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China says Iran nuclear deal not derailed, pledges constructive role

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China on Saturday pledged to continue playing a constructive role in maintaining and implementing the Iran nuclear deal, after U.S. President Donald Trump set an ultimatum to fix "disastrous flaws" in a deal.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif by phone that implementation of the deal had not been "derailed" but would face "some new complicating factors", the state news agency Xinhua reported. Continuing to implement the nuclear deal was the responsibility of all parties concerned and the common wish of the international community, Wang was quoted as saying during the call, which took place on a visit to Rwanda. The deal would help uphold the international non-proliferation regime, maintain regional peace and stability and solve "other hot issues" around the world, he said.

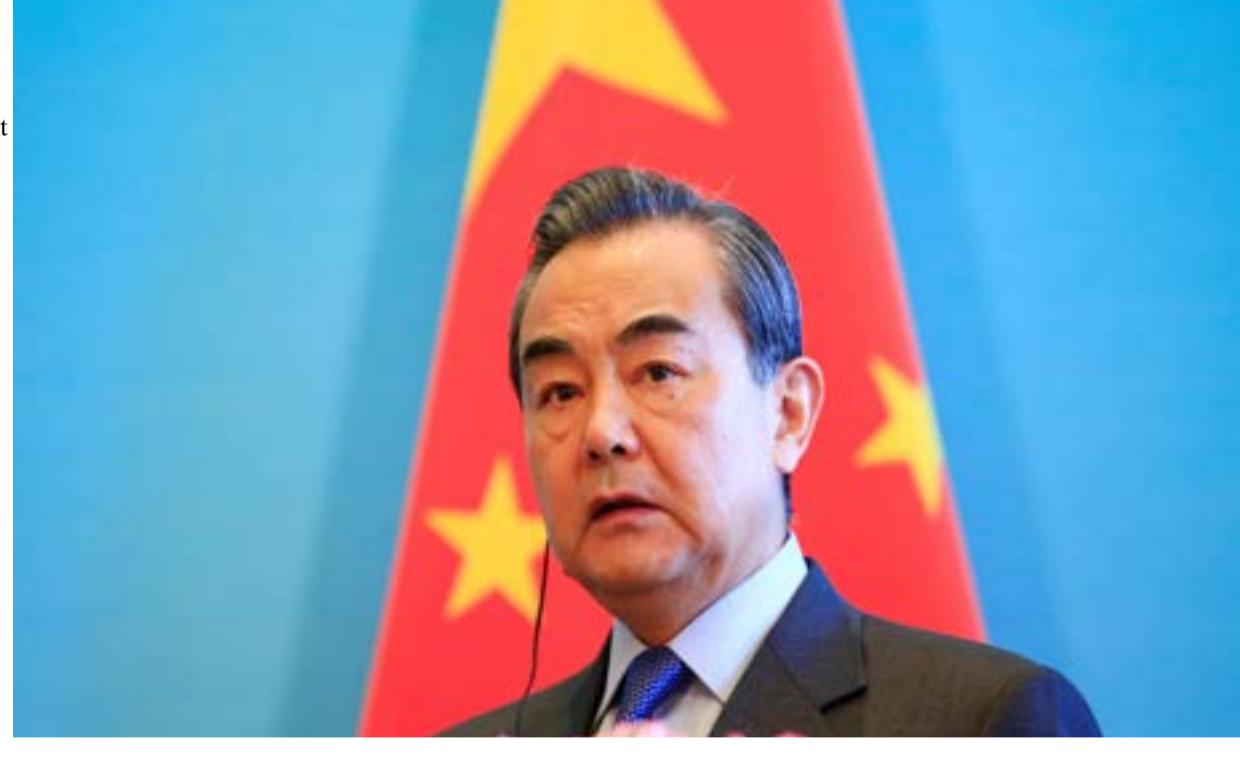
He urged Iran to remain calm and continue to fulfill its obligations under the deal.

On Friday, Trump agreed to waive sanctions against Iran that were lifted as part of the international deal but said it would be the last time unless conditions were met to fix what he called "significant flaws" in the deal.

His ultimatum puts pressure on Europeans - key backers and parties to the 2015 international agreement to curb Iran's nuclear program - to satisfy Trump, who wants the pact strengthened with a separate agreement within 120 days. Zarif responded on Twitter that the deal was not renegotiable and that Trump's stance "amounts to desperate attempts to undermine a solid multilateral agreement".

While Trump approved the sanctions waiver, the Treasury Department announced new, targeted sanctions against 14 entities and people, including the head of Iran's judiciary, Sadeq Amoli Larijani, a close ally of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Iran said on Saturday it would retaliate against the new sanctions, although it did not specify how.



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi speaks during a joint news conference after the 1st China-Afghanistan-Pakistan Foreign Ministers' Dialogue in Beijing

Las Vegas gunman emailed about bump stocks months before rampage

(Reuters) - Three months before killing 58 people and wounding more than 500 in Las Vegas last October, the gunman behind the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history sent emails discussing buying bump stocks, which can make semiautomatic rifles fire hundreds of rounds a minute, media reports on unsealed search warrants showed.

Bump stocks believed to be used in the massacre were found in the 32nd-floor hotel room from where Stephen Paddock fired down on a crowd gathered on a Sunday night for the finale of a country music festival held on the Las Vegas Strip.

The details suggesting the attack may have planned months in advance were part of more than 300 pages of search warrants unsealed by a federal judge in Nevada on Friday, according to the Los Angeles Times, one of several publications that sought release of the documents.

Reuters was unable to obtain a copy of the documents on Friday night. The unsealed documents do not provide a motive for the killings, the Los



Angeles Times reported. Paddock shot and killed himself before police arrived at his hotel room the night of the shootings.

The documents also showed that Paddock's girlfriend, Marilou Danley, told investigators before they searched a house that the two shared that they might find her fingerprints on ammunition "because she occasionally

participated in loading magazines," the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

In the days after the shootings, authorities called Danley a "person of interest." Her attorney has said she had no inkling of Paddock's plans. Documents posted online by the Re-

view-Journal showed that FBI agents sought information from Microsoft and Facebook regarding the accounts held by Paddock and Danley.

FILE PHOTO: Workers board up a broken window at the Mandalay Bay hotel in Las Vegas

Microsoft and Facebook did not immediately respond to emails and calls from Reuters on Friday night. An unsealed search warrant shows that an email sent July 6, 2017 from an account linked to Paddock to an address that he may also have controlled discusses the use of bump stocks "for a thrill," according to an affidavit posted by the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

The emails also mentioned trying out an AR-style rifle before purchasing one.

The Los Angeles Times reported that investigators are not sure why Paddock would send emails between accounts he controlled, or whether one was controlled by another person, which would mean, "investigators need to determine who was communicating with him about weapons that were used in the attack," one of the warrants said.

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A Snapshot Of The World



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe smiles during a news conference, in Tallinn



U.S. President Donald Trump is seen before signing a proclamation to honor Martin Luther King Jr. day in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington



FILE PHOTO: Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio announces newly launched program aimed at providing security around schools in Anthem, Arizona



A man gets stuck under debris at a damaged site after an airstrike in the Saqba area, in the eastern Damascus suburb of Ghouta, Syria January 9, 2018.



Woman leaves a clothing shop showing items for sale in Cairo



French skating judge Le Gouge is pictured at Strasbourg's skating rink



Hila Fenlon poses for a photo as she holds a joke sign in the farm collective Nativ Haasara, close to the Israeli border with the Gaza Strip



Alpine Skiing - FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup - Men's Alpine Combined - Wengen, Switzerland - January 12, 2018 - Victor Muffat-Jeandet of France in action during the downhill part. REUTERS/Denis Balibouse



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COMMUNITY

On Tuesday the suburban St. Louis-based moving company United Van Lines released its 41st annual National Movers Study, which tracks customers' state-to-state migration patterns.

Three of the top four destination states are in the West including Oregon, Idaho and Nevada.

However Vermont, a Northeast state, had

the highest percentage of inbound migration in 2017. About 68 percent of state-to-state moves in Vermont were inbound last year.

At the other end of the spectrum is Illinois, which had the highest percent of outbound moves, 63 percent, followed by New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

Idaho is swiftly becoming the fastest-growing state in the union and is apparently the fourth-cheapest cost of living in the country, reported The Washington Post.

Additionally the state's unemployment rate is below the national average at 2.9 percent, according to NPR.

Idaho saw its population rise by 2.2 percent from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, proving it's the fastest growing state in the nation.

As a region, the Mountain West continues to increase in popularity with 54 percent of moves being inbound, including states such as Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Washington and Colorado.

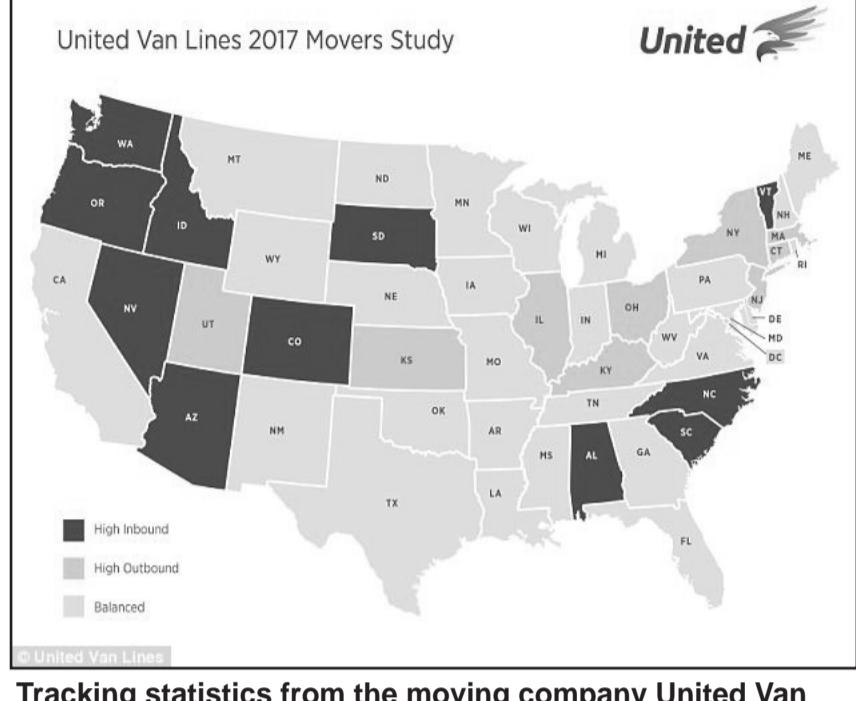
Apparently this is the most popular destination for retirees with one in four movers saying they chose to move there for retirement. This has seen the Northeast experience a loss of people such as New Jersey, 63 percent outbound, New York, 61 percent, and

Connecticut, 57 percent.

Director of marketing communications at United Van Lines, Melissa Sullivan said 'For more than 40 years, United Van Lines

has been tracking which states people are moving to and from. We also survey our customers to understand why they are moving from state-to-state,' Cision reported.

'As the nation's largest household goods mover, the data we collect is reflective of national migration trends,' Sullivan said.



Tracking statistics from the moving company United Van Lines indicate that Americans are still heading west, while parts of the Northeast and Midwest continue to lose people.



Pictured here is downtown Portland, Oregon, at sunset. Statistics reveal more and more Americans are moving West

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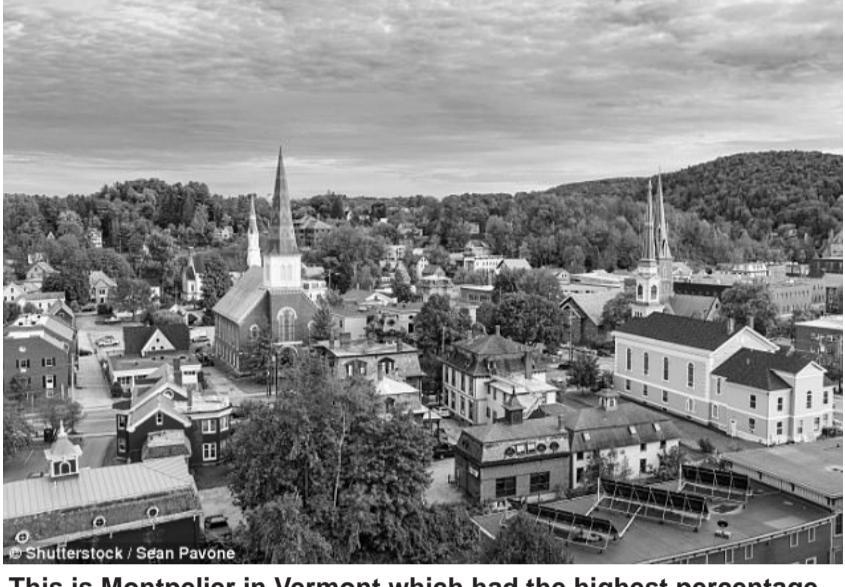
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Pictured here is a farm house and red barn in Idaho, which is swiftly becoming the fastest-growing state in the in U.S. Mountain West and has the fourth-cheapest cost of living in the country.

TOP 10 INBOUND AND OUT-BOUND STATES OF 2017

The top inbound states for 2017

Vermont, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington, South Carolina, North Carolina, Colorado, Alabama

The top outbound states for 2017

Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio, Kentucky, Utah, Wisconsin (Courtesy <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article>)



Above photo of Denver Colorado, another place people are migrating to in the US.

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Workers bundle up as offices chill to the bone



Philip Marcelo, Associated Press

Two long-sleeved shirts, a sweater, a fleece jacket, two scarves and two pairs of socks.

That has been Karen Ericson's go-to outfit in her office in Des Moines, Iowa, in recent weeks.

"I am still shivering," the 39-year-old graphic designer said recently, estimating the temperature in the office was in the mid-60s while outside, the city hit 19 below zero. "Living in the Midwest, I'm well-trained to dress warmly and in layers, but this deep freeze has been difficult to endure, especially when I expect to be comfortable - or at least not shivering - inside."

As much of the nation muddled through bitter weather in recent weeks, office dwellers found they had to brave the cold when indoors. Many relied on winter parkas, gloves, blankets and space heaters just to work.

Dressed for Arctic success

"Today I've got two sweaters, a scarf, ear coverings, gloves and a blanket over my lap," Rebecca Miller, 27, an academic adviser at Tennessee State University in Nashville, said this month as temperatures barely ticked above 50 degrees in her office while outside it was 20 degrees or lower in the daytime. "But I'm still having a hard time working. I'm shaking cold, and it's hard to focus. The gloves make it hard to type, and the bulky layers make it difficult to move around." Like thousands of other chilly Americans, she snapped selfies at her desk in attire usually reserved for the ski slopes and shared them on social media.

Office developments are built with centralized heating systems that make the buildings suitable for a range of uses over many years. The downside is they provide little climate control to individual tenants - sometimes purposely, said Khee Poh Lam, architecture professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Houston firm can earn \$70 million if it finds Malaysian airliner MH370 in next three months



By Fernando Alfonso III

A Houston firm that conducts seabed exploration can earn \$70 million if it finds missing flight MH370 or its black box in three months.

Ocean Infinity can earn the payout from the Malaysian government in what is being called a "no cure, no fee" deal. This is a new deal following search efforts the company had already engaged in.

"Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said there was an 85 percent chance of finding the debris in a new 9,653 square mile area -- roughly the size of

Vermont -- identified by expert," CBS News reported.

The plane went missing on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. There were 239 people on board.

Ocean Infinity can earn "\$20 million for 1,930 square miles successfully searched, \$30 million for 5,790 sq. miles, \$50 million for 9,653 sq. miles and \$70 million if the plane or recorders are found beyond the identified area," CBS added.

So far the governments of Malaysia, Australia, and China have spent \$200 million combined trying to

find the missing plane, Flying Magazine reported.

Ocean Infinity CEO Oliver Plunkett called his company "well suited to the task" of finding the missing plane.

"I wish our team the best of luck in their endeavors and sincerely hope that we will be able to play a part in providing some answers to the many people affected by this tragedy," Plunkett said in a statement on the company's website.

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