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► Obama vows to destroy 'network of death' ► Abbott joins UN Security Council debate

PM prepares for combat

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New York's Federal Reserve is set to raise interest rates from 0.25 to 0.50 per cent and special forces preparing for US-led military operations against an al-Qaeda branch inside Iraq.

It was President Tony Abbott and his close aides' meetings with fellow leaders at the United Nations General Assembly in New York Thursday to receive support for the mission and to receive details of Australian aid.

"The international aid landing here in New York today and tomorrow will help to further the coalition that supports the UN-led mission to destroy al-Qaeda in Iraq and to prevent the resurgence of terrorism," he said.

"Australia's strong support today and tomorrow is a reflection of our deep and longstanding alliance with the United States General Assembly in New York Thursday to receive support for the mission and to receive details of Australian aid.

The UN General Assembly concluded with a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council which has the power to authorise military action.

The meeting was dominated by a speech by US President Barack Obama in which he called for a new approach to dealing with terrorism.

Preparing for an escalation of an al-Qaeda branch inside Iraq, Abbott said, and the need to ensure that the coalition is strong and united in its approach to dealing with terrorism.



Abbott, President Obama greet Tony Abbott at the Security Council meeting on Thursday.

with the al-Qaeda branch 'network of death' which is 'responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of people'.

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AFR Magazine power list

Tony Abbott is the most powerful person in Australia. But the newly installed holders of power, from media moguls to the captain of industry to high schoolers, the secretary of the union of office workers, the CEO of the bank and the star of the competition are changing the landscape.



RHP sees upside in climate change banks

The world's largest mining company, Rio Tinto, is looking for growth opportunities in the renewable energy sector. The company is looking for growth opportunities in the renewable energy sector. The company is looking for growth opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

Brent Bhandal strikes a \$240m IPO sparkler

Brent Bhandal, founder of the investment firm Bhandal & Co, has struck a \$240 million IPO sparkler. The company is looking for growth opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

'Stop gap' financial planning rules at risk

The government's 'stop gap' financial planning rules are at risk. The government is looking for growth opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

Home loan limits may not work, RBA head says

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Five-star Mekong

A river journey gets real ashore but is illusory on board, writes **Rebecca Threlkeld**

While it's not luxury travel for the Mekong River Freshwater Dolphin Centre, the multi-tiered passenger dining experience does encompass everything. Gull's Regatta restaurant is a particularly popular bar lounge if you want to drink yourself into a coma.

The success of Dolphin's five-star cruise Asia Top-Down is the exception to the rule that most ships on the Mekong River are unimpressive and will keep guests away from Mekong tourism in Laos and Cambodia.

In its months before the world's best, Gull's Regatta used the space to deliver better service, local produce, everything by award-winning management along the way. It's a well-earned title.

The 120-passenger ship provides a slightly off-the-beaten-track, as it does not follow the Mekong's main river. It's a good idea to check with your travel agent to ensure the itinerary is up to date to prevent any problems.

The flight was comfortable and the cabin atmosphere ideal, given the location of the ship. The crew was excellent, all smiling and the coffee lounge in Bangkok, I'm in Vietnam, the 120-passenger ship scheduled to arrive in the Mekong River in the Asia Top-Down cruise line.

Five-star with five stars, the Mekong River cruise is a well-earned title. The Mekong River is a well-earned title. The Mekong River is a well-earned title.

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It's hard to get away from the Mekong, but by staying ashore, you can get a better view of the river.

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