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U.S., SAUDI DEFENCE CHIEFS CONSULT ON POLICY

Sides reject Iranian 'interventions'

Opinion

The African ... Muhammad VI

By Ahmed Al-Jarallah

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THE speech delivered by the King of Morocco Muhammad VI at the African Union (AU) Summit is considered as a historic document. In fact, it is the future roadmap of the African continent, as it contained facts which reminded the 56 member countries to arise from the errors of the colonial remnants which had made them appear as being outside the global movement.

After the 33-year absence of the Kingdom of Morocco in the AU, it did not return through the backdoor. Instead, the natural pathway of its house was opened, as was described by the king in his speech when he said, "It is a beautiful day when one returns home after a very long absence. Africa is my continent and my home. I am finally home and I am happy to see you."

Everyone knew that Morocco, despite its exit from the AU, did not turn its back on it. Morocco is one of the main contributors in the peace-keeping forces among several other countries. Throughout the past 16 years, it strived on African resurgence through 1,464 agreements which it signed with various countries of the union. All these countries worked with a similar mentality, which is to participate in the development of African countries.

It is not possible for the natural pathway to your house to be closed on the face of everyone who believes the best for the richest, though least developed,

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HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah walking hand-in-hand with Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in Riyadh. HH the Amir and his accompanying delegation were in Saudi Arabia to attend the annual National Festival of Heritage and Culture (Janadriyah 31) — See Page 3

Funding sought for IS fight

RIYADH, Feb 1, (Agencies): New Pentagon chief James Mattis agreed in a telephone call with his Saudi counterpart to oppose Iranian "interventions" in the Middle East, Saudi state media reported on Wednesday.

Mattis and Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman expressed "their full rejection of the suspicious activities and interventions by the Iranian regime and its agents", the Saudi Press Agency said.

The two ministers spoke on Tuesday. Sunni-dominated Saudi Arabia regularly accuses Shiite Iran of interference in the region, while some of President Donald Trump's picks for cabinet have adopted an anti-Iran stance.

Mattis, a retired four-star Marine general, has described Iran as "the biggest destabilising force in the Middle East".

Trump has opposed an July 2015 nuclear deal between world powers and Iran that saw the lifting of international sanctions in exchange for guarantees that it will not pursue a nuclear weapons capability.

On Sunday, the White House said Trump and King Salman, Prince Mohammed's father, agreed on "rigorously" enforcing the Iran deal.

Also during Tuesday's call, Prince Mohammed said he "looked forward to working together to serve the interests of both countries and the fight against terrorism," SPA said.

It is the latest hopeful comment issued by the longtime US ally about the administration of Trump, who took office on Jan 20.

Prince Mohammed, one of the most powerful figures in Saudi Arabia, "underscored the US secretary of defence's experience in the region", SPA said.

Mattis, 66, commanded a Marine battalion during the First Gulf War and a division in the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

In 2010, he became head of US Central Command which covers the Middle East and Afghanistan.

The United States and Saudi Arabia have a decades-old relationship based on the exchange of American security for Saudi oil.

But ties between Riyadh and Washington became increasingly frayed during the administration of president Barack Obama.

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Tijari records net profit

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Newswatch

WASHINGTON: Former CIA Director David Petraeus says the US isn't doing enough to stop the Islamic State from using the internet to spread its propaganda and recruit new members.

During congressional testimony Wednesday, Petraeus said the so-called counter-messaging efforts are not adequate. He didn't mention any specific programs.

His remarks come a day after The Associated Press published an investigation that found a counter-propaganda program aimed at thwarting the Islamic State's use of social media for recruiting is plagued by incompetence, cronyism and skewed data.

The program, known as WebOps, is run by defense contractors at US Central Command in Tampa, Florida.

Petraeus says the US must work more closely with internet service providers and social media platforms. He says a prior collaboration succeeded in blocking large amounts of child pornography. (AP)

NEW DELHI: A landmine blast killed four policemen in southeastern India on Wednesday, a senior officer said, with Maoist rebels suspected of being behind the latest attack in the restive region.

A vehicle carrying 13 police officers hit the landmine as it travelled through Korapat district near the border between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh states.

Local police chief S. Shyni told AFP that a "security operation is under way" but did not provide further details.

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Tehran confirms 'new missile' test

DUBAI, Feb 1, (Agencies): Iran's defence minister said on Wednesday it had tested a new missile but this did not breach the Islamic Republic's nuclear accord with world powers or a UN Security Council resolution endorsing the pact.

Iran has test-fired several ballistic missiles since the nuclear deal in 2015, but the latest test was the first during US President Donald Trump's administration. Trump said in his election campaign that he would stop Iran's missile programme.

"The recent test was in line with our plans and we will not allow foreigners to interfere in our defence affairs," Defence Minister Hossein Dehghan told Tasnim news agency. "The test did not violate the nuclear deal or (UN) Resolution 2231."

A US official said on Monday that Iran test-launched a medium-range ballistic missile on Sunday and it exploded after travelling 630 miles (1,010 kms).

The Security Council held an emergency meeting on Tuesday and recommended the matter of the missile testing be studied at committee level. The new US ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, called the test "unacceptable".

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Tuesday that Tehran would never use its ballistic missiles to attack another country.

Some 220 Iranian members of parliament reaffirmed support for Tehran's missile programme, calling international condemnation of the tests "illogical".

"The Islamic Republic of Iran is against weapons of mass destruction, so its missile capability is the only available deterrence against enemy hostility," the lawmakers said in a statement carried on state media on Wednesday.

The state news agency IRNA quoted Ali Shamkhani, head of Iran's National Security Council, as saying Iran would not seek "permission from any country or international organisation for development of our conventional defensive capability".

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Other Voices

Respect for presidency ... not President

By Ali Ahmed Al-Baghli
Former Minister of Oil

WE have been intimate with tens of US presidents throughout our lives ... from Eisenhower to Barack Obama ... passing through Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Regan, Carter, George Bush — the father, Clinton and Bush — the son ... but Donald Trump as president is something else.

For the first time in history, Americans and Europeans in 670 cities protested against his election as president because his personal conduct before running for president was very bad. He is a person inclined to physical violence. We saw him beating a person in the wrestling ring and shaving his hair. The history of his wife is also full of controversies as indecent and obscene photos of her were published in one of the pornography magazines. So the whole world, including Americans, was shocked when such a personality was elected to lead the most powerful and richest country in the world.

Trump did not disappoint the perspective of his opponents — so much of them — in the US and abroad. On his first day in the Oval Office, he issued several



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controversial executive orders; such as the presidential order to ban citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries to enter the United States of America. The order even included those with dual citizenship in what is regarded as first degree human catastrophic decision which continues to stir turmoil around the world.

Trump puts himself in "silly situations" as expressed by Egyptian actor Adel Imam!! Since Trump's remarks on Twitter about the famous magazine — Vanity Fair, where he said, "The magazine was dead and its editor-in-chief does not have talent;" the tweet was followed by a banner on the magazine's website in red that read, "The Way Down, Big Trouble And Dead! The Magazine Trump Doesn't Want You To Read." In the aftermath of all this, subscriptions of

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