

## Indian Soldiers, Pakistani Civilians Among Dead in Kashmir Clash

NEW DEHLI - India said on Sunday two soldiers and a civilian were killed in cross-border shelling with Pakistan in the disputed Kashmir region, while Islamabad said six died on its side, making it one of the deadliest days since New Delhi revoked Kashmir's special status in August.

Three Indian civilians were injured and some buildings and vehicles destroyed because of several hours of heavy shelling by both sides in the Tangdhar region in northern Kashmir late on Saturday night,



a senior police official said. Pakistan said 6 of its civilians were killed and 8

wounded in the clash.

The nuclear-armed neighbours have fought two of

their three wars over Kashmir.

There was an unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistan in Tangdhar sector, said Indian defence spokesman Colonel Rajesh Kalia.

"Our troops retaliated strongly causing heavy damage and casualties to the enemy," Kalia said.

Indian forces in occupied Kashmir have gone "berserk", Raja Farooq Haider, prime minister of Pakistan's ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## Neighbor News

### Pakistan Kept On Terrorism Financing 'Grey List' By Global Watchdog

ISLAMABAD - A global finance watchdog kept Pakistan off its terrorism financing blacklist on Friday but warned Islamabad it only had until February to improve or face international action, Reuters said. The Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which tackles money laundering, said it was concerned that Pakistan had failed to complete the action plan by the deadlines in January, May, and October.

"The FATF strongly urges Pakistan to swiftly complete its full action plan by February 2020," the watchdog said in a statement. "Otherwise, should significant and sustainable progress not be made across the full range of its action plan by the next Plenary, the FATF will take action." Pakistan, struggling with a balance of payments crisis, has promised a series of measures to crack down on terrorism financing. (RT)

### Turkey Says Kurdish Militia Kills Soldier in Northeast Syria Despite Ceasefire

ANKARA - One Turkish soldier was killed and another was wounded on Sunday after an attack by the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia in northeast Syria's Tel Abyad, the defence ministry said, despite a deal to pause military operations as militants withdraw from the area.

President Tayyip Erdogan agreed on Thursday in talks with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence a five-day pause in the offensive to allow

time for the Kurdish fighters to withdraw from a "safe zone" Turkey aims to form in northeast Syria near its border.

On Saturday, the truce was holding along the border, with just a few Turkish military vehicles crossing, a Reuters reporter at the scene said. But Sunday's attack has underlined how fragile the agreement is.

Ankara regards the YPG, the main component ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

### U.S. House Speaker Pelosi in Jordan for Talks with King Abdullah

WASHINGTON - U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other senior members of Congress were in Jordan on Saturday for meetings with King Abdullah II and other top Jordanian officials. Pelosi said in a statement the visit was at "a critical time for the security and stability of the region... With the deepening crisis in Syria after Turkey's incursion, our delegation has engaged in vital



discussions about the impact to regional stability, increased

flow of refugees, and the dangerous opening that has been provided to ISIS, Iran and Russia." (Reuters)

### A Huge Fire at An Iranian Oil Facility

TEHRAN - A fire broke out in Abadan oil refinery in the southwestern province of Khuzestan on Sunday. Two groups of firefighters were sent to the facility, as it caused no casualties.

The director of public relations at Abadan facility, Ali Noor Bakhsh, said that "the fire that broke out in section 55 on the distillation at Abadan oil facility was brought under control."

"The causes of the fire are being studied, but it could be caused by welding, leakage or

high temperatures," Bakhsh said, adding that the fire had been under control and production at the facility had returned to normal.

The Iranian oil tanker «Sabity» had recently received missile attacks, as the Iranian Foreign Ministry said that the ship was hit twice without mentioning what hit it, while the state television published pictures of the surface of the tanker, and said it was taken after the attack, but does ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

### China's Next Commercial Rockets to Make Test Flights in 2020, 2021

BEIJING - China will launch test flights for the next two space rockets in its Smart Dragon series meant for commercial use in 2020 and 2021, the official Xinhua news agency reported on Sunday, as an expected boom in satellite deployment gathers pace.

The release of the flight schedule by China Rocket Co, a unit of state-owned China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp,



comes two months after the firm's first reusable rocket, the -23tonne Smart Dragon1-,

delivered three satellites into orbit. China envisions constellations of

commercial satellites that can offer services ranging from high-speed internet for aircraft to tracking coal shipments. Reusable designs will enable frequent rocket launches and help keep costs down.

The solid-propellant Smart Dragon2-, weighing about 60 tonnes and with a total length of 21 metres, will be capable of sending 500 kg payloads into orbit at an altitude of 500 ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

### Swiss Choose New Parliament, Vote Could See Green Gains

BERLIN - Voters in Switzerland are electing a new national parliament, with recent polls suggesting that green parties could fare well in a year when environmental concerns have swept across Europe.

The election for the 200 members of the National Council, parliament's lower house, and 46 members of the Council of States, the upper house, could offer the latest sign

of how fears about climate change impact European voting.

Balloting ends at midday Sunday. Most Swiss voters cast ballots by mail.

The wealthy Alpine country of 8.2 million has a stable political landscape, with a broad coalition of parties ranging from the left to the right-wing populist Swiss People's Party - the biggest party in the outgoing ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

### Trump Confirms Perry Leaving Energy, Nominates Successor

WASHINGTON - Confirming that Energy Secretary Rick Perry will resign by the end of the year, US President Donald Trump has announced the nomination of Deputy Secretary Dan Brouillette to succeed him, calling the man a "total professional" with "unparalleled" experience in the sector.

Perry is one of the original members of the cabinet, and previously served as governor of Texas. He will "pursue other interests," Trump said, adding that Perry did an "outstanding job" and calling him a friend. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

### Pro-Pyongyang Students Break into US Envoy's Residence in S. Korean Capital

SEOUL - Nearly 20 pro-Pyongyang South Korean students broke into the US ambassador's residence in Seoul on Friday, displaying banners demanding Harry Harris leave the country in an embarrassing security breach, AFP reports. The students broke into the compound in the center of the capital by climbing over the wall, according to pictures they posted on Facebook.

The group was protesting against Washington's demands that Seoul increase its contribution to the cost of defending the South. The US stations 28,500 troops in the country.

Police said 17 students were detained "for investigation after breaking into the ambassador's residence." The South's Foreign Ministry condemned the students in a statement.

The student group involved has previously said it would welcome North Korean leader Kim Jong-un if he visited Seoul. (RT)

### Egypt Reveals Mummies in Newly Discovered Ancient Coffins

CAIRO - Colorful wooden coffins adorned with paintings and inscriptions that were recently discovered by a team of Egyptian archaeologists were opened on Saturday to reveal perfectly preserved mummies. The 30 sealed coffins were found by accident under a mound behind the Asasif Necropolis on the west bank of the Nile river, Mostafa Waziri, secretary-general for Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, told NBC News. "I'm very happy we found this discovery with Egyptian hands," Waziri said. The archaeologists were conducting an unrelated dig when someone



noticed what appeared to be the face of a coffin, Waziri explained. They continued digging to discover a cachet of coffins stacked in two layers only a few feet under the sand. The coffins are estimated to be 3,000 years old and belonged to men, women and two children, who were most likely priests.

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has described the coffins as one of the «biggest and most important» discoveries in recent years. On Saturday, gloved archaeologists delicately pried open two of the coffins to uncover perfectly preserved mummies - one man and one woman - wrapped in cloth. One had a piece of skull visible. The ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

### Indonesia's Joko Widodo Sworn in For Second Term As President

JAKARTA - Indonesian President Joko Widodo was sworn in on Sunday for a second five-year term as president, leading the world's third-biggest democracy after a first term marked by heavy infrastructure spending.

In his second and final term, Widodo, a former furniture salesman from outside the military and political elite, has pledged to attract more investment into

Southeast Asia's biggest economy and focus on improving the country's human resources.

He was sworn in at parliament under tight security, with more than 30,000 security personnel deployed in Jakarta following recent student demonstrations and after the country's security minister was stabbed by a suspected Islamic militant this month. (Reuters)

### Qantas Completes Longest Non-Stop New York-Sydney Flight

SYDNEY - Australia's Qantas on Sunday completed the first non-stop commercial flight from New York to Sydney, which was used to run a series of tests to assess the effects of ultra long-haul flights on crew fatigue and passenger jetlag.

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner touched down in Sydney early Sunday morning after a flight of 19 hours and 16 minutes - the world's longest.

Qantas said tests ranged from monitoring pilot brain waves, melatonin levels and alertness to exercise classes for passengers. A total of 49 people were on board, in order to minimize weight and give the necessary fuel range.

"Overall, we're really happy with how the flight went and it's great to have some of the data we need to help assess turning this into a regular service," said Capt. Sean Golding, who led the four pilots.

The flight was part of Project Sunrise - Qantas' goal to operate regular, non-stop commercial flights from Australia's east coast cities of Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne to London and New York. Two more research flights are planned as part of the project evaluations - London to Sydney in November and another New York to Sydney in December.

"We know ultra long-haul flights pose some extra challenges but that's been true every time technology has allowed us to fly farther. The research we're doing should give us better strategies for improving comfort and wellbeing along the way," said Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce.

Night flights usually start with dinner ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

### Uzbekistan's Ambassador Presents Credentials to President of Vietnam

TASHKENT - Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the residence in Jakarta Ulugbek Rozukulov presented the credentials to the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Nguyễn Phú Trọng.

Issues of further development of relations between Uzbekistan and Vietnam both in bilateral and multilateral formats were discussed at the meeting.

The President of Vietnam highly appreciated the reforms carried out in Uzbekistan and noted that transformations carried out under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev not only contribute to comprehensive development of Uzbekistan, but

also serve to further strengthen mutual trust and cooperation in the region as a whole.

Nguyễn Phú Trọng emphasized the prospects of trade-economic and investment cooperation.

In particular, he noted with satisfaction the growth of trade turnover between the two countries, development of cooperation in agriculture and aquaculture. At the same time, according to him, the planned next meeting of bilateral Intergovernmental Commission in Hanoi will open up even more potential areas of cooperation.

Following the meeting, the President of Vietnam conveyed his best ...*(More on P4)...(18)*