**Pope Asks Trump to be Peacemaker, Gives Him Environmental Letter**

VATICAN CITY - Pope Fran- cis urged U.S. President Donald Trump to be a peacemaker as he arrived at their highly anticipated first meeting on Wednesday, and Blue House experts said it would not forget the pope’s mes-sage.

Under clear blue skies, Trump and Francis exchanged words with the pope during the U.S. election campaign last year, a tribute from the Blue House in a Vatican courtyard when he was welcomed. He entered a small elevator taking him to the third floor of the Blue House and, after a long ceremonial walk past frosted corridors, shook the hand of the private study, which the opaque glass privacy wall from the ceremonial study.

**With Threat ‘Very High’, France Set to Extend State of Emergency**

PARIS - President Emmanuel Macron was set to extend France’s state of emergency from November 14 to March 14, 2017, in response to a “very high” threat, sources said on Wednesday, an extension of the state of emergency.

**German Parliament Group Scraps Turkey Trip at Last Minute**

BERLIN – A delegation of the German parliament’s foreign affairs committee was set to be called off last minute in Berlin on Wednesday after the group decided not to travel to Ankara.

**New WHO Heads Seek U.S. Bipartisan Support for Global Health**

Geneva - The new head of the World Health Orga- nization (WHO) voiced a welcome on Wednesday that bipartisan support would greatly help his efforts to fund global health during a meeting on Wednesday.

**Macron Ally Faces Nepotism Scandal, Amid Clean-up**

PARIS - French Presi-dent Emmanuel Macron’s move to clean up politics in his first term, with a newspaper report on Thursday of a possible conflict of interest involving his finance minister and a history teacher, has thrown into further疑虑 the mission of his first year.

**Vatican Abu Dhabi**

The official spokeswoman for the Vatican, Alessandra Silvestrini, said on Wednesday that the pope had arrived in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, for a historic visit to the Arabian Peninsula.

**Trump Seeks Meeting with Pope as ‘Honor’**

VATICAN CITY - Presi-dent Donald Trump will meet with Pope Fran- cis on his historic “official visit” to the Vatican on Wednesday.

**Germany Hopes G7 Summit Can Help Convince U.S. on Climate**

The German government said on Wednesday that it was “very important” that the G7 summit, which will take place in Hamburg in early July, be a “platform to play a role in convinc-ing the United States to re-enter the Paris agreement, a senior government official said on Wednesday.

The official briefing re- porters in Berlin on Wednesday that the German government planned to put climate on the agenda at the summit it will host in Hamburg after the meeting on Wednesday, suggesting that might also play a role in convincing the United States.

**U.S. President Donald Trump proposed cuts on Tuesday of about $1.2 trillion from U.S. diplomacy and aid budgets, or nearly $70 billion. His follow- er, Hillary Clinton, has de- nied his plan, making it clear that, in her view, the cuts would take effect.

**Islamist threat remains, in Europe, in our two countries to join forces in addressing terrorism.**

**The United Nations is meeting Tuesday, Permanent Secretaries of ADMM Plus countries and for the coor- dination partners on Tuesday were dis- cussing initiatives, despite deep changing views between the security, political and military communities of the two countries in order to strengthen solidarity against terrorism in Syria, Iraq and other areas in the region.

**Iran, Russia Discuss Cooperation against Terrorism**

Moscow: Iran and Russia discussed during their meeting on Tuesday ways to further strengthen the Takfiri threat in the region and that all options are on the table, including possible military intervention by Iran.

**Turkmenistan**

Ashgabat: Turkmenistan might join the collaboration, given the atmosphere of friendship was on the table of the meeting, the two sides discussed mutual cooperation in fighting terrorism and strengthening the security in the region.

**Tokyo**

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe warmly welcomed U.S. President Donald Trump in Tokyo for a half day visit as part of an official trip to Japan.

**New Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counter- part are meeting to try to improve the relationship between the two key powers.**

**China’s State Councillor Wang Yi told reporters after meeting German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel in Berlin that China hopes all options are on the table, including possible military intervention by China, and that all options are on the table, including possible military intervention by China.**

**UK Deploys 1,000 Soldiers to Protect Key Sites after Bombing**

BERLIN - The United States has deployed 1,000 soldiers to protect key sites in the United Kingdom, including the British Museum, as part of a security operation following “the most serious terror threat in years.”

**New Zealand’s Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is also expected to visit the United Kingdom in the coming months.**

**France: Terrorism**

PARIS - France has undertaken new steps to improve its security following the Paris attacks in November 2015.

**FM denies report of U.S. plan to build a missile capable of striking the United States and has ignored calls**

**Bipartisan Support for Global Health**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A bipartisan coalition of U.S. senators and representatives has come together to support the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

**Iran: Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani is due to meet with U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday.**

**Vietnam: Trump is set to meet with Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang on Thursday.**

**US: Trump is scheduled to meet with leaders of China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and Italy on Wednesday, as well as with leaders of France, Germany and the United Kingdom.**

**China: Trump is set to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday.**

**South Korea: Trump is scheduled to meet with South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Thursday.**

**Japan: Trump is set to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Thursday.**

**UK: Trump is scheduled to meet with British Prime Minister Theresa May on Wednesday.**

**Germany: Trump is set to meet with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday.**

Asia News Briefing

**North Korea**

Pyongyang: North Korea has tested a new type of nuclear weapon. The test was on Sunday.

**South Korea**

Seoul: South Korean President Moon Jae-in is expected to meet with U.S. President Donald Trump in New York on Wednesday.

**Iraq**

Baghdad: Iraq’s government has restarted talks with the Islamic State group over the city of Fallujah to try to secure its return.

**Philippines**

Manila: Philippines’ President Rodrigo Duterte has announced a new law that will allow security forces to engage in “no-knock” operations.

**Switzerland**

Berne: Switzerland’s President Alain Berset has warned that Switzerland’s economy is facing “a new crisis.”

**Germany**

Berlin: German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the country is facing a “very high” threat. She has warned that all options are on the table, including possible military intervention by Germany.

**France**

Paris: France’s President Emmanuel Macron has said that the country is facing a “very high” threat. He has warned that all options are on the table, including possible military intervention by France.

**UK**

London: UK’s Prime Minister Theresa May has said that the country is facing a “very high” threat. She has warned that all options are on the table, including possible military intervention by the UK.

**US**

Washington: US’s President Donald Trump has said that the country is facing a “very high” threat. He has warned that all options are on the table, including possible military intervention by the US.