

A Look At What Happened At The G20 Summit

BUENOS AIRES: Leaders of the world's largest economic powers have agreed to overhaul the global body that regulates trade disputes, but they faced resistance from President Donald Trump over the Paris accord on climate change.

Here are some of the main developments at the Group of 20 summit:

WTO

All G-20 leaders called for reforming the World Trade Organization and the issue will be discussed during the group's next summit in Osaka, Japan, in June. The gathering's final statement, however, did not mention protectionism after negotiators said the U.S. objected to the wording. Trump has criticized the WTO and taken aggressive trade policies targeting China and the European Union.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR

Financial markets will be cheered by the announcement that Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed at a dinner after the summit to have a 90-day truce in their trade battle.

Trump agreed to hold off on plans to raise tariffs Jan. 1 on \$200 billion in Chinese goods. Xi agreed to buy a "not yet agreed upon, but very substantial amount of agricultural, energy, industrial" and other products from the United States to reduce America's huge trade deficit with China, the White House said.

SAUDI PRINCE

There were some awkward moments for Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as some leaders called him out over the gruesome October killing of dissident Saudi newspaper columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the country's consulate in Istanbul.

French President Emmanuel Macron was captured on video seemingly lecturing bin Salman,



President Donald Trump, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, right, and Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto, left, participate in the USMCA signing ceremony, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)



President Donald Trump meets with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, right, and Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

at one point being heard saying "I am worried," "you never listen to me," and "I am a man of my word." Macron said the crown prince only "took note" of his concerns.

British Prime Minister Theresa May also said she pressed bin Salman.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was the only G-20 leader to raise the issue during the official session. Erdogan called bin Salman's response "that the

crime had not been proven "unbelievable" and complained that Saudi authorities have been uncooperative.

But it wasn't all bad for bin Salman. He was not shunned, and on the gathering's first day, he and Russian President Vladimir Putin engaged in a hearty grip-and-grin as the two seemingly revealed in their shared status as relative outcasts.

U.S. intelligence agencies concluded the Saudi prince was behind the killing. Saudi Arabia denies he played a role.

UKRAINE CONFLICT

Western leaders confronted Putin over Russia's recent seizure of Ukrainian naval vessels and crews, but the diplomatic pressure didn't seem to bring either side closer to solving the conflict. Russia and Ukraine have accused each other of being responsible for the standoff.

Trump cited Russia's actions as the reason that he cancelled a planned meeting with Putin on the sidelines of the summit. EU Council President Donald Tusk sharply criticized "Russia's ag-

gression" against Ukraine.

Putin tried to convince Trump and the leaders of France and Germany that Russia's actions were justified — even pulling out a piece of paper and drawing a map of the disputed area to make his point.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The final communique signed by all 20 member nations said 19 of them reaffirmed their commitment to the Paris climate accord. The only holdout was the U.S., which has withdrawn from the pact under Trump.

"That G20 leaders signed up to the Paris Agreement reaffirmed their commitment to its full implementation in the resulting communique is important," the World Wildlife Fund said.

Greenpeace said that "the necessity of the U.S. being part of the effort to fight climate change cannot be denied, but this is a demonstration that the U.S. is still the odd one out."

NAFTA

After two years of negotiations, Trump signed a revised North American trade pact with the leaders of Canada and Mexico on the sidelines of the summit. The deal is meant to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, which Trump long denigrated as a "disaster."

The new pact won't take effect unless approved by the legislatures of all three nations, and there are questions about the pact's prospects in the U.S. Congress, especially now that Democrats will control the House. Democrats and their allies in the labour movement are already demanding changes.

But Trump said on the way back to Washington that he plans to formally terminate NAFTA, so Congress will have to choose between accepting the new pact or going without a trade accord.

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GTA Home Sales Drop 15% In Nov.

TORONTO: The number of homes sold across the Greater Toronto Area pulled back sharply in November, compared with a year ago, but prices continued to see moderate growth, suggesting that Canada's largest city remains a seller's market.

The Toronto Real Estate Board said Wednesday there were 6,251 residential transactions recorded last month through its Multiple Listing Service (MLS) system, down 14.7 per cent versus a year ago. On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales were down by 3.4 per cent compared with October 2018.

Despite the decline in the number of homes sold, the average sale price rose by 3.5 per cent year-over-year to \$788,345. Adjusted seasonally, the average sale price was nearly flat, down by 0.8 per cent compared to October 2018.

The MLS HPI composite benchmark price jumped by 2.7 per cent last month, compared with last year, after making adjustments for different types of properties sold. The Toronto area board, which represents more than 52,000 real estate agents across the region, blamed the November sales decline on a "temporary upward shift in demand" in November 2017 prior to new stress-test rules for federally regulated lenders that came into effect in January of this year.

It noted that the number of new listings hitting the market last month was also down sharply by 26.1 per cent to 10,534 from 14,260 when compared with the same month last year.

"Relatively tight market conditions over the past few months have provided the foundation for renewed price growth," said TREB president Garry Bhaura in a release.

Meanwhile, TREB says sale prices for lower-priced housing options such as condos and semi-detached properties continued to show steady increases due to the stricter stress test restrictions and higher borrowing costs. Semi-detached homes saw the most price growth in the Greater Toronto Area compared with other property types, with prices climbing 8.3 per cent year over year.

The average price for a semi-detached property in Toronto was \$1.06 million, while the average price for a semi-detached property in the rest of the Greater Toronto Area was \$655,504. Condo prices also rose 7.5 per cent year over year last month, with the average price for a Toronto condo at \$595,678. In the rest of the GTA, the average condo price was \$454,288.

Townhouse prices climbed 3.1 per cent across the region in November, with the average price for a Toronto townhouse jumping to \$739,837 and the average price elsewhere in the GTA at \$613,846. Detached homes saw only moderate price growth, up 1.3 per cent last month compared with a year ago.

A detached property in Toronto on average sold for \$1.3 million in November. In the rest of the GTA, the price for a detached home was \$903,517.