

## Unique IAEA Nuclear Science and Technology Services Highlighted at 63rd General Conference

IAEA - No other international organization offers the range of services related to nuclear science and technology that the IAEA does, Acting Director General Cornel Feruta said in his opening address to the IAEA's 63rd General Conference today. "We contribute to international peace and security by verifying that nuclear material remains in peaceful uses, and we help to improve the well-being and prosperity of the people of the world through the peaceful use of nuclear technology," he told representatives of IAEA Member States at the start of the week-long annual meeting.



"We help countries on all continents to generate elec-

tricity, produce more food, manage their water supplies, combat deadly infectious diseases affecting humans, plants and animals, and treat cancer," Mr Feruta added. "Our safeguards inspectors are on the road every day of the year, keeping track of nuclear material to verify that it

is not diverted from peaceful activities. We serve as the global platform for cooperation in safety and security, helping countries to keep nuclear and radioactive material and technologies safe, and out of the hands of terrorists and other criminals."

Noting the steady growth in the Agency's membership to 171 countries and increasing demand for its services, Mr Feruta said: "The Agency has won the trust of Member States through our technical expertise, impartiality and independence." Progress in modernizing nuclear applications laboratories

This year saw the installation of the IAEA's first linear accelerator at its Dosimetry Laboratory in Seibersdorf, Austria. This enables the Agency to provide expanded dosimetry calibration services to Member States to ensure that cancer patients undergoing radiotherapy treatment ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

### World Sleepwalking into Total Nuclear War as Callous Elites Fear No Bloodshed – Russian Scholar

MOSCOW - Limiting nuclear arsenals doesn't make the world safer - not while the elites, who have never seen a big war, complacently believe they never will. This dangerous illusion invites apocalyptic conflict, a renowned scholar believes. Humankind's history might be a history of wars, but for several decades there was a sort of lull, with no really big armed conflict affecting leading world powers. That is, in part, thanks to nuclear weap-

ons. Fear of their power kept the Cold War from becoming a hot one and restricted the actual fighting to proxy conflicts. And that, in turn, has led to a situation where many of those currently in power don't take the threat of war with the gravity it deserves, says Sergey Karaganov, a researcher of international relations and a dean at Moscow's Higher School of Economics. Complacency breeds danger. "The previous ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

### 600,000 Rohingya Still in Myanmar at 'Serious Risk of Genocide': UN

YANGON - Rohingya Muslims remaining in Myanmar still face a "serious risk of genocide", UN investigators said Monday (Sept 16), warning the repatriation of a million already driven from the country by the army remains "impossible". The fact-finding mission to Myanmar, set up by the Human Rights Council, last year branded the army operations in 2017 as "genocide" and called for the prosecution of top generals, including army chief

Min Aung Hlaing. Some 740,000 Rohingya fled burning villages, bringing accounts of murder, rape and torture over the border to sprawling refugee camps in Bangladesh, where survivors of previous waves of persecution already languished. But in a damning report, the United Nations team said the 600,000 Rohingya still inside Myanmar's Rakhine state remain in deteriorating and "deplorable" conditions. "Myanmar continues to



harbour genocidal intent and the Rohingya remain under serious risk of genocide," the investigators said in their final report on Myanmar, due to be presented Tuesday (Sept 17) in Geneva. The country ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

### North Korea Says Talks with US Could Resume in A 'Few Weeks'



PYONGYANG - North Korea said Monday that diplomatic talks with the United States could resume in a "few weeks," but that it will

not consider abandoning its nuclear weapons unless external threats are fully removed. A statement Monday attributed to a North

Korean foreign ministry official said potential upcoming working-level talks would be decisive in determining the fate of the country's diplomacy with Washington. It called for unspecified U.S. security and economic concessions, saying the discussions of North Korea's denuclearization will only be possible when "threats and hurdles endangering our system security and obstructing our development are clearly removed beyond all doubt."

"Whether the DPRK-U.S. negotiations will be a window for chance or an occasion to precipitate crisis is entirely up to the U.S.," the statement said, referring to North Korea by its formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Negotiations have stalled since a February summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump in Hanoi, Vietnam, collapsed over disagreements over ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

### Pakistan to Send Its 1st Astronaut to Space by 2022, Says Country's Tech Minister

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's technology minister has confirmed that the country will be sending its first astronaut to space within the next three years, with the assistance of China. In an interview Sunday, Minister Fawad Chaudhry said that the selection process will begin in 2020 as Pakistan and its partner China commence preparations to launch Pakistan's first manned mission to space by 2022. An initial shortlist of 50 candidates will be

prepared and whittled down to the lucky one. While the Pakistani Air Force has been tipped to play a key role in the selection process, the minister did not state the extent of its involvement nor did he mention a target launch date. Pakistan launched two satellites last year on board Chinese Long March rockets from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Gobi desert, so the two countries have some ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

### Qatar Willing to Invest in Oil, Power Stations in Lebanon: Minister

BEIRUT - Qatari Minister of State for Energy Affairs Saad Sherida al-Kaabi said here on Monday that his country is willing to take part in Lebanon's second licensing round for offshore oil and gas exploration, local media reported. "Qatar is also ready to participate in the auctions for building new power stations in Lebanon," al-Kaabi was quoted as saying during his visit to Lebanon by Elnashra, an online independent newspaper. During his meeting with Lebanon's Water and Energy Minister Nada Boustani, al-Kaabi followed up about the auctions that will be released with regard to gasification-based ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

### China's Top Legislator to Visit Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia

BEIJING - China's top legislator Li Zhanshu will pay an official goodwill visit to Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Russia from September 19 to 28, Trend reports with reference to Xinhua. Li, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), will make the visit at the invitation of Ogtay Asadov, speaker of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan; Dariqa Nazarbayeva, speaker of the Kazakh Parliament's Upper House, and Nurlan Nigmatulin, speaker of the Kazakh Parliament's Lower House; and Viacheslav Volodin, speaker of the Russian Parliament's Lower House, the State Duma. During the visit, Li will attend the Fourth Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries' ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

### Erdoğan Hosts Putin and Rouhani for Syria Summit

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan hosted Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in Ankara on Monday for talks focusing on the situation in Syria. "The summit is aimed at assessing the developments in Syria, Idlib in particular, as well as ending the climate of conflict, ensuring the necessary conditions for the voluntary return of refugees and discussing the joint step to be taken in the period ahead with the aim of achieving a lasting political solution," Erdoğan's office said in a statement on Sunday according to a report in Turkey's Hur-



riyet Daily News. Iran and Russia support Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, while Turkey opposes the regime and has backed rebel groups. Russian airstrikes in Syria continue, and Kremlin adviser Yuri Ushakov said on Friday that "a large number of terrorists are still present in this zone ... and fighters continue to

fire on the positions of government forces," according to the AFP. "A large part of Syria's problems have been solved and some still remain, the most important of which is the Idlib region and east of Euphrates, as well as the Zionist regime's (Israel's) aggressions and America's interventionist presence," ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

### Edward Snowden Calls on Emmanuel Macron to Grant Him Asylum in France

PARIS - Edward Snowden, the National Security Agency whistleblower who leaked classified documents detailing secret surveillance programs, is pleading with French President Emmanuel Macron to grant him asylum in France. Snowden, who is currently under political asylum in Russia, appealed to the French leader on Monday during an interview on the country's Inter-

radio, saying that he "would love to see Macron roll out an invitation." "Protecting whistleblowers is not a hostile act," the former Central Intelligence Agency contractor said. "Welcoming someone like me is not an attack on the United States." The 36-year-old, who's wanted in the US for espionage, was previously denied asylum in France when he applied under ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

### Kyrgyz President: No Need to Switch to Latin Alphabet

BISHKEK - President of Kyrgyzstan Sooronbay Jeenbekov received today Chairman of the National Commission on the State Language under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Nazarkul Ishekeyev, Trend reports citing Kabar.

The meeting was held on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Law "On the State Language of the Kyrgyz Republic," the President's press service reported. Chairman of the National Commission for the State Language Nazarkul Ishekeyev provided information on planned activities within the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Law "On the State Language of the Kyrgyz Republic". He also spoke about the measures implemented in the National Program for the Development of the State Language and Improvement of the Language Policy in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2014-2020.

The measures to further develop and popularize the state language among citizens and improve language policy were discussed at the meeting. Jeenbekov, noting the special role of the state language in the life of the country, emphasized that language policy is a relevant and significant direction of state policy. He also noted the need for widespread use of the state language not only in everyday life, but also in all sectors. "It is necessary to increase the importance of the Kyrgyz language and use it in all spheres of public life, ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Neighbor News

### Imran to Travel to US Via Commercial Airline

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan has decided once again to adopt austerity measures during his upcoming visit of the United States (US) by avoiding chartered plane for the tour. Sources said that PM Khan will use a commercial plane of a private airline during his US visit.

It may be noted here that the previous visits to the US by the former state heads had spent millions of rupees in term of expenditures, whereas, PM Khan had set an example of austerity by spending only \$67,180 on his last visit to the United States (US) over the invitation of President Donald Trump. The details become an

eye-opener for all as the previous visits by the then heads of the state had put a heavy financial burden on the national exchequer. According to the details, the former president and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) co-chairman, Asif Ali Zardari, had paid a six-day official visit to the US in 2009. Approximately \$752,688 spent on his visit to the US as per the details obtained.

When it comes to the visit of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, the premier's six-day stay in the US costs \$549,853 to the national exchequer. Whereas, PM Imran Khan's visit to the US cost \$67,180. (Agencies)

### US Claims about Iran Role in Aramco Raid 'Maximum Deceit'

TEHRAN - Tehran has once again dismissed Washington's claims of Iran role in Yemen's attack on Saudi Aramco's oil plants as "maximum deceit" to hide the utter failure of the "maximum pressure" campaign against the Islamic Republic.

"To pin such action on Iran is in line with the maximum deceit approach that they have adopted following their failures," Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said during a press briefing on Monday.

The attack on Saturday saw Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah fighters fly 10 combat drones to the gated oil city of Abqaiq, partially destroying the world's largest refinery.

The attack cut the kingdom's daily oil output by 5.7 million barrels, which is around half of its overall exports. That's a staggering five percent of global oil demand, which has led to a rally in oil prices.

Following the attack, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo pointed the finger at Iran and said there was no evidence suggesting Yemen had carried out the operation. Mousavi said while Iran supports the people of Yemen and their rights, such claims simply do not hold any weight. He said Yemenis will not just sit idly by as Saudi Arabia keeps destroying their nation. (Press TV)

### Sharjah Chamber Enhances Cooperation with Tajikistan Chamber

DUSHANBE - The Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) recently met with a high-level delegation from the Republic of Tajikistan and discussed prospects for joint cooperation and increased trade exchange, as well as opportunities for economic partnerships with the business communities in Sharjah and Tajikistan in a number of important sectors, Trend reports with reference to Khalee Times news agency.

This came during a meeting hosted by the SCCI recently, in the presence of Waleed Abdul Rahman Bu Khatir, SCCI's second vice chairman; Dzumakhonzoda Dzamshed Dzurakhon, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Tajikistan; Mohammad Amin Al Awadi, SCCI's director general; Bahodur Sharifi Mahmudzoda, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to the United Arab Emirates; Ilhom Abdurahmon, consul general in the Republic of Tajikistan in Dubai and Northern Emirates; Adel Sangov vice chairman of Tajikistan Chamber; and Jassim Al-Mutawa, consultant of Relations with the Commonwealth of the Independent States. (Trend)

### Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan Hold Joint Business Forum

ASHGABAT - Trade between Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan amounted to \$6.5 million over seven months of 2019, Trend reports referring to Kyrgyzstan's Tazabek agency.

This was stated by a representative of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Turkmenistan (UIET) Dowran Orazmyradov, who took part in a joint Turkmen-Kyrgyz business forum held in the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek. Turkmenistan supplies fresh tomatoes, bakery and flour products, textiles and pipes. In turn, Kyrgyzstan exports

lamps, plastic films and tapes, and machinery for the textile industry. Promising areas of cooperation were also identified in the field of tourism, transport, logistics and agriculture. Tazabek news agency also reported that Turkmenistan plans to open a trading house in Kyrgyzstan, according to a statement made by Head of UIET Aleksandr Dadayev. According to him, over the past year, Kyrgyzstan exported goods and services worth \$13 million, while Turkmenistan's exports were worth more than \$3 million. (Trend)