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Will lead govt. into next election: Turnbull

MELBOURNE
Australia's embattled Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has shaken off speculation about the security of his leadership, declaring on Sunday that he will lead his coalition government into the election in 2019. Three Prime Ministers have been ousted since 2010. REUTERS

China launches land exploration satellite

BEIJING
China on Sunday launched a land exploration satellite into a pre-set orbit, designed for remote sensing exploration of land resources. The satellite was launched on a Long March-2D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China's northern Gobi Desert at 12.11 p.m., state-run Xinhua reported. PTI

Lethal collision



Looking for survivors: Thirteen people were killed and two were missing after a fishing boat collided with a tanker off South Korea's west coast and capsized early on Sunday. Picture shows Coast Guard personnel searching for missing persons near Incheon. ■AFP

Saudi-led coalition gives air support to Saleh

REUTERS
ADEN
The Saudi-led coalition launched air strikes on Yemen's capital Sana'a overnight on Sunday, local media said, lending support to loyalists of former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh after he signalled a strategy shift that could pave the way to end the war.
In a speech on Saturday, Mr. Saleh appeared to indicate the end of his loyalists' alliance with Iran-backed Houthi fighters, saying he

was ready to turn a "new page" in ties with the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis, if it stopped attacks on Yemeni citizens and lifted a siege. Separately, the Houthis, who control most of northern Yemen, said that they had fired a cruise missile towards a nuclear power plant under construction in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a report quickly denied by the UAE.
Mr. Saleh's announcement on Saturday was welcomed by the coalition.

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HOUSTON
U.S. elementary school student Mohammad Suleiman, 6, who was born with Down syndrome, was feared as a terrorist by his teacher after he kept repeating 'Allah' and 'boom' in his classroom, a media report said.
Suleiman's father said a substitute teacher at the C.J. Harris Elementary School, which is located in Pearl-land, near Houston, made the call. Calling it "discrimination", the father added

that his son doesn't speak at all and has the mental capacity of a one-year-old, *The Independent* reported.
"They claim that he's a terrorist. This is so stupid... It's not implied discrimination, it's a hundred per cent discrimination," he said.
The Pearl-land Police Department said it has concluded its investigation and found no further action was needed. However, the region's Child Protective Services department said its investigation is ongoing.

These refugees yearn for a 'united Korea'

Every year, over 2,000 people from North Korea enter the South, 70% of them women

SOUMYA PILLAI
SEOUL
Twenty five-year-old North Korean Ji Yeon (name changed) recalls the night of 2006 when she made the decision to leave her family behind and cross the border for good. She says she first reached China and, after living there for around three years, moved to South Korea in 2009.
"My mother was put in jail after the North Korean government found out that I had defected. It was a difficult decision but I had to make the choice," she says.
The recent incident of a North Korean soldier defecting to the South by crossing the heavily-protected Demilitarised Zone separating the two Koreas to the fore yet again.

'Life is difficult'
Ms. Ji says that living in North Korea is difficult for common citizens. Despite being good at studies, she and her brother were not allowed to pursue studies after high school because of the high cost of education.
"Only the rich and the powerful can afford an



Airing views: A North Korean defector holding a banner condemning Kim Jong-un in Paju, near the border. ■AP

education there. We wanted to enroll my brother for college but we were asked to give lots of money to the government servants there, and we couldn't afford it," she says.
Further, she adds, the people are not allowed to watch or listen to any foreign broadcast. "We used to smuggle and watch Chinese sitcoms. In the evening, families would close all doors and windows and dim the lights to watch this. If the administration found out, they would deport the violators to the countryside, where life is even more miserable."
According to the Korean Institute for National

Unification in South Korea, every year, over 2000 refugees enter its borders from the North. Government data show that at present over 30,000 refugees live in the South. The figure has, however, come down during the Kim Jong-un regime, because of stricter border security rules.
The Korea Hana Foundation, an organisation for refugees, says that 70% of the refugees out of the total are women, possibly due to the human trafficking network that preys on the desperation of women to get out of North Korea.
"Life there is difficult for both men and women. But

women do have a tougher life compared to men because of the stringent laws," said Jin Soo (name changed), a 20-year-old refugee who has been living in Seoul since 2012. He is now studying international politics here under the government's rehabilitation programme.

Restrictions at home
Narrating the ordeal for women back home, 21-year-old Mi Na (name changed), says that she was not allowed to grow her hair, wear short skirts or pants. "You could not even colour it," she says.
She adds that in school textbooks she had read about the "evil South Korean regime", but it was after coming here that she realised the brainwashing done by the regime. "We were told that they want to destroy North Korea and conquer the country for they have no resources of their own."
These students hope to build a better life for themselves and at the same time wish for a united Korea to be able to finally meet their families.
(Names changed to protect identities)

'Didn't ask Comey to drop probe'

Trump refutes Comey's claim on Flynn investigation; President had fired former FBI head in May



Pals during campaign: Donald Trump with Michael Flynn in New York in 2016, during the campaign; (below) special counsel Robert Mueller. ■NYT, AP



Schiff, the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence committee, said Sunday that suspicions of obstruction of justice by Mr. Trump are growing. In an ominous turn for the president, Flynn on Friday pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and pledged to cooperate with special counsel Robert Mueller.
White House officials told *The New York Times* that in his tweet on Saturday Mr. Trump was only referencing Flynn's guilty plea for lying to the FBI about his conversations with then Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.
Mr. Trump's personal lawyer John Dowd told ABC News that he had drafted the tweet and had done so in a "sloppy" manner.
Mr. Mueller's focus goes beyond possible collusion with Russia to business dealings and whether Mr. Trump himself tried to thwart the investigation. Mr. Trump also expressed anger Sunday over word that a senior FBI counterintelligence official, Peter Strzok, was removed from the Russia investigation over the summer for sending text messages critical of Trump. Mr. Strzok had also worked on the probe into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while serving as secretary of state.
"ANTI-TRUMP FBI AGENT LED CLINTON EMAIL PROBE" Now it all starts to make sense!" Mr. Trump wrote.
ABC suspends reporter
Also, ABC News said on Saturday it had suspended Brian Ross, its chief investigative correspondent, over an error in his reporting about Flynn. ABC News had reported that Flynn, citing a confidant, was prepared to testify that Mr. Trump directed him to make contact with Russians when he was a presidential candidate.
It later later issued a correction that the source clarified that Mr. Trump had assigned Flynn and a "small circle of senior advisers" to find ways to improve relations with Russia and other hotspots during the presidential transition.

U.S. pulls out of UN's pact on migration

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
UNITED NATIONS
The administration of President Donald Trump has withdrawn the United States from a United Nations pact to improve the handling of migrant and refugee situations, deeming it "inconsistent" with its policies, the U.S. mission to the global body announced on Saturday.
"Today, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations informed the UN Secretary-General that the United States is ending its participation in the Global Compact on Migration," the Americans said in a

statement. In September 2016, the UN General Assembly adopted a non-binding political declaration, the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, pledging to uphold the rights of refugees, help them resettle and ensure they have access to education.
Ambassador Nikki Haley said the country would continue its "generosity" in supporting migrants and refugees around the world, but that "our decisions on immigration policies must always be made by Americans and Americans alone".

Tillerson denies reports of possible ouster

REUTERS
WASHINGTON
U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Saturday denied that he was leaving his post to be replaced by CIA Director Mike Pompeo.
Asked if there was any truth to the multiple reports about him this week, Mr. Tillerson told Reuters: "None."
"People need to get better sources," he said in a brief interview at the State Department ahead of a dinner to celebrate the recipients of this year's Kennedy Center Honors awards. Mr. Tillerson said he hoped to be at the same reception a year from now. "I'm going to be here as long as I can be effective and get something done,"



Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. ■AP

he said. "We're getting a lot done."
Senior administration officials on Thursday said President Donald Trump was mulling a plan to oust Mr. Tillerson. Mr. Trump denied the reports on Friday, saying in a tweet that he worked well with Mr. Tillerson and that he was not going anywhere.

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Sealed Tenders in the prescribed form are invited from contractors having experience in execution of similar nature of work:
MMS Fabrication, Supply, Erection along with MMS Foundation Works for 1.25MW Solar Passive Tracker Project at BHEL Haridwar.
For details, visit www.bheledn.com, www.bhel.com & www.tenders.gov.in. All corrigenda, addendum, amendments, time extensions, clarifications etc. (if any) to the tender will be hosted on these websites: www.bheledn.com / www.bhel.com only. Bidders should regularly visit these websites to keep themselves updated.
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Sl. No.	Name of Works & Location	Tender No.
1.	(A) Provision of covered shed near Food court of Chennai Rail Museum (CRM) (B) Removal of existing false ceiling and providing new false ceiling in corridors of all floors and CE's office in GM's Administrative building	EW/ 929
2.	Provision of 4 Nos. of cross overs in Furnishing division	EW/ 930

Sl. No.	Tender Value ₹	EMD ₹	Cost of Tender Schedule ₹	Period of Completion	Date and Time of closing : 14.30 hrs and opening of Tender at 15.00 hrs on
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	45,97,479/-	91,950/-	3,000/-	4 months	03.01.18
2.	39,67,819/-	79,360/-	3,000/-	6 months	03.01.18

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On behalf of Government of Rajasthan invites tender are hereby from survey, investigation and design consultancy firms for the work "Survey, investigation and design for rehabilitation of distributory and minors of Gurgaon canal irrigation system proposed under RWSLIP". Tehsil Deeg (Bharatpur) Cost Rs. 97.72 Lacs. Interested firms can participate in tendering under e-procurement procedure. The details of works are available on the following websites:
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OIL INDIA LIMITED (OIL), KG Basin Project invites bids through its e-procurement portal: <https://tender.srm.oilindia.in/irjportal> from DGR (Directorate General Resettlement) State Ex-Servicemen empaneled agencies against following e - Tender :
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All the locations of work are situated in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. For detailed requirement, Tender fee, EMD, Tender collection date, Tender closing/ opening date etc., please visit OIL's website : www.oil-india.com. All corrigenda, addenda, amendments, time extension etc. to the tender will be hosted on the website and in the e-portal: <https://tender.srm.oilindia.in/irjportal> only and no separate notification shall be issued in the press. Prospective bidders are requested to regularly visit the website and e-portal to keep themselves updated.

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Pre-NIT Meet
CMPDIL intends to organize Pre NIT meet on 18/12/2017 from 10.00 AM on Introduction of 2D Seismic Survey along with existing work of detailed Exploration of Coal. The NIT along with draft scope of work is available on <http://www.cmpdi.co.in>, www.coalindia.in & <http://www.cmpdi.gov.in> 04/12/2017 onwards. Office of the General Manager (Exploration) may be contacted for details/clarification on Phone on any working day between 10.00hrs to 17.30 hrs (IST) or through mail (gm.exploration.cmpdil@gmail.com) or Fax.
**On and behalf of CMPDIL
General Manager (Exploration)**
Ranchi
29.11.2017

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION
TENDER FOR MECHANICAL WORKS AT
ICE CREAM PLANT BELLARY**
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd., Bengaluru invites tender from the eligible suppliers/manufacturers through e-procurement for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested and reputed suppliers/manufactures who have handled Ice Cream Plant Equipment related works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk e-mail: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and Helpline No.: 080-25501227 / 25501216

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 700 LPH Capacity Ice Cream Freezer with accessories for Ice Cream Plant at Bellary.	Rs.50 Lakhs	1 No.	1 Lakh	04 Months
2	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 6000 Pieces per hour Capacity Linear Cone Filling Machine with accessories for Ice Cream Plant at Bellary.	Rs.70 Lakhs	1 No.	1.4 Lakh	04 Months
3	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 500 KVA DG set with accessories for Ice Cream Plant at Bellary.	Rs.55 Lakhs	1 No.	1.1 Lakh	03 Months
1) Tender Schedules may be downloaded from 04-12-2017 to 02-01-2018 upto 4.00 PM. 2) Last date for Tender submission: 02-01-2018 upto 4.00 PM. 3) Tender (Part-1) to be opened on: 04-01-2018 at 11.30 AM. For Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd., Sd/- Director (Engineering)					