**Xi, Macron Exchange Congratulations on Successful Launch of Jointly Developed Satellite**

BEIJING - Chinese President Xi Jinping and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron on Monday exchanged congratulations on the successful launch earlier in the day of a jointly developed geo-synchronous satellite.

**India’s Modi and Japan’s Abe Draw Closer as Tokyo Woos Beijing**

MOSCOW: Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed to work closely with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India amid growing concern in the region over Beijing’s militaristic moves.

**Putin Wants to Discuss U.S. Exit from Nuclear Pact with Trump in Paris: Kremlin**

BERLIN - Russian President Vladimir Putin wants to discuss U.S. plans to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty with U.S. President Donald Trump when they meet in Paris on November 11, the Kremlin said on Monday.

**Merkel will not Seek Re-Election as CDU Chair after Hesse Election Debacle**

BERLIN - Angela Merkel will not seek re-election as party chair of CDU, which she has led for 18 years. The information comes a day after her party suffered another major setback in local elections.

**Georgia President Vows to intensify efforts to intensify efforts to normalise relations with Turkey**

MOSCOW: Georgia President Giorgi Margvelashvili said on Monday that his country would do everything necessary to normalise relations with Turkey.

**Khoshghahi Body Not Found Yet: Turkish FM**

TOKYO - Iran’s Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Monday that the body of the Iranian diplomat was not found yet.

**US Envoy Confronted about Achieving N. Korea Denuclearization**

SEUL, South Korea - A U.S. envoy for North Korea on Monday expressed confidence about achieving North Korea’s denuclearization and was hopeful about the slow pace of nuclear talks.

**Russia Tests ‘Key Piece of Nuclear Space Engine to Revolutionize Long-Range Missions’**

MOSCOW: A Russian spaceflight executive said on Monday that a new nuclear propulsion system, which may revolutionize long-range exploration of the solar system, has been successfully tested in a period, RIA Novosti reported.

**Philippines Doubts China can come up with Legally Binding Code**

MANILA - The Philippines’ new foreign minister on Monday asked the Southeast Asian nation of China would fulfill a promise to arrive at a legally binding code of conduct for the South China Sea.

**UK to Enhance Cooperation with Pakistan, Asks for Engagement in Tourism Sector**

LONDON: Britain on Monday trumpeted the end of an era, saying that it would end a blanket support for Hamas, a move that years before had helped to해서.