavrov

SYRIA - Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem has reaffirmed on Saturday that cooperation with Russia and the US is the only path to defeating the terrorism in Syria.

Migrants to EU by Sea Fall by Two-Thirds in 2016: Frontex

FRONTEX - The total number of migrants reaching the European Union by sea fell by two-thirds in 2016, according to Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency. From 2015, the number dropped from 334,000 migrants to 91,000 last year. The number is a sharp drop from the more than one million migrants who entered the EU in 2015.

The decreasing flow on the sea route is a result of the EU-Turkey deal, which came into ef- fect in March. The deal did not stop the flow of migrants from Turkey, but instead forced the migrants to change their routes, with many choosing to travel to Europe by land instead.

BAGHRAH - Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim arrived Saturday in Baghdad on an official visit to pull the visit with the semi-autonomous Kurdish region to meet with the Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and other officials. Yildirim is expected to meet with the semi-autonomous Kurdish region to discuss the issue of joint celebration of the 20th anniversary of Kurdistan. The prime minister is also expected to meet with the semi-autonomous Kurdish region to discuss the issue of joint celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Kurdish region. The Prime Minister is also expected to meet with the semi-autonomous Kurdish region to discuss the issue of joint celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Kurdish region. The Prime Minister is also expected to meet with the semi-autonomous Kurdish region to discuss the issue of joint celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Kurdish region.

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UN Chief Seeks ‘Historic Opportunity’ for Cyprus Breakthrough

UNITED NATIONS - Secretary-General Antonio Guterres believes there is a “his- toric opportunity” for a breakthrough in negotiations that would mea- sure the divided Mediterranean island of Cyprus more than four decades, the United Nations said Friday.

The new UN chief will be opening and masting a conference that starts Jan. 12 with the Greek and Turkish Cypriot lead- ers and Cyprus’ three guarantors – Brit- ain, Greece and Turkey – that will be working agreement on post-settlement security arrangements, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said. The conference will form a follow-up of talks

43 Killed in Car Bomb Attack in Northern Syria

DAMASCUS - A car bomb attack on Saturday killed at least 43 people and wounded dozens in Syria’s northeastern city of Deir el-Zor, the deadliest single attack in the city in months. The attack took place near a police station in the city, which is under control of US-backed forces that have been battling the Islamic State group in the area.

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Transfer of Refugees from Greek Islands to Mainland Must be Expedited: UNHCR

GENEVA - The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) called on Friday for the European Union to accelerate the relocation of asylum seekers from the Greek islands to countries of the 28-member bloc, pointing out that the number of refugees on the Greek islands has dropped. The agency is warning that without urgent action, the situation could deteriorate.

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TEHRAN: Iran and Lebanon are resolved to talk ‘hitherto impossible’ issues and enhance relations in all fields, especially economic and trade ones, a top Iranian lawmaker says.

Lebanon, as one of the two countries and region’s two main actors, is expected to host an international conference that will bring together the leaders of the two countries at the upcoming Astana meeting, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has announced.

Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad is expected to attend the Astana meeting, which is slated to be held this month, in person.

The drop was also influenced by the dis- placement of migrants from the Greek islands to the mainland.

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UNHCR - UN's refugee agency, urged Friday for urgency in the relocation of asylum seekers from the Greek islands to other countries of the European Union. The EU has been under pressure to act, after a briefing on an intelligence report that blamed Russia’s Vladimir Putin for a cyber campaign to keep Hillary Clinton out of the White House.

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