



## Quick Quotes

### **Hungarian Prime Minister Urges Protecting a Nation's Culture**

"Every European country has the right to defend its Christian culture, and to reject the ideology of multiculturalism. Every country has the right to defend the traditional family model and is entitled to assert that every child has the right to a mother and a father."

*Viktor Orbán, the newly reelected prime minister of Hungary, aimed his remarks at European leaders who favor open borders, a redefinition of sexual mores, and a willingness to accept Islamic immigrants.*

### **Taiwan Happy to Host an International Human Rights Conference**

"Even though global democracy has experienced a general trend of backsliding in the past few years, Taiwan's democracy has persisted and continues to thrive. Taiwan can continue to serve as an inspiration to democrats in Asia, including those in China, even though its democratic future remains grim for now."

*An international rights conference, also known as the Oslo Freedom Forum because it is usually held in Norway's capital city, will meet in Taiwan in November 2018. Vice President Ketty Chen of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy happily announced the date and hoped the growing pressure Beijing is applying as a threat to Taiwan's tenuous independence will cease.*

### **Homeland Security Director Downplays Mueller Investigation**

"I haven't seen any evidence that the attempt to interfere in our election infrastructure was to favor a particular political party. I think what we've seen on the foreign influence side is they were attempting to intervene and cause chaos on both sides."

*Asked if the Russians had intervened to favor President Trump, Homeland Security Director Kirstjen Nielsen discounted the suggestion.*

### **Rising Threat May Lead to Abolition of Shaky Independence in Hong Kong**

"It's a blatant decision on the part of the [Beijing] government to tell Hong Kong people and rest of the world that this is the end for Hong Kong. There's no more one country, two systems. The law is in their hands and they can do whatever they want with it."

*In 1997, Hong Kong was handed over to the communist-run government of China by the Blair-led government in Britain. But many aspects of freedom have continued in the former British colony. Lately, the Beijing regime has slowly but deliberately threatened crackdowns on several of these vestiges of past liberty. Claudia Mo, a pro-democracy Hong Kong resident and one of the colony's elected legislators, believes this latest tightening of the communist grip on the prosperous colony has long been inevitable.*



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## **Inflation Ravages Venezuela, People Suffer**

“We are projecting a surge in inflation to 1,000,000 percent by the end of 2018 to signal that the situation in Venezuela is similar to that in Germany in 1923 or Zimbabwe in the late 2000’s.”

*The International Monetary Fund released a report on July 23 estimating the effect of inflation in numerous Latin American nations. While other nations are expected to have very small inflation increases, the situation in Venezuela has become so dire that Venezuelan merchants have begun to refuse acceptance of any bolívares, the nation’s existing currency.*

## **A Shortage of Cash at the United Nations!**

“Our cash flow has never been this low so early in the calendar year, and the broader trend is also concerning. We are running out of cash sooner and staying in the red longer.”

*Secretary-General António Guterres blames the shortage on some countries being late in meeting their obligations to the world body.*

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