

China opens its first 'cyber court'

Beijing

China's first "cyber court" was launched on Friday to settle online disputes, as the legal system attempts to keep up with the explosion of mobile payment and e-commerce. Residents of the eastern city of Hangzhou -- home to e-commerce giant Alibaba -- can now register their internet-related civil complaints online and wait to log onto to their trial via videochat.



US, Japan to speed up bilateral trade talks

Washington

The US and Japan discussed accelerating talks on strengthening bilateral trade as well as bolstering economic relations, the US Trade Representative's office said. The meeting comes after US President Donald Trump withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal with Pacific Rim economies, after campaigning on a protectionist platform.



I tell all my kinsmen in Germany... not to vote for them. Neither the Christian Democrats nor the SPD nor the Greens. They are all enemies of Turkey."

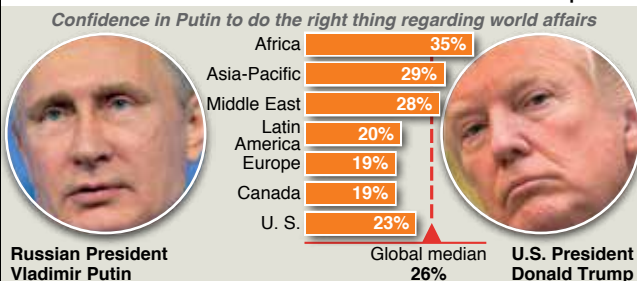
Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkey's President on German legislative elections



Putin more trusted than Trump

Few people trust Vladimir Putin to do the right thing for the world, according to a Pew Research Center survey of 37 countries; however, citizens of 22 countries trust Putin more than Donald Trump



Russian President Vladimir Putin

U.S. President Donald Trump

Confidence in Putin / Trump to do the right thing regarding world affairs

Putin %	Trump %	Trust Putin more than Trump %	Trust Trump more than Putin %	Putin %	Trump %
50	19	Greece* 31	Sweden 2	12	10
46	15	Lebanon 31	Venezuela 2	22	20
79	58	Vietnam 21	Italy* 1	26	25
25	11	Germany* 14	Spain* 1	8	7
32	18	Tunisia 14	Tanzania 0	50	50
19	5	Mexico 14	Australia 2	27	29
27	17	10 South Korea	Canada* 3	19	22
20	11	9 Turkey*	United Kingdom* 3	19	22
31	23	8 Indonesia	Netherlands* 5	12	17
34	26	8 Senegal	South Africa 6	33	39
20	12	8 Chile	Jordan 7	2	9
23	15	8 Colombia	India 11	29	40
24	17	7 Peru	Ghana 13	36	49
19	13	6 Argentina	Philippines 15	54	69
34	29	5 Hungary*	Kenya 18	33	51
19	14	5 Brazil	Poland* 19	4	23
18	14	4 France*	Nigeria 19	39	58
28	24	4 Japan	Israel 28	28	56

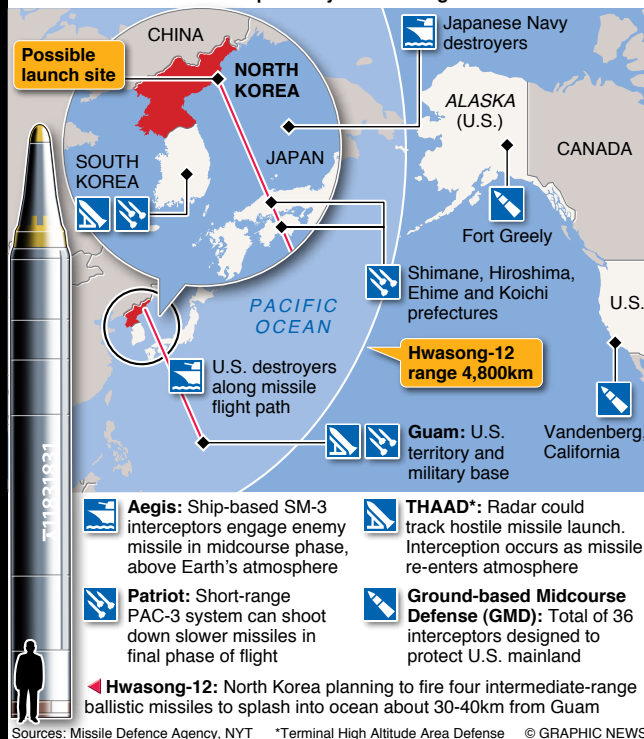
*NATO members. Survey of 40,951 respondents in 37 countries outside of Russia from February 16 to May 8, 2017. No U.S. data for Trump / Putin comparison

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Missile defence systems in the Pacific

The U.S. and its Pacific allies could intercept North Korean missiles launched in the direction of Guam, but much of the technology is yet to be battle-tested and experts say there is no guarantee it will work



Infosys chief quits in rift with founders

Vishal Sikka

Mumbai

Vishal Sikka has resigned as chief executive of Infosys, the Indian software giant announced yesterday, as the growing acrimony between the company's board and its founders burst into open warfare.

Sikka said the "increasingly personal" attacks had hit morale at the company, which has been trying to keep pace with rapid changes in the industry.

The surprise announcement hit Infosys shares, which were down by nearly 10 percent by the end of the day.

"Over the last many months and quarters, we have all been besieged by false, baseless, malicious and increasingly personal attacks," he said

in a statement.

"The distractions that we have seen, the constant drumbeat of the same issues over and over again, while ignoring and undermining the good work that has been done, take the excitement and passion out of this amazing journey."

Sikka had come under fire in recent months from some of the founders of the company on issues related to corporate governance and salary increases for its top executives.

Indian newspapers on Friday quoted a leaked email from one of the company's founders Narayan Murthy in which he said Sikka was not "chief executive officer material". Later Friday

Murthy, who remains a shareholder, reportedly issued a statement saying he was concerned about what he called the "deteriorating standard of corporate governance which I have repeatedly brought to the attention of the board".

Sikka told reporters after the announcement that the antagonism was taking a "heavy toll personally" and had become "untenable".

The company's board came out in support of the outgoing chief, accusing Murthy of waging a "continuous assault".

Analysts said Sikka had helped steer Infosys back on track during a difficult period and his resignation reflected badly on the company.

Uber's ousted CEO calls investor lawsuit unfounded

Washington

Uber's ousted chief executive and company founder Travis Kalanick is asking for the dismissal of an investor lawsuit against him, calling it part of a personal attack aimed at sidelining him.

A response Thursday to a lawsuit filed last week by early Uber investor Benchmark Capital said the litigation was part of a "shameful" effort to remove Kalanick from any role at the ridesharing giant.



Travis Kalanick

The Benchmark lawsuit filed in a Delaware court accused Kalanick of fraud, breach of contract and of

plotting to manipulate the board of directors to allow him to return as CEO following his resignation in

June.

But in his response, Kalanick claimed that Benchmark "began secretly planning an effort to oust him" and "executed its plan at the most shameful of times" following the death of his mother in a May accident.

The filing said members of Benchmark earlier this year "handed Kalanick a draft resignation letter, and told him he had hours to sign it, or else Benchmark would start a public campaign against him."