

Trump agrees to honour 'One China' policy in call with Xi

Washington

US President Donald Trump on Friday agreed to "honour" the decades-old 'One China' policy on Taiwan during his first telephonic call with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, in a U-turn from his hardline stance on the sensitive issue which had angered Beijing.

"The two leaders discussed numerous topics and President Trump agreed, at the request of President Xi, to honour our 'One China' policy," the White House said, signalling an apparent easing of relations between the two major powers.

During their phone conversation, Trump and Xi also agreed to cooperate in trade, investment and international affairs, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

It quoted Trump as saying that he fully understands the high significance of the US government's pursuit of the 'One-China' policy. Trump added that the US government adheres to the 'One-

China' policy, the report said. China regards Taiwan as a breakaway province and insists all countries having bilateral ties with it to abide by the 'One-China' policy. Xi said the policy is the political basis of China-US relations.

Representatives of the US and China will engage in discussions and negotiations on various issues of mutual interest, the White House said.

"The phone call between President Trump and President Xi was extremely cordial, and both leaders extended best wishes to the people of each other's countries," it said, adding that they also extended invitations to meet in their respective countries.

Trump, after his election, had stated that the 'One-China' policy on Taiwan is up for negotiation and that he is not fully committed to it. China had hit back saying 'One-China' policy which stipulates that Taiwan is part of Chinese mainland is 'non-negotiable'.

Trump has also often accused Beijing of unfair trade practices, currency manipulation and military buildup in the South China Sea. Earlier in the day, a presidential spokesman said Trump believes that a constructive relationship between China and America is in the fundamental interest of both countries.

"I think it (US-China relationship) is obviously important to us and the President understands that. He has spoken fairly often about China. He understands both the national and economic interests that we have, the desire for our companies to access the Chinese market, but also the national security interests that we have," White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer told reporters at his daily news conference.

Trump, Spicer insisted, wants to have a fruitful and constructive relationship with China. "And he looks forward to developing that as we go forward," Spicer said.



What is 'One China' policy?

The One China policy of the People's Republic of China (PRC, Mainland China) is a diplomatic acknowledgement that there is only one Chinese government, despite the existence of two governments that claim to be "China", the other one being the Republic of China (ROC, Taiwan).

Agreeing with this policy means that the country seeking diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China must break official relations with Taiwan.

Terrorists hiding among Syrian refugees: Assad

Washington

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said some of the millions of refugees who have fled his country's conflict are "terrorists," in an interview published on Friday.

Asked by Yahoo News about US President Donald Trump's claim that extremists are hiding among refugees, Assad agreed, saying "you can find it on the net."

"Those terrorists in Syria holding machine guns or killing people, they are peaceful refugees in Europe or in the West," the Syrian leader said. He did not specify how many of the 4.8 million Syrian refugees he meant, saying "you don't need a significant number to commit atrocities."

He also rejected Trump's plan to carve out safe zones for civilians in Syria.

The US president said last month that he "will absolutely do safe zones in Syria" for people displaced by the violence in a bid to reverse their migration to Europe and elsewhere. He did not provide details.

"Safe zones for the Syrians could only happen when you have stability and security; where you don't have terrorists, where you don't have flow and support of those terrorists by the neighbouring countries or by Western countries," Assad said. "It's not a realistic idea at all," he added.

The White House last month ordered the Pentagon and State Department to



draw up a plan to "provide safe areas in Syria and in the surrounding region."

The announcement came ahead of a surprise ban on

refugees from Syria traveling to the United States, which a court has since suspended.

Other US politicians and officials have long supported the idea of safe zones in Syria, including Democrats such as Trump's presidential rival Hillary Clinton. Critics say it would risk the US military becoming bogged down in Syria's civil war. —AFP

Iran celebrates its revolution, people chant 'death to America'

Tehran

Chanting "Death to America", thousands of Iranians on Friday rallied across the country as President Hassan Rouhani said Tehran won't tolerate US "war-mongering".

"This turnout is a response to false remarks of the new White House rulers and the people are telling the world through their presence that the Iranian people must be spoken to with respect and dignity," Rouhani said in a public speech as thousands took part in rallies marking the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

State TV showed people carrying pictures and effigies of US President Donald Trump, burning US and Israeli flags and shouting "Death to America!" as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called on citizens to show that Iran was not afraid of American

"threats".

Rouhani said Iran will not yield to the "language of threats" and will "strongly confront any war-mongering policies" of the new US administration.

Some carried pictures of Trump as well as British Prime Minister Theresa May and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu captioned "Death to the Devil Triangle".

Rouhani's remarks came after US President Donald Trump said he had put Iran "on notice" in reaction to a January 29 missile test and imposed fresh sanctions on individuals and entities.

Both in the region and the US, some inexperienced figures have taken over the helm, Rouhani said warning that "all should speak with the language of respect and praise in front of the Iranian nation".

The Iran President said the 1979 Revolution freed the country from dependence



Iranians carry a banner showing a caricature of U.S. President Donald Trump during an annual rally commemorating the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic revolution in Tehran, Iran, on Friday.

on foreigners, including the US, and awarded the people with self-determination.

He went on to enumerate some instances of the country's recent achievements, which the nation has made through its steadfastness in pursuing its rights and economic interests.

"The whole world has accepted our nuclear right," he

said. "Today, we are happy to see our nuclear industry offering its products to the international community and moving towards the path of international trade," Rouhani said.

The country now possesses one of the most modern centrifuges, namely the IR8 centrifuge, at its nuclear facilities, Rouhani noted. —IANS

Myanmar: Human rights abuse in Rakhine to be investigated by military probe team

Yangon

An investigation team led by Lt. Gen. Aye Win has been formed by Myanmar's military organisation, Tatmadaw, to probe allegations of human rights violations committed by security forces in the country's northern Rakhine State.

The team which includes five senior-level military members will find out whether there were unlawful acts, including human rights violations, committed by security forces in conducting area clearance operations.

"Officials at all levels are giving instructions and supervision to ensure that security forces stay away from using excessive force and committing human rights violations in conducting area clearance operations within the framework of the law," the Myanmar Times quoted a statement by Tatmadaw True News Information Team as saying.

Eiffel Tower will get bullet-proof glass wall

Paris

A bullet-proof glass wall is to be built around the base of the Eiffel Tower as part of a plan to provide extra protection against terrorist attacks at one of the world's most famous landmarks.

The wall will be 2.5 metres high and will cost around \$20 million (\$21 million). It will replace the metal barriers set up as a temporary measure around the iconic tower during the Euro football tournament last year, the Local France news portal reported on Thursday.

"The terror threat remains high in Paris and the most vulnerable sites, led by the Eiffel Tower, must be the object of special security measures," said Deputy Mayor Jean-Francois Martins, who is in charge of tourism at the Paris City Hall.



The glass wall will prevent individuals or vehicles storming the site, which is visited by six million people a year, he added. It will run along Quai Branly and Avenue Gustave-Eiffel — and through the middle of the small parks on either side, according to Le Parisien newspaper.

"The best way to enjoy the tower is to see it from underneath. It will be annoying if you can't get there easily," —IANS

Mossack and Fonseca of Panama leak case arrested

Panama City

The two main partners of Mossack Fonseca, the Panamanian law firm at the centre of the so-called 'Panama papers' scandal, have been arrested, a media report on Friday said.

The arrests of Ramon Fonseca Mora and Jurgen Mossack came on Thursday hours after the Panamanian authorities accused them of being involved in the Lava Jato/ corruption case in Brazil, Efe news reported.

Fonseca, a former aide of Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela, and Mossack, were transferred from the Public Prosecutor's Office headquarters to police custody here, defence lawyer Elias Solano said.

Solano told reporters outside the Department of Judicial Investigation that his clients would spend the

night there. However, he pointed out that there were no precautionary measures applied as the legal procedure was still ongoing.

The firm, which specialises in setting up offshore companies, acted as a criminal organisation dedicated to hiding assets and money of dubious origins within the 'Lava Jato' (Car Wash) case, according to an investigation, Attorney General Kenia Porcell said.

The law firm instructed its "person in charge" in Brazil to "hide documents and eliminate evidence" and to facilitate the transfer of the bribe money to Panama "washed or laundered", Porcell added.

He said the charges against the two were the result of a year-long investigation conducted in collaboration with prosecutors in other countries, including Brazil, Switzerland and the US.

First British woman joins fight against ISIS

London

A 27-year-old woman has become the first British woman to join an all-female military unit to fight the Islamic State (ISIS) terrorist group in Syria.

Kimberley Taylor left the UK to join the Women's Protection Units (YPJ), the all-female affiliate army of the People's Protection Units (YPG) of Syrian Kurdistan, in March 2016.

She travelled to the frontline in Syria in October last year and has been involved in the push to re-take Raqqa, the de facto capital of the dreaded terrorist group. "I'm willing to give my life for this," she told the 'Guardian' in a phone interview from the frontline base. "It's for the whole



A file photo of the women in the YPJ army.

world, for humanity and all oppressed people, everywhere. It's not just [ISIS] killing and raping. It's its systematic mental and physical torture on a scale we can't imagine," she said.

Taylor hails from Blackburn in the north west of England and studied Maths at the University of Liverpool. She told the newspaper in the interview published yesterday about her extensive travels across Africa, South America and Europe and how she became involved in political activism working as a writer for left-wing magazines and websites. Her journey to Syria began during a trip 18 months ago to report for a friend's humanitarian website. "The lack of food, medicine, shelter, would have been hard enough for any human to endure. In that moment, I made a promise to myself that I would commit my life to helping these people," she recalled.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 ST DECEMBER, 2016			
PARTICULARS	Quarter ended 31.12.2016 (Unaudited)	Year to date 31.12.2016 (Unaudited)	Corresponding 3 months ended in PY 31/12/2015 (Unaudited)
Total income from operations (net)	665.19	1792.39	602.62
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	48.58	127.10	47.08
Equity Share Capital	1247.00	1247.00	1247.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-
Earnings Per Share (of ₹10 each) (For continuing and discontinuing operations)	0.27	0.78	0.23
Basic Diluted	0.27	0.78	0.23

Silver Oak (India) Limited				
Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 31st December, 2016				
S. No.	Particulars	3 months ended (31.12.2016)	Year to date figures for previous year ended (31.12.2015)	Corresponding 3 Months ended (31.12.2015) in the previous year
1.	Total income from operations (net)	0.10	--	--
2.	Profit/ Loss from ordinary activities before finance cost and exceptional item	(37.42)	(56.08)	(13.75)
3.	Net Profit (+) / Loss (-) from ordinary Activities after tax	(41.84)	(64.19)	(15.72)
4.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value ₹10/-)	379.02	379.02	379.02
5.	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet of previous accounting year	63.30	147.09	147.09
6.	Earning Per Share (before extraordinary items)	(1.10)	(1.69)	(0.41)
	a) Basic (not to be annualized)	(1.10)	(1.69)	(0.41)
	b) Diluted (not to be annualized)	(1.10)	(1.69)	(0.41)
7.	Earning Per Share (after extraordinary items)	(1.10)	(1.69)	(0.41)
	a) Basic (not to be annualized)	(1.10)	(1.69)	(0.41)
	b) Diluted (not to be annualized)	(1.10)	(1.69)	(0.41)

CHOKSI LABORATORIES LIMITED			
Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and 9 Months Ended on 31st December, 2016			
Particulars	Quarter ended on 31.12.2016 Unaudited	Year to date figures for 9 months ended in the current year 31.12.2016 Unaudited	Corresponding 3 Months ended in the previous year 31.12.2015 Unaudited
Total income from operations (net)	566.03	1750.47	523.37
Net Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	40.31	59.86	8.87
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	40.31	59.86	8.87
Equity Share Capital	696.53	696.53	696.53
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in balance sheet of previous year)	--	--	--
Earning Per Share (before extraordinary items of ₹10/- each)	0.58	0.86	0.13
Basic Diluted:	0.58	0.86	0.13
Earning Per Share (after extraordinary items of ₹10/- each)	0.58	0.86	0.13
Basic Diluted:	0.58	0.86	0.13