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## Trump says there are many options short of war with Iran after attacks on Saudis

LOS ANGELES/JEDDAH (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump said on Wednesday there were many options short of war with Iran after U.S. ally Saudi Arabia displayed remnants of drones and missiles it said were used in a crippling attack on its oil sites that was "unquestionably sponsored" by Tehran. "There are many options. There's the ultimate option and there are options that are a lot less than that. And we'll see," Trump told reporters in Los Angeles. "I'm saying the ultimate option meaning go in — war." Trump, who earlier said on Twitter that he had ordered the U.S. Treasury to "substantially increase sanctions on the country of Iran!" told reporters the unspecified, punitive economic measures would be unveiled within 48 hours. Trump's tweet followed repeated U.S. assertions that the Islamic Republic was behind Saturday's attacks and came hours after Saudi Arabia said the strike was a "test of global will". Iran again denied involvement in the Sept. 14 raids, which hit the world's biggest crude oil processing facility and initially knocked out half of Saudi output. Saudi Arabia is the world's leading oil exporter.



Saudi defence ministry spokesman Colonel Turki Al-Malik displays remains of the missiles which Saudi government says were used to attack an Aramco oil facility, during a news conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia September 18, 2019. REUTERS/Hamad I Mohammed

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Responsibility was claimed by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi group, which on Wednesday gave more details of the raid, saying it was launched from three sites in Yemen.

In a remark that may further strain an already tense political atmosphere in the Gulf, the Houthis also said they had dozens of sites in the United Arab Emirates, Riyadh's top Arab ally, listed as possible targets for attacks.

In an attempt to bolster its assertion that Iran was responsible, Saudi Arabia showed drone and missile debris it said amounted to undeniable evidence of Iranian aggression.

A total of 25 drones and missiles were used in the attacks sponsored by Iran but not launched from Yemen, Defense Ministry spokesman Colonel Turki al-Malki told a news conference. "The attack was launched from the north and unquestionably sponsored by Iran," he said, adding Iranian Delta Wing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) were used in addition to cruise missiles.

An investigation into the origin of the attacks was still under way and the result will be announced later, he said.

The attack exposed gaps in Saudi air defenses despite billions spent on Western military hardware.

Proof of Iranian responsibility, and in particular firm evidence that the attack was launched from Iranian territory, could pressure Riyadh and Washington into a response. Both nations, however, were stressing the need for caution.

Trump has previously said he does not want war and is coordinating with Gulf and European states.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, said the strike was a "real test of the global will" to confront subversion of the international order.

His envoy to London, Prince Khalid bin Bander, told the BBC the attack was "almost certainly" Iranian-backed: "We're trying not to react too quickly because the last thing we need is more conflict in the region."

The Islamic Republic dismissed the allegations. Saudi defence ministry spokesman Colonel Turki Al-Malik displays remains of the missiles which Saudi government says were used to attack an Aramco oil facility, during a news conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia September 18, 2019. REUTERS/Hamad I Mohammed "They want to impose maximum ... pressure on Iran through slander," Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said.

"We don't want conflict in the region ... Who started the conflict?" he added, blaming Washington and its Gulf allies for the war in Yemen.

Yemen's Houthi movement, battling a Western-backed, Saudi-led coalition for more than four years, said it used drones to assault state oil company Aramco's sites. The raid exposed the vulnerability of Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure and threw down a gauntlet to the United States, which wants to curb Iranian influence in the region. "The attack is like Sept. 11th for Saudi Arabia, it is a game changer," said one Saudi security analyst.

### "AN ACT OF WAR"

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who met Prince Mohammed in Jeddah to discuss the crisis, said the attacks would be a major focus of next week's annual U.N. General Assembly meeting and suggested Saudi Arabia could make its case there.

Pompeo called the attacks "an act of war."

"The Saudis were the nation that was attacked. It was on their soil. It was an act of war against them directly, and I'm confident they will do that," he told reporters before meeting the Saudi crown prince.

U.N. officials monitoring sanctions on Iran and Yemen were also heading to Saudi Arabia to investigate. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said a major confrontation in the Gulf would have "devastating consequences" for the region and globally.

France, which is trying to salvage an international nuclear deal with Iran that Washington quit last year, said it wanted to establish the facts before reacting.

A U.S. official told Reuters on Tuesday the strikes originated in southwestern Iran. Three officials said they involved cruise missiles and drones, indicating a higher degree of complexity and sophistication than initially thought.



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# Huawei promises smartest 5G phone, but who will be brave enough to buy?

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Huawei [HWT.UL] launches what could be the world's most powerful and feature-packed 5G smartphone on Thursday, but the fate of the device in Europe will hang on whether it can overcome a U.S. ban to give customers the Google software they expect.

FILE PHOTO: The Huawei logo is pictured at the IFA consumer tech fair in Berlin, Germany, September 5, 2019. REUTERS/Hannibal Hanschke/File Photo

The Chinese telecoms giant will showcase its Mate 30 range in Munich, Germany, in its first unveiling of an all-new phone since President Donald Trump hit the Shenzhen-based company with an export ban in May.

"The launch will be the most watched ever," said telecoms and media analyst Paolo Pescatore.

"Despite all the concerns surrounding Huawei, and the challenges it faces, it remains defiant and prepared to soldier on."

The No.2 smartphone maker is caught in the fallout of a trade conflict between Washington and Beijing that analysts say is morphing into a technology cold war. It expects the U.S. ban to cost it \$10 billion.

Holding the launch in Europe underlines the importance of the region's 500 million consumers to Huawei. It lost five percentage points in market share here following the U.S. ban, even as buyers rallied to its brand at home.

Huawei has been running an online marketing campaign here with the slogan "Rethink Possibilities", recruiting fans to spread the word about the launch. The same website will livestream the event, which starts at 2 pm (1200 GMT).

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The build-up has been marked by uncertainty over whether buyers of the flagship Android device will be able to use apps supported by Google.

Google, the unit of Silicon Valley tech giant Alphabet (GOOGL.O) says it won't be possible to sell the Mate 30 with licensed Google apps and services, which include the Play Store or popular tools like Gmail or Maps.

Huawei, for its part, hopes to run the phone on Android 10, the latest version of the operating system, and have access to Google Mobile Services.

Without those, say analysts, consumers won't want the phone - unless Huawei can find a way to convince them that its features are unmatched and its home-grown Harmony operating system is a good-enough fallback option.

Huawei says the phone's 'brain' - the Kirin 990 chipset unveiled at a recent tech fair in Berlin - outperforms the Qualcomm-powered (QCOM.O) 5G phones already on the market from market leader Samsung (005930.KS).

In particular, the 'big core-tiny core' configuration of the hardware means it can run power-hungry applications like artificial intelligence or support online gaming, while saving battery on routine tasks.

The Mate 30 range's look and feel will be superior to Apple's (AAPL.O) new iPhone 11s, according to analyst Richard Windsor, who said leaked photos showed an attractive circular triple-camera set-up.



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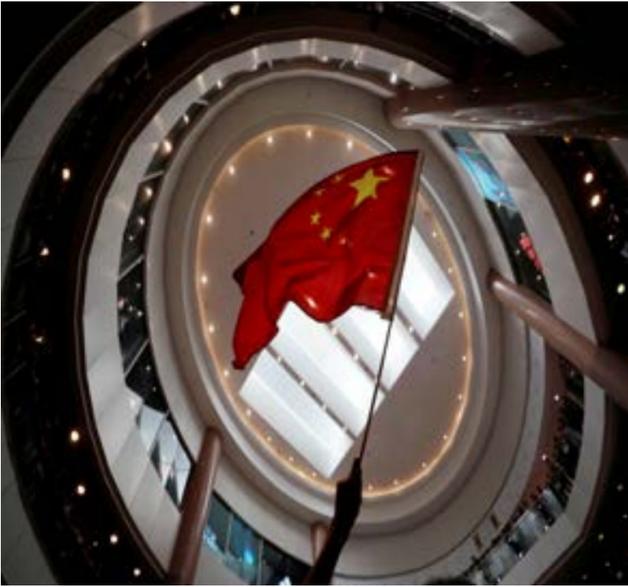
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**Discussions Focused On Plans For The Upcoming Texas-African Business Summit**

**President Alpha Condé Of The Republic of Guinea Visited Houston And Southern News**



President Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea (Left) and Southern News Group Chairman Wea H. Lee (Right) Reported by Quansheng Zhu for Southern Daily

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

On September 16, 2019, President Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea and former Chairperson of the African Union Guinea, led 23 ministers from Guinea to visit Southern News Group in Houston to discuss the upcoming Texas-African Business Summit. Chairman of the Texas-Africa Business Summit, Chairman of the Houston International Trade Center, President of the International District of Houston and Chairman of Southern News Group and Founder of the Texas-Africa Business Summit, Wea H. Lee, along with Co-Chairman of the International Trade Center, and Honorary Consul General of Ethiopia in the United States, Gezhagen Kebede, and more than 100 representatives of Houston's political and business establishment attended a reception and welcoming ceremony at Chairman Lee's private residence.

Mr. Kebede hosted the reception welcoming ceremony and introduced the President of the Republic of Guinea, Alpha Conde, and mentioned that President Condé studied in France in the early

years and obtained a doctorate in law. He has long taught at French universities. In the 1960s, during his studies in France, he joined the political movement and founded the Labor Party. In 1988, he was renamed the Guinean People's Union and served as the party chairman. He was elected to the National Assembly in 1995 and was arrested by the authorities during the 1998 election and sentenced to 10 years in prison.



Gezhagen Kebede, Honorary Consul General of Ethiopia in Houston and Co-Chairman of the Houston International Trade Center, introduced the President of the Republic of Guinea, Alpha Conde, to the luncheon guests. Released in advance in 2001, he immediately fled to France. After the coup in Guinea in 2008, he returned to the moth-

erland. He has twice participated in the presidential election, and was elected president in November 2010, re-elected on October 17, 2015, and re-elected on December 21, 2015 to serve as president of the Republic of Guinea. On January 30, 2017, he was elected as the Head of the African Union.

Chairman Wea H Lee gave a welcome speech. He warmly welcomed the former Chairperson of the African Union and current President of the Republic of Guinea, Alpha Condé, and invited him to visit Houston and visit the International Trade Center. Chairman Lee pointed out that the United States is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural country.

"African-Americans are also an important part of our great country. Our International Trade Center and African Americans have long-term cooperation and have made great achievements in many projects. We also hope to have long-term cooperation with various countries in Africa in the future, which is why we will hold the third Texas-Africa Business Summit in September next year."



President Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea and former Chairperson of the African Union Guinea, speaks to the guests at the luncheon.

Since President Condé came to power, he has implemented the "New Deal of Change" and implemented reforms in administrative, judicial, and security institutions. The overall political situation has remained stable, creating conditions for cooperation.

President Alpha Condé is also the former Chairperson of the African Union and also provides an opportunity for Texas-Africa business cooperation. Africa is the second largest continent on the planet with more than 1 billion people. It has

56 countries and has more diverse African culture and language than anywhere else in the world. The economy is quite backward, and the level of economic development and material living standards needs to be improved. Prosperous and peaceful Africa is a driving force on the global stage. Africa's economic development is crucial to Africa's strategic interests and the strategic interests of the United States.

Chairman Lee went on to explain that, "We are planning to hold the third Texas-Africa Business Summit at Rice University, bringing together government and business leaders from the US and the African continent. President Conde, as the Former Chairperson of the African Union, often meets with African heads of different countries and we hope that President Conde will mobilize African leaders to attend the business summit next year, and directly contact Texas and American entrepreneurs and government leaders to start and encourage mutual partnerships and relationships to identify areas and targets for economic growth, and to obtain detailed information on investment and growth maturity projects, expand trade and economic development between Texas and Africa, promote economic growth in Africa, and strengthen the United States and African countries bilateral relations. I wish President Conde is in good health and the country will be prosperous!"

President Conde of the Republic of Guinea thanked Chairman Lee for his kind invitation to visit Houston, the fourth largest city in the United States, during his visit to the United States. He thanked Mr. Kebede for setting up a bridge between Africa and Texas, and gave us the opportunity to cooperate with the International Trade Center to discuss the Africa-Texas Business Summit. Guinea has a population of more than 12.4 million and more than 20 ethnic groups. At present, the economy is in the list of underdeveloped countries, mainly in agriculture and mining, the industrial base is weak, and food cannot be self-sufficient. However, it is rich in natural resources and is known

as the "address miracle". Aluminum and iron ore are large in storage and high in taste. Among them, the proven reserves of aluminum ore rank first in the world. In addition, there are diamonds, gold, copper, uranium, cobalt, lead, zinc and so on. It is rich in water resources and is the birthplace of the three major rivers in West Africa. It is also known as the "Water Tower of West Africa". The arable land is 6 million hectares, 80% of which are not open, and the conditions for agricultural development are unique. Conde pointed out that his government attaches importance to increasing water and electricity supply in major cities and vigorously developing agriculture. He pointed out that Houston has abundant funds, advanced technology and many development projects. He hopes that the Houston business community will cooperate with Guinea to help build the country's infrastructure. He hopes that investors and builders in Texas will visit Guinea, investigate and invest in construction and promote the growth of Guinea's economy.



Southern News Group Chairman Wea H. Lee (Right) in discussion with President Alpha Condé of the Republic of Guinea (Left).

The political and business people in Houston consulted with President Condé and asked about the investment environment and policies of Guinea. President Conde answered them one by one.

During the reception, Texas Governor Greg Abbott was represented by a state legislator to present an honorary greeting to President Conde. President Wea H Lee of the Houston International Trade Center presented President Conde with a symbol of courage, pioneering, independence and the wild west - a cowboy hat. President Conde replied that he hoped the entrepreneurial spirit of the western United States can one day be extended to Africa.

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President Trump recently indicated plans to change policies for visa holders, tweeting that a "path to citizenship" for H-1B holders was potentially possible under his administration.

In a tweet posted as the president returned from his trip the day before to the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump declared that the U.S. desires to see "talented and highly skilled people" immigrate to the U.S. and pursue careers.

"H-1B holders in the United States can rest assured that changes are soon coming which will bring both simplicity and certainty to your stay, including a potential path to citizenship," Trump said.

"We want to encourage talented and highly skilled people to pursue career options in the U.S.," he continued.



The H-1B system, which allows U.S. companies to hire temporary foreign workers to fill needs not met by the U.S. workforce, is not intended as a permanent path to citizenship for immigrants coming to the United States.

Immigration reform has been a centerpiece of the Trump administration. (Courtesy https://thehill.com/blogs)

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What Changes Are Coming In 2019 To The H1B Visa Program?

What is the status of the current U.S. H1B visa program and what can we look forward to in 2019?

Foreigners view the H1B visa as the golden gate to furthering their career, starting a family and building a new life in America. The visa is particularly popular because you can also transition from it to a green card. Many applicants are international students

Trump's Message To H-1B Visa Holders: 'Path To Citizenship' Could Be Coming Soon



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trying to transition from F-1 student status to H-1B work visas on route to a green card. Each year, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) opens a total of 85,000 such visas — 65,000 for those applicants who have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, and 20,000 for those with a master's degree or higher. The USCIS begins accepting applications on the first business day of April each year. Within the first week, the visa allocation is exhausted. This year is the sixteenth year in a row that the H-1B program has experienced such an overload of applicants. In the first week of this fiscal year, nearly 200,000 petitions were received. To cope with this excessive demand for the work visas, the USCIS has employed a lottery to choose successful candidates.

Nearly half of Fortune 500 companies were founded by first or second-generation immigrants and no doubt, many were former H-1B visa holders. According to a recent report, U.S. tech giants like Amazon, Microsoft, Google and Intel are among the top 10 employers of approved H-1B applicants. Amazon itself, was the second highest guarantor of H-1B visas in 2017 with 2,515 such visas, sharply up from the previous year. U.S. educators have established without doubt that the entry of foreign-born scientists and engineers remains an unmatched source of "strength and vitality" for the country's tech industry.



According to an NFAP source, "Employers report the time lost due to the increase in denials and Requests for Evidence has cost millions of dollars in project delays and

contract penalties, while aiding competitors that operate exclusively outside the United States."



On November 19th, 2018 the U.S. Department of Labor began requiring that employers of H-1B applicants use a new Labor Condition Application form (LCA), ETA 9035. Critics claim the new form is designed to elicit internal information from employers and increase government pressure upon H-1B employed companies, with the intended possibility of negative attention from the press.

The new labor conditions could deter tech companies from hiring skilled graduates abroad lest they fork out too much in annual wages, and could compel them to "hire American" in line with Trump's new order. Alternatively, if companies cannot source adequate American-born employees, the new conditions may result in selected foreign employees being appointed at much higher salaries. The true effects of this new LCA form have yet to be seen.

From the perspective of both foreigners and international students, the uncertainty of such U.S. policies and denials, can be overwhelming. These U.S. restrictions impact Indian and Chinese nationals most because they account for the vast majority of these visas. For example, they accounted for 82 per cent of H-1B visas in 2016. Indian workers specifically are known to specialize in IT-related jobs, helping fill the gaps in the tech industry.

However, not all U.S. initiatives regarding H-1B visas have necessarily been bad. A change in the way the USCIS conducts its lottery may benefit some H-1B applicants. In particular, international students graduat-

ing from US colleges with master's degrees (and other advanced degrees) may soon have a much better chance of receiving an H-1B visa in the United States. The proposed new policy changes the rules of the lottery system used to determine who will receive the H-1B visa as follows:

- 1. USCIS will reverse the order by which USCIS selects H-1B petitions under the H-1B cap and the advanced degree exemption. This will increase the number of selected H-1B beneficiaries with a master's degree or higher from a U.S. institution of higher education up to 16% (or 5,340 workers).
2. USCIS will require petitioners seeking to file H-1B cap-subject petitions to first electronically register with USCIS. The employers will not need to send in the H-1B petitions and supporting documentation before the cap selection process. This will ease the amount of work required to apply for the H-1B visas.



USCIS expects that shifting to electronic registration would reduce overall costs for petitioners and create a more efficient and cost-effective H-1B cap petition process for USCIS.



As the political landscape in Washington changes following the results of the recent 2018 election, hopefully more positive changes will be introduced to increase the effectiveness of the H-1B visa program. (Courtesy forbes.com)

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