

(1) Execute Death...

the negligence of security organs. He asked the president to reconsider security leadership because no one was safe from terrorist attacks and other criminal activities in the city.

Wolesi Jirga's second speaker Niamatullah Ghafari, who chaired today's session, and several other lawmakers also condemned the attack and demanded reconsideration of security officials.

Call for execution of prisoners Nazifa Zaki, who represents Kabul people in the lower house, said, "This is the second most tragic incident after Shah Shahid attack in Kabul. We want the government to execute terrorists imprisoned in Pul-e-Charkhi jail in the incident area."

Pointing to her colleagues, she said: "We should not neglect know a child is grown with difficulties and is brutally killed in his 25 years of age, curse on enemies, terrorists and their supporters."

Fakor Behishti, a lawmaker from Bamyan province, also said the government should execute death row Taliban prisoners in revenge for the Kabul attack.

Former NDS chief, Rahmatullah Nabil, in his Facebook page also reacted to the incident and said the government should execute Anas Haqqani, a brother of Sarajuddin Haqqani and several other death row rebels involved in terror activities.

Anas Haqqani, a key figure of the Haqqani Network, was detained by Afghan forces in 2014. (Pajhwok)

(2) UN Chief ...

whatsoever attacking civilian people as well as even security people. We must fight against these terrorist attacks. The international community must be united in working together," he stressed.

That was why, Ban said, he had presented the Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism in January. It was welcomed by the General Assembly in February, and he expects member states will have a good review session on UN global counter-terrorism strategy which was adopted 10 years ago.

"I also expect that this Plan of Action to Prevent the Violent Extremism will be adopted by a consensus as a basis for the international community working together," the secretary-general added.

In a statement, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) also condemned the attack in Kabul, which killed 28 people and injured hundreds. OIC Secretary General Iyad Ameen Madani expressed deep shock over the incident.

He lamented the continuous loss of lives in Afghanistan as a result of such criminal acts. The perpetrators of terrorist acts and those trying to make Afghanistan insecure were the enemies of the country, he said. Madani urged the Afghan authorities concerned to take all possible actions to bring the perpetrators of these heinous actions to justice. (Pajhwok)

(3) Ghani Warns...

to stand united and firm against those attacking us," the statement quoted Ghani as saying. Addressing the militants, the president said they had failed to fight against the security forces on the battlefield as a large number of rebels had been killed during recent clashes.

"We had no intention to kill you, but you are forcing us to do so," Ghani said, adding such attacks were carried out by the enemies of Afghans -- a euphemism for the insurgents. "All Afghans are equal and we will seek revenge for each drop of our people's blood," the president warned. The Afghan nation, having 5,000 years old history and known for their strong resistance, could not be divided, he said.

"You should know we are following the path of Allah and his prophet, but you are headed in a wrong and devious direction," the president told the Taliban, who claimed responsibility for the Kabul bombing. (Pajhwok)

(4) AISA Concerned...

investment promotion director at AISA, Ahmad Walid Majidiyar. He added that businessmen have asked government several times to stop capital flight but Kabul has not paid attention to their demands.

Analysts meanwhile said there are some reasons behind capital flight and a drop in investment in Af-

ghanistan - which includes a lack of economic infrastructure, bureaucracy and corruption in government offices.

"There are several reasons that impede investment in Afghanistan. The main reason is that there is no infrastructure here for businessmen therefore they lose interest in investing in the country," said university lecturer Sayed Mohammad Tingar. This comes after reports recently indicated that at least 40 percent of Afghan youth are looking for jobs. (Tolonews)

(5) Minister Orders ...

all resources available to protect Kabul from a repeat attack, to hunt down "terrorists in the city" and to increase cooperation with other security organizations.

"At the meeting with police officials, the MoI minister said the Taliban aims to carry out terrorist attacks in Kabul and other cities to hurt civilians," the statement read adding that Jahid told those present to "do everything possible to improve the security in Kabul and other cities." Jahid also told police officials to rectify weak spots within the system as soon as possible.

He said a task team has been appointed to investigate Tuesday's deadly attack that killed 64 people and wounded over 340.

The attack took place at about 9am with the apparent target being a Secret Service Unit tasked with protecting VIPs. The unit's compound is situated close to the Ministry of Defense in Pul-e-Mahmood Khan. Security forces cordoned off the area as heavy gunfire erupted immediately after the explosion and continued for at least two hours. A number of people were killed in the gun battle, officials have confirmed.

The Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

(6) UNHCR Lauds...

returned back home from Iran and Pakistan in 2015.

Okoth-Obbo said that the number of refugees who are volunteer for returning back home has decreased in 2016 due to security problems in Afghanistan.

He added that return of Afghan refugees to their home country is a top priority for the UNHCR.

Referring to the refugee crisis in Europe and all across the world, he urged the international community to increase its support for the UNHCR.

The Islamic Republic's services to the Afghan refugees can not be compared to Pakistan and other countries. Afghan and other foreign refugees residing in Iran enjoy education, health care and employment similar to Iranians. (IRNA)

(7) Daesh Fighters ...

NBC then passed 4,600 of the documents to the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC), which is based at West Point but independent from the U.S military academy. The documents are one of several large-scale leaks from within Daesh this year.

Thousands of apparent Daesh registration documents were leaked in January to a Syrian opposition news website and in March the German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung and German broadcasters said they had obtained similar records. German security services also had access to that material.

The CTC said that by comparing the documents it received from NBC against similar Daesh personnel records maintained by the U.S Defense Department, it was able to corroborate "approximately 98 percent" of them.

The forms, completed by recruits in Arabic and often including notes from the assessors, refer to around 30 percent of the estimated 15,000 new recruits who entered Syria during 2013 and 2014.

The analysis provided not only a composite picture of the fighters but also an insight into how Daesh is "attempting to vet new members, manage talent effectively... and deal with a diverse pool of recruits," said the report, which is available on the CTC website.

The recruits ranged in age from 12 to nearly 70, although the average age was 26 or 27.

Only 400 were under 18 upon entering the self-declared Daesh "caliphate".

The leading nationality with 579 new fighters, was Saudi, followed by Tunisian (559), Moroccan (240), Turkish (212), Egyptian (151) and

Russian (141).

There were 49 from France, 38 from Germany, 30 from Lebanon, 26 from Britain, 11 from Australia and seven from Canada, but none from the United States.

Thirty percent said they were married, while 61 percent were single, with another eight percent unknown.

Some 1,371 said they had finished high school while 1,028 said they had attended university.

"The group seems overall to be generally well-educated, especially when compared to United Nations data on the average years of schooling in the countries in the dataset," the report said.

The forms showed that Daesh intake officers interviewed the new recruits to assess their suitability for a range of roles in its apparatus.

"While the Islamic State (Daesh) needs some suicide bombers, it also needs personnel to fill roles like conventional soldiers, sharia officials, police and security or administrative positions," the CTC report said. Thus one personnel officer wrote of a new recruit: "Important: he has experience in chemistry."

But when a 24-year-old Turkish entrant said his professional experience was as a drug dealer, the remark was: "May God forgive him and us!"

Nearly 10 percent reported having waged jihad previously, including a Frenchman who said he fought in Mali, while only 12 percent said they were prepared to carry out suicide attacks.

The cache also included 431 "exit forms" for departing jihadists, with reasons for leaving including the need for medical treatment, usually in neighboring Turkey, or for family reasons. (AFP)

(8) Hang Anas ...

and several other terrorists who have been sentenced to death, should be immediately hanged and must be hanged tomorrow."

At least 28 people were killed and 327 others were wounded after a group of militants launched coordinated suicide attack on the directorate of security for elites in capital Kabul on Tuesday.

The Afghan intelligence - national directorate of security (NDS) arrested Anis Haqqani along with another key Haqqani network leader late in 2014.

"Both Anis Haqqani, the brother of Sirajudin Haqqani and the son of Jalaludin Haqqani famous on Abdulah and Hafiz Rashid, famous commander of this network in Khost province are arrested in a special operation of NDS on 14 October 2014," according to NDS. NDS further added that Anis Haqqani is one of the powerful members of Haqqani Network who is arrested by National Directorate of Security (NDS). Anis was the deputy of his brother Sirajudin Haqqani, the leader of Haqqani Network and was playing key role in strategic decisions of this network. (KP)

(9) Efforts on ...

viewed Afghanistan as a brotherly country and remained engaged in efforts for deepening bilateral relations. Efforts to promote lasting peace in Afghanistan and friendly exchanges were ongoing, the ministry said.

Issues related to cooperation in different areas like border management, security, counter-terrorism, economic and trade interaction, transit trade are being discussed bilaterally with Afghanistan at all levels.

Islamabad believed promoting high-level exchanges with Afghanistan could strengthen mutual cooperation in diverse areas, the ministry said, adding the prime minister and the army chief had visited Kabul with high-level delegations and discussed the ways of enhancing cooperation.

It said the neighbours were pursuing a politically negotiated settlement to bring lasting peace to Afghanistan. As part of those efforts, the Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG) was established in December 2015, involving Afghanistan, Pakistan, the US and China. (Pajhwok)

(10) Helmand ...

that security organs lacked coordination in Helmand and security officials were busy in personal affairs. He said enough security forces and military gear were available in the province, but it was mismanagement that had plunged Helmand into multiple security issues.

"Due to improper leadership, the security forces are under pressure and if the same situation continues, Taliban's Omari offensive will succeed in Helmand," the public representative said and warned of increase in insecurities if the leadership was not changed.

However, during the past six months, the provincial governor, police chief, military commander, the provincial National Directorate of Security chief and other officials have been replaced with new faces in Helmand.

Reacting to Atal's remarks, Governor Hayatullah Hayat said though security problems existed in Helmand, they had chalked out plans to counter them. (Pajhwok)

(11) ISIS in Afghanistan...

"They are being trained against Central Asia and Russia."

The remarks by Kabulov comes as a spokesman for the US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan earlier said the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has the potential to be an 'enormous' threat in Afghanistan.

The chief of communications for the coalition, Brigadier General Charles Cleveland, has said the threat exists despite the group has received major setbacks during the recent months, pointing towards the growing US forces airstrikes against the loyalists of the terror group.

"Obviously, we've all seen them, how rapidly they are able to spread, in other parts of the world," Gen. Cleveland said during a briefing at Pentagon.

According to Gen. Cleveland, between January and March, the United States has carried out 70 to 80 airstrikes against ISIS in Afghanistan. (KP)

(12) Dushanbe,...

Transmission and Trade (CASA-1000) Project, the source said.

Implementation of this regional power transmission project is of significant importance for expansion of multisided cooperation and providing regional stability.

Nizomiddin Zohidi and Nasir Ahmad Andisha also exchanged views on a number of other regional projects as well as expansion of security and border control cooperation and joint fight against international terrorism and drug trafficking.

The CASA 1000 Project is expected to develop the necessary physical infrastructure and create the institutional and legal framework to transmit surplus power available from existing generation facilities in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to Afghanistan and Pakistan. The physical infrastructure for CASA 1000 is likely to include: a 500 kV high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission system between Tajikistan and Pakistan through Afghanistan; an AC transmission link from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to connect to the HVDC line from Tajikistan to South Asia; and the necessary electricity sub-stations in Kabul, Peshawar and Sangtuda (in Tajikistan). (Asia-Plus)

(13) Militants can't ...

not to shed the blood of Afghans, come to the negotiating table and put an end to the ongoing conflict in the country. The council asked the militants to shun the insurgency and join the peace process as soon as possible. The Afghan government had repeatedly asked the Taliban to join the reconciliation drive, but they usually responded with deadly attacks, the statement continued. (Pajhwok)

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heavily armed suicide bombers conducted the raid, calling it "one of the brutal and inhuman organs" of the Kabul government.

Explosives-packed minibus The spokesman said one of the bombers detonated his explosives-packed minibus in a parking lot outside NDS's VIP Protection Unit Department, making way for the other two to enter the building. Sediqqi said initial investigations suggest the coordinated attack was jointly conducted by the Taliban and the militant Haqqani network.. (VoA)

(15) Tehran Governor...

the tragic death of Setayesh Ghoreishi has deeply grieved him and millions of other Iranians.

The Afghan girl was abducted in Varamin near Tehran on April 9 by a 17-year-old Iranian boy. She was sexually abused and then brutally murdered by her abductor.

Prosecutor General of Tehran Abbas Jafari Dowlatabadi called for urgent and careful investigation of the heinous crime.

Speaking in a meeting with district 7 court's judges, Dowlatabadi reiterated that close investigation of important crimes is regarded as Tehran Court's policies. (IRNA)

(16) Surging ...

"The Afghan National Army (ANA) forces are prepared for all kinds of devotion and with all force to maintain security and comfort for the people of Afghanistan," a statement by MoD said, adding that 7 Afghan soldiers were martyred during counter-terrorism operations against the internal and foreign terrorists.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the reports so far. (KP)

(17) Robberies...

council, Suhrah Qaderi, told Pajhwok Afghan News that shopkeepers used to close their shops early and return home before evening as they feared being robbed.

He said the thieves laced with pistols and knives used to wait for their prey on roads. The public representative held police responsible for the matter, saying the force had been unable to prevent robberies despite they had many times shared people's concern with the police.

The provincial council secretary, Zabihullah Zamarai, confirmed robberies had increased in Jalalabad, but said the same situation prevailed in other provinces. He hoped police would control the situation with people's cooperation.

Zhwand civil society organisation head and journalist Ikramullah Ikram said: "About 15 days ago, our office which is in front of the fourth police district was robbed in broad daylight."

He said the robbery took place at 9am and computers and other journalistic equipment were stolen. "We informed the police and they launched investigation, but so far we have not been shared any progress."

Shamshad TV reporter Abdul Latif Ihsas recalled: "I few days ago, I was walking in the city and was talking on phone, when suddenly someone snatched my phone and disappeared in crowd." He said such incidents had increased in the city. (Pajhwok)

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the sidelines of a meeting of parliament speakers of the Eurasia region.

Larijani also met with his counterparts from Kazakhstan and Tajikistan on Tuesday morning.

Eurasia parliamentary meeting opened by messages of Russian President Vladimir Putin and the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in presence of speakers from 19 countries parliament speakers.

Iran, Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan Republic, Belarus, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Mongolia, Pakistan, South Korea, Russia, Thailand, the Philippines and Czech Republic have taken part in the conference. (FNA)

(22) Peace...

dividual clad in military uniform shot at Ishaq's bodyguard first and then at his son before entering the room and spraying Ishaq with bullets." A renowned tribal elder, Ishaq was also head of the Shia community council in Paktia. He campaigned for Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullah during the presidential election. (Pajhwok)

(23) NATO Chief...

"Today's meeting did not change that."

"NATO Allies remain firm that there can be no return to practical cooperation until Russia returns to the respect of international law. But we will keep channels of communication open," he said. (Xinhua)

(24) Houthis...

Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi on Monday in Kuwait. But representatives of Houthis and Saleh have refused to leave the capital Sanaa, which is controlled by their movement, "demanding the cease-fire that began on April 10 be fully observed before they attend the talks. (Xinhua)

(25) Ukraine Puts...

the new government and formed the new parliamentary coalition, ending a months-long political deadlock that disrupted the country's reforms and threatened international aid for Kiev. (Xinhua)

(26) EU Hails...

ment, the statement added. The first resettlements from Turkey following the statement took place on April 4-5. So far, 103 Syrian refugees have been resettled to the EU under the 1:1 scheme. (Xinhua)

(27) Refugee ...

migrants seeking to enter Europe via the Aegean route. Under the refugee action plan, the EU agreed to offer three billion euros to Ankara to meet the needs of refugees in Turkey, visa liberalization for Turkish citizens and speeding up EU accession talks in exchange for Turkey's consistent efforts to stop the flow of refugees. (Xinhua)

(28) Obama...

American foreign policy, and criticized what he saw as Riyadh's funding of religious intolerance. Almost a year ago, in May 2015, Obama hosted leaders of Gulf nations at the White House and the Camp David retreat, the first meeting of the Gulf countries after a framework agreement on limiting Iran's nuclear program. (Xinhua)

(29) Rebels Fire...

the northern countryside of capital Damascus. The source said six big buses, two ambulances and a truck for carrying luggage have started moving to exit Kafraya and Foa, as part of the deal. (Xinhua)

(30) UNHCR ...

between Libya and Italy. The latest reported deaths come as Europe struggles to find a way of stemming the flow of people fleeing war, poverty and persecution in what has become Europe's worst migrant crisis since World War II. (AFP)

(31) Cameron ...

Cameron accused Khan of appearing alongside imam Sulaiman Ghani on nine occasions. "If we are going to condemn not just violent extremism but also the extremism that seeks to justify violence in any way, it is very important that we do not back these people and we do not appear on platforms with them," Cameron said. (AFP)

(32) GCC Defense...

United Arab Emirates. The meeting came ahead of a summit, scheduled for Thursday, between U.S. President Barack Obama and the GCC leaders in the Saudi capital. (Xinhua)