

## Headlines:

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## Details:

### US Crocodile Tears

The US is considering sanctions against Myanmar authorities for its "violent, traumatic abuses" of the Rohingya Muslims in restive Rakhine state. Washington may use a human rights law to target leaders or groups involved in the violence in the western state, the US State Department said in a statement on Monday. "We express our gravest concern with recent events in Rakhine state and the violent, traumatic abuses Rohingya and other communities have endured," the statement said. "It is imperative that any individuals or entities responsible for atrocities, including non-state actors and vigilantes, be held accountable." Since August 25, the Myanmar army has waged a brutal military campaign in Rakhine against the Rohingya. More than 600,000 Rohingya have fled the country, most arriving in Bangladesh by foot or by boat, with aid agencies struggling to cope with the influx. Therefore the fact that the US is still considering sanctions against a country who are openly ethnic cleansing at a mass scale, is more of a concern than a sign that the US has moral values that are superior. It is obvious to see that sanctions are imposed whenever the interests of the US are threatened as has been seen in North Korea recently, Iran and even Pakistan previously.

### China Gears up for the Future

China's ruling Communist Party has voted to enshrine Xi Jinping's name and ideology in its constitution, elevating him to the level of founder Mao Zedong. The 19th Chinese Communist Party Congress ran from Oct. 18-24. The convention marks the transition as delegates name new members to lead China's most powerful political institutions. Xi Jinping now embarks on his second term as China's president, a post in which he has undertaken several daunting tasks over the past five years. Going forward Xi In his speech, said China's economic strategy will now emphasize quality over quantity. He highlighted the importance of China's technological capabilities – their advancement is essential. Xi promised to build a world-class military by 2050. He therefore acknowledged that China doesn't have a world-class military now and won't for more than a generation. Finally, Xi made clear that a single-party dictatorship must remain in place, and likely needs to be strengthened.

### Saudi Monarchy blames Islam

Saudi Arabia's crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, has vowed to return the country to "moderate Islam" and asked for global support to transform the hardline kingdom into an open society that empowers citizens and lures investors. Saudi Arabia's crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, has vowed to return the country to "moderate Islam" and asked for global support to transform the hardline kingdom into an open society that empowers citizens and lures investors. Expanding on comments he made at an investment conference at which he announced the launch of an ambitious \$500bn independent economic zone straddling Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt, Prince Mohammed said: *"We are a G20 country. One of the biggest world economies. We're in the middle of three continents. Changing Saudi Arabia for the better means helping the region and changing the world. So this is what we are trying to do here. And we hope we get support from everyone."* The fact that the Saud's monarchy has run the country into the ground has been lost on bin Salman. The Saudi monarchy like so to place the blame of its ills elsewhere but bin Salman's, father and uncles and grandfather have always been the problem, as they are more interested in maintaining their throne rather than looking after its citizens or Islam.