

GLOBE TROTTER

**BARACK OBAMA VISITS MOSQUE**  
Washington: US President Barack Obama on Wednesday made his first visit to a mosque as part of his effort to assure the religious minority of their safety and security and celebrate religious diversity of the country.

**JUNCKER: PROPOSALS TO AVOID BREXIT FAIR FOR ALL**  
Strasbourg (France): The proposed deal to keep Britain in the EU and avoid a "Brexit" after a referendum is "fair" for Britain and its 27 partners, European Commission Chief Jean-Claude Juncker said on Wednesday.

**OBAMA SAYS BRITAIN'S PLACE IS IN EU**  
Washington: US President Barack Obama has waded into the boiling debate over Britain's European Union membership, telling Prime Minister David Cameron his country was best served inside the 28-country bloc.

**HAQQANI NETWORK MOST CAPABLE THREAT IN AF: US**  
Washington: The dreaded Haqqani network remains the most capable threat to US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan, the top American General in the war-torn nation said.

**FIRST ARTIFICIAL 'GRAPHENE' CREATED**  
Washington: Scientists, led by an Indian-origin researcher, have created an artificial material with a structure similar to the 'wonder material' graphene. Graphene transistors are predicted to be substantially faster and more heat tolerant than today's silicon transistors and may result in more efficient computers and the next-generation of flexible electronics.

**PHILIPPINES FAIL TO PASS BILL RELATING TO MUSLIMS**  
Manila: Philippine lawmakers failed on Wednesday to pass a crucial Bill aimed at ending a decades-long Muslim insurgency that has claimed tens of thousands of lives, igniting fears of fresh violence.

**GEORGIA EXECUTES 72-YR-OLD PRISONER**  
Washington: The US state of Georgia executed its oldest death row inmate on Wednesday, just days before his 73rd birthday, in a move critics denounced as emblematic of capital punishment's excesses.

**OSAMA GOT 9/11 IDEA FROM EGYPT AIR CRASH**  
Jerusalem: Osama bin Laden got inspiration for the deadly 9/11 attacks from a 1999 plane crash in which an Egyptian airline pilot deliberately downed his plane in the Atlantic Ocean, the al-Qaeda has claimed.

**OLDER DOGS HAVE BETTER LOGICAL REASONING: STUDY**  
London: Older dogs may be slower at learning new tricks, but they are better than younger canines at making logical inferences, a new study has found. Using a series of touchscreen tests, researchers studied the effect of ageing on cognitive processes such as learning, memory and logical reasoning in pet dogs of varying ages.

# Trump shrugs off Iowa loss, resumes attacks

night" for Rubio.  
A dispatch in *The New York Times* went on to say that Rubio's speech on Monday night carried echoes of Barack Obama's address after his Iowa victory in 2008. "Both opened by saying how they had defied skeptics and political odds. Both insisted they would overcome cynicism. And both said they offered hope for healing and unity," the dispatch noted.



At a big rally of supporters in Milford, Trump was quick to slam the media for its embrace of Marco Rubio who finished as a strong third, projecting the young Florida Senator as a formidable challenger to himself and Ted Cruz.  
"They make it sound like he (Rubio) had a victory and I didn't. I came in second," Trump said, adding: "He is a professional politician; he comes in third; I come in second." He went on to mock the headlines dubbing it a poor show for him in Iowa, while hailing it as an "incredible

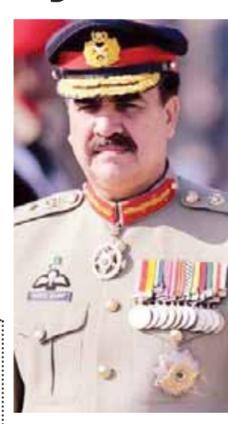
New Hampshire is thought to be a happy hunting ground for Trump, where he has attracted huge crowds and pollsters expect him to win comfortably. A RealClearPolitics average of polls gives him a massive 21 per cent lead over Senator Cruz.  
He almost grudgingly admitted that his decision to skip last week's Republican debate, hosted by Fox News, could have cost him victory in Iowa, saying, "I think some people were disappointed that I didn't go into the debate."

# Says debate boycott may have hurt him

day after his uncharacteristically graceful acceptance of defeat in Iowa, Donald Trump was back to his old ways of lashing out at all and sundry as he arrived in New Hampshire on Tuesday in the hope of winning big in the February 9 primary and proving his growing band of detractors wrong.  
If pundits thought that Trump would have learned a lesson or two and settle for a course correction, the New York billionaire was quick to offer more of the same as he shrugged off the Iowa loss and went after his rivals and the "dishonest media" just as he has been doing for months.

# Main facilitator of Bacha Khan varsity attack arrested: Report

Pakistan authorities have arrested the main facilitator of the gruesome attack on Bacha Khan University that killed 21 people, mostly students, while he was trying to slip across the border to Afghanistan, a media report said on Wednesday.  
Waheed Ali alias Arshad, categorised as "Terrorist A", was arrested in Nowshera last week by intelligence agencies, the Dawn reported, citing "credible" sources.  
"He had made arrangements to flee to Afghanistan and hired a taxi to take him to the Pak-Afghan border at Torkham. Had there been any further delay, the man would have slipped away," they said.  
"He had shaved his beard and had packed up. His taxi was intercepted and he was picked up after positive identification," said the sources, requesting anonymity.



are fighting, and we shall continue to fight till peace prevails across the width and breadth of the province," he added.  
Gen Sharif said the law enforcement agencies and the people of Balochistan had defended the integrity of Pakistan with unflinching resolve. He noted that law enforcement agencies had carried out over 2,400 intelligence-based operations in Balochistan since August, 2014 during which 204 lives were lost.

# Foreign forces supporting terrorism: Pak Army chief

Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan province has become a hotbed for proxy wars for regional and global powers pursuing a grand strategy as he accused foreign forces of supporting terrorism in the State, Army chief Gen Raheel Sharif said.  
"Foreign adversaries are more than eager to exploit any opportunity to destabilise Pakistan by harbouring, training and funding dissidents and militants," he told a seminar on peace and prosperity in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan, on Tuesday.  
He said that terrorism and militancy were being supported by foreign forces and facilitated by insiders. Gen Sharif said issues in Balochistan were complicated by the foreign interference across a porous border spanning hundreds of kilometres.  
"This is a battle that we all

# 3 killed, 12 hurt in clashes between PIA staff, police

At least three people were shot dead and 12 others injured on Wednesday during clashes between security forces and staff of Pakistan International Airlines protesting at Karachi's international airport against the planned privatisation of the ailing national flag carrier.  
The clashes led to the disruption and then suspension of many domestic and international flights around the country's main airports. The incident took place near the Jinnah International Airport after the joint action committee which represents all unions of PIA gave a complete strike call for on Wednesday despite the government enforcing Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) under which all union activities were suspended and employees told to report on duty.  
Though two of the protesters died of bullet wounds,



Rangers and police denied opening fire at the site. A third patient succumbed to his wounds later in the night. Following the deadly clash, PIA Chairman Nasser Jaffer announced on Wednesday night that he has resigned from his post.  
He expressed grief over the deaths of the PIA employees and lamented at the events which led to their deaths. "My conscience doesn't allow me to head the organisation anymore," he said. "I have resigned from the post," the PIA chairman told TV channels while in tears.

# Indonesia confirms Zika case, urges calm

Jakarta: Indonesia on Wednesday officially confirmed a case of the Zika virus dating back to last year but said it was prepared to handle any outbreak of the disease which has sparked alarm in the Americas. Government officials confirmed a single case of the mosquito-borne Zika virus had been detected in Jambi on Sumatra island. It was discovered by researchers studying specimens taken during a dengue fever outbreak between December 2014 and April 2015.  
"We found an infected patient in Jambi. The presentation by the Health Minister showed that it is under control," senior minister Puan Maharani told reporters after a high-level meeting convened by President Joko Widodo to discuss the virus. AFP



Nobody is saying anything, the international community is completely blind," said Salem Meslet from the High Negotiations Committee (HNC).  
UN special envoy Staffan de Mistura on Wednesday declared that indirect talks between the Government and the Opposition had officially begun in Switzerland, saying he hoped to "achieve something" by February 11.  
But chief Government negotiator Bashar al-Jaafari shot this down on Wednesday, saying the talks were still "in a preparatory phase", that the Opposition had failed to even name its negotiating team and that there was no agenda.

# 'Russia to bomb Syria until terrorist organisations defeated'

Moscow: Russia said on Wednesday it will press ahead with its bombing campaign in Syria until "terrorist organisations" such as the ISIS group are defeated amid the latest international push to end the conflict.  
"Russian air strikes will not cease until we truly defeat the terrorist organisations ISIS and Jabhat al-Nusra," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told reporters in Oman, referring to the ISIS and Al-Nusra Front jihadi groups, Interfax news agency reported. "And I don't see why these air strikes should stop." AFP

# Syrian Opp chief Hijab to join troubled talks

Geneva: The head of Syria's main umbrella opposition group, former Syrian premier Riad Hijab, will arrive in Switzerland on Wednesday to join troubled peace talks, a spokesman for the group said.  
The expected arrival of High Negotiations Committee general coordinator Hijab comes as the biggest diplomatic push to date to end the almost five-year-old war hangs by a thread, with formal talks yet to begin in earnest. AFP

# Army breaks long rebel siege of Shia villages

Geneva: Syrian troops and allied militiamen blasted their way into two Shia villages in northern Syria on Wednesday, breaking a long-running rebel siege during a major offensive, Syrian TV reported. The Government advance angered the opposition, further undermining prospects for peace talks underway in Geneva. The two villages, Nubl and Zahra, are located in the middle of opposition territory.  
They have been blockaded by rebel groups for around three years, with the Army occasionally airdropping food and other assistance. Their capture would mark a major victory for Government forces, which have made significant advances in Aleppo province in the past few days, severing a key supply route linking rebels in Aleppo city to the Turkish border.  
Pro-government fighters continued their offensive north of Aleppo in an attempt to besiege rebel-held neighborhoods. AP

# US Gen: Indian helicopters made a difference in Afghanistan

Armed Services Committee during a Congressional hearing on Afghanistan on Wednesday.  
The Mi-35, a comprehensive upgrade of the Mi-24, is a versatile helicopter gunship with troop carrying capabilities.  
Campbell, who has commanded US and international forces in Afghanistan for the past 18 months, is expected to retire. Lieutenant General John Nicholson has been chosen by President Barack Obama to replace Campbell.  
In January, three multi-role Mi-35 attack helicopters donated by India were inducted into the Afghan Air Force, giving the country's security forces a much-needed lethal teeth against militant groups like the Taliban.  
The Indian gift to Afghanistan has been hailed by the people and Government of Afghanistan, and also by the US. Campbell's remarks on India's donation of helicopters came in response to a question from Congressman Rob Wittman who wanted to know about the capabilities of the Afghan Air Force.

# Malaysian politician ousted for criticising PM

Kuala Lumpur: The son of former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad resigned as the top leader of a federal state on Wednesday, saying he was ousted because he had criticized Prime Minister Najib Razak over a \$700 million financial scandal.  
Mukhriz Mahathir said he had lost majority support in the Kedah State Assembly following a party bid to remove him as CM. Mahathir has been leading calls for Najib to step down, and Mukhriz's ouster was seen as a continuing purge of critics in Najib's Government.  
The PMO said Mukhriz lost majority support because of a lack of confidence in his leadership and concerns that better preparations were needed for the party to retain the state in general elections due in 2018. AP

# Egypt court cancels death penalty to 149 Brotherhood activists

Cairo: Death sentences of 149 activists of the banned Muslim Brotherhood were revoked on Wednesday by Egypt's highest court which also ordered a retrial in the case in which the defendants were accused of killing 13 policemen and attacking a police station in 2013.  
The Muslim Brotherhood activists were accused of killing 11 policemen, attacking a police station in Kerdasa, torching police and private vehicles, possessing weapons among other charges in 2013 following the dispersal of Rabaa and Nahda Muslim Brotherhood sit-ins, which left many Islamists dead. PTI

# Pope Francis feels 'like a mother-in-law'

Vatican City: Pope Francis, in lighter vein, has said he feels "rather like a mother-in-law" when called upon to give guidance. "I feel rather like a mother-in-law giving advice on what should be done," the Pope said on Tuesday. Asked what advice he had for families in the world's second largest economy, where work pressures can separate parents from their children, Francis said, "I would suggest a healthy realism."  
"First, I must be reconciled with reality. I don't like it, I am against it, it makes me suffer, but if I don't come to terms with it, I won't be able to do anything. The second step is to work to improve reality and to change its direction," he stated. In the landmark interview, Francis also sent Chinese New Year's greetings to the Chinese people and President Xi Jinping, the first extended by a Pope to a Chinese leader for the lunar new year in 2,000 years. IANS

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**NOTICE INVITING No.7/2015-16**  
Bids are invited through e-tendering systems from eligible contractors by the Xen Civil Const. Division UHBVN, Panchkula for the execution of the following work.

Sr. No.	Description of item	Cost of work	Earnest Money for contractor	Earnest Money for society	Tender Document Fee	Time Period
1	Construction of shed, platform & cement area at Central store Panipat.	76.22 Lac	152440/-	76220/-	4000/-	6 Month
2	Construction of boundary wall around 'OP' Division office at Samalkha.	15.81 Lac	31620/-	15810/-	1000/-	4 Month
3	Extension of Switch House Building at 33 KV S/stn. Mathloda	9.48 Lac	18960/-	9480/-	500/-	4 Month

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