

New ship to serve in Sansha



A new ship is seen at a dock in Sansha of south China's Hainan province, Jan. 30, 2017. The ship completed its maiden voyage on Monday from east China's Shanghai to Sansha where it will serve. The 32-meter vessel weighs 498 tonnes. It has endurance of 45 days and is able to resist gales with speed of more than 60 kilometers per hour, according to its captain Yin Minzeng. It was designed to help extinguish fires on the sea, tow vessels that lose power and assist law-enforcement vessels. In addition, it will provide supplies for islands of Sansha. (Xinhua/Dai Chao)

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Sansha City was established in 2012 to administer islets and reefs in the Xisha, Zhongsha and Nansha islet groups as well as waters in this area.

German inflation outstrips UK

In confirmation that the rise in western inflation is mainly to do with rising commodity prices, especially oil, German CPI inflation today hit 1.9% compared to the UK's 1.6%. It confirms that inflation in the UK is not special to UK and has not been caused by sterling weakness and Brexit.

Jeremy Corbyn letter to Theresa May calling for her to withdraw offer of State Visit to Donald Trump

Jeremy

Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party, calling on Theresa May to withdraw her offer to Donald Trump of a State Visit, said:

"Let

no one be in doubt that I will oppose, and the Labour Party will oppose, all those who fan the flames of fear at home and abroad.

"I

support the demand of millions of British people: Donald Trump should not be welcomed on a state visit to this country while he continues to propagate his anti-women, anti-Muslim and anti-Mexican policies.

"This

world defeated segregation, we defeated Apartheid and we will defeat this nasty policy created to sow division and hatred.

"His

invite should be withdrawn until the executive orders are gone and every element of them repealed.

"History

judges us by the actions we take in opposing oppression.

"I

am proud that during the 1980s and 1990s I stood with Labour party members, trade unionists and faith leaders opposing the racist regime of South Africa.

"I

was there on the day Margret Thatcher opened her door to P.W. Botha while Nelson Mandela languished in a prison cell.

"Margaret

Thatcher and the Conservative Party were on the wrong side of history then just
as Theresa May and her Conservative Party are on the wrong side of history today.

"The

Labour party stands unequivocally with those demonstrating today and will do so
until we are victorious.

"I

have written to Theresa May to demand that she withdraws her offer to Donald Trump of a State Visit."

[Green Party responds to news Trump could pull out of Paris Agreement](#)



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Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, has responded to the news today that Donald Trump could pull the US out of the Paris Climate Change Agreement within a matter of days. [1]

Bartley said:

"The news that Donald Trump could pull the US out of the Paris Agreement is a shame on our own Government. The Prime Minister's failure to prioritise climate change with the President is a complete dereliction of duty.

"But although a US withdrawal would be a bitter blow to the fight to save our planet, the momentum we have gathered is unstoppable, and the Paris Agreement will continue in strength with or without Donald Trump."

Notes:

1. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/donald-trump-paris-climate-change-deal-myron-ebell-us-president-america-pull-out-agreement-a7553676.html>

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NE China province reports two H7N9 cases

Northeast China's Liaoning Province on Monday reported two human H7N9 avian flu cases.

The two patients, from cities of Shenyang and Chaoyang, respectively, are being treated and in stable conditions, the provincial health authorities said in a statement.

In response to the disease, authorities in the two cities have taken disease control measures.

In addition to Liaoning, human infections have also been reported in the provinces of Guangdong, Guizhou, Hubei, Henan, Hunan, Jiangxi and Shandong, as well as in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Macao.

The public are advised to avoid direct contact with poultry and see doctors timely when developing symptoms including headache, fever and coughing.

At least ten people have died from the virus since the start of the year, according to disease control centers in Henan, Guangdong and Hunan provinces.

H7N9 is a bird flu strain first reported to have infected humans in March 2013 in China. It is most likely to strike in winter and spring.