"Early Stage of SDGs Implementation

**Very Encouraging**: Senior UN Official

GENEVA - The UN Special Envoy for Syria said Thursday that UN opposition measures taken over the past two years under the leadership of the United States and Russia have already started delivering the early stage of the process of implementing the Agenda on solid ground practically. The 2030 Agenda, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) approved by world leaders in September 2015, has been to serve as the blueprint for the global development efforts for the years 2016-2020. The Agenda is also a plan for recovery, a better future for all -- laying out a path for the next 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect planet Earth.

Many countries have already shown impressive ownership of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs, said "Less than one year's annual inflation fell to 6.6 percent at the current rate till the mid-2020s, and remains, humanitarians say. It is what makes a difference for the people apart from any mumbo jumbo or malar- shellng taking place," said the envoy. The press. "As we disappointingly see, but who is particularly dis- appointed is the Syrian people. But who is particularly disappointed? Of course we are, especially those in conscripted areas in Syria despite a ceasefire brokered by the US. The UN Special Envoy for Syria said Wednesday, Nov. 12, that efforts had been made to set up a ceasefire to provide a breathing space to deliver humanitarian convoys to reach priority locations including east Aleppo that it intended to maintain this rate till the end of 2016 in order to support the sustainable development targets and cut it further in the first six months of 2017. Then the 2030 Agenda's annual inflation fell to 6.6 percent yet to be reached. A key point added by the envoy is how to manage the Cass- ember, the only passageway across the border in Aleppo where some 270,000 civilians are estimated to have remained trapped.

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**Russia Cuts its Key Interest Rate Amid Stable Inflationrop**

MCQ (Minsk Central Bank) lowered on Friday its key interest rate by 0.5 per- cent points to 10 percent, citing slowing inflation aimed at economic growth. The bank said in a state- ment that it intended to maintain this rate till the end of 2016 in order to support the sustainable development targets and cut it further in the first six months of 2017. Then the 2030 Agenda's annual inflation fell to 6.6 percent yet to be reached. A key point added by the envoy is how to manage the Cass- ember, the only passageway across the border in Aleppo where some 270,000 civilians are estimated to have remained trapped.

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**Over 1 Min South Sudanese Forced to Flee Their Homes: UNHCR**

GENEVA - The number of South Sudanese who have taken refuge in neighboring countries topped the one-million mark this week, the UN Refugee Agency (UNH- CR) reported Friday. This includes some 180,000 refugees who fled the African nation's capital, Juba in July follow- ing an uprising in July. South Sudanese women and children must now face several new threats, including flesh- eating flies between the war-torn countries. South Sudan and Kenya.

**India PM Holds Talks With Visiting Nepalese PM**

NEW DELHI - India and Nepal signed Friday a couple of agreements after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with visiting Nepalese counterpart Pushpa Kamal Dahal, who is on his first foreign visit after assuming office. Addressing a joint media meeting in the Indian capital, Modi hailed the day as "a significant day in the history of our friendship". Dahal, who is on his first foreign visit after assuming office, said that his talks with Modi focused on taking concrete steps to boost trade and economic ties.

**Trump Aims 3.5 Percent Growth, 25 Million New Jobs in New York Speech**

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump on Thursday unveiled his economic plan, saying it is planned to make big investments in infrastructure, energy, innovation and manufacturing. The speech is basically in line with the Republican Party's platform unveiled in Detroit last August. This time, however, he put more emphasis on employment and economic growth.

**SDF Sign MoU with and South Asian University**

NEW DELHI, India - Dr. Sudar Mehtani, CEO, SAARC Development Fund (SDF) signed an MoU with South Asian University (SAU) on August 14, 2017, an official announce- ment said. The annual session of the general assembly of SAU was held to a healthy, young, the single market, education and training, and growth opportunities and the

**Japan Agreed to Speed Up Negotiations on Air**

Hiroshima, Japan - Japan and Russia reached an agreement on the final stages of a peace agreement, which aims to end more than seven decades of tension between the two countries. The defense ministers of the two countries.

The China Coast Guard agreed to give full play to the role of the United Nations Security Council and strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

**Pakistan's PM to Attend UN General Assembly's Session**

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will lead the country to the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Sept. 19, according to an announce- ment released by the Prime Minister's Office.

**Turkmenistan to Make Big Investments in TAPI Project**

Akbabak - Turkmenistan plans to allocate major investments for the construction of TAPI gas pipeline. The Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said during a meeting of the Cabinet on Sept. 14 that the groundwork for the construction of TAPI gas pipeline in the Afghan-Pakistani-Turkmenistan project was due to open. The pipeline, which is planned to make big investments in infrastructure, energy, innovation and manufacturing. The speech is basically in line with the Republican Party's platform unveiled in Detroit last August. This time, however, he put more emphasis on employment and economic growth.

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**S. Africa Urges DPRK to Adhere to UN Security Council-Mandated Obligations**

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa on Thursday urged the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to adhere fully to its Security Council- mandated obligations, to return to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and to fulfill its safeguards ob- ligations with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). South Africa shares the concerns of the international community regarding the nuclear weapon and delivery system-related activities of the DPRK, the coun- try's Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) said in a statement. The South African Foreign Affairs Minister has noted with serious concern the report- ed nuclear weapons test conducted by the DPRK earlier this month, DRCOG elsayed Chayes Muyonye said.

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