

**(1) Ghani Reviewing...**

migrants' problems. "Only governments are responsible to deal with the migrant issue," he said. Murtazawi said the Afghan Refugee and Repatriation Minister visited Pakistan last week and discussed with Pakistani officials Afghan refugees' problems. He said the Afghan government condemned any talks with the Taliban on migrants, borders or any other issues.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) spokesman Javid Faisal, who was present in the press conference, said: "Now we better recognise our enemies and friends. Those who are fighting against our national interests are Afghanistan enemies."

He said militants directing suicide blasts in Afghanistan were terrorists who could be sentenced to death. (Pajhwok)

**(2) Taliban Warns...**

enforcing of the order would also endanger the lives of Afghan and foreign prisoners with Taliban.

Taliban have been behaving with prisoners in accordance with Islamic rules for prisoners, but in case the government enforces such verdicts, Taliban courts would also issue their final verdicts about the captive Afghan and foreign soldiers.

Taliban also asked the human rights international organisations, free media outlets, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other impartial organisations not to be neutral about the execution of the Taliban prisoners and should play their role to prevent the executions. (Pajhwok)

**(3) Prison Health ...**

of services, particularly for females, and provides recommendations to assist the authorities and donors in prioritizing efforts to address the shortcomings.

More opportunities were recommended for prison officials to share useful innovations implemented at some prisons so that the entire system benefits. It noted with concern the high number of children accompanying their mothers in prison.

To address this problem, the report recommends expanded use of alternative forms of sentencing than imprisonment.

"Afghanistan has laid a solid foundation for the construction of an adequate prison health service accessible to all prisoners," said Michael Hartmann, director of UNAMA's Rule of Law section. "It now must build on that foundation to ensure that its duty of care to all prisoners is fulfilled." To help Afghanistan meet the challenges outlined in the report, UNAMA's Rule of Law officials are working with national and international partners in efforts to extend minimum standards of treatment to all prisoners. (Pajhwok)

**(4) EU to Support ...**

Afghanistan's top priority was defending its people, soil and fighting terrorists.

He said Pakistan should carry out military operations against terrorist networks in line with promises as part of the roadmap to peace.

About refugee issue, Atmar said Afghanistan was working with all European countries on programmes that would help do away with factors behind migration inside Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

**(5) Top Pakistani ...**

between the Afghan government and Taliban, it was continued to press on with its efforts, he explained.

Earlier in the day, Russia opaquely evinced its interest in contributing to attempts at bringing peace to the war-torn country. But Interfax news agency quoted Russia's Special Envoy for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov as saying that Moscow was not eager to be part of the four-member group. He said Russia was ready to create a new format for peace talks. (Pajhwok)

**(6) Ghani Calls ...**

"It was decided that a meeting in the presence of the president and heads of provincial councils will be held in Kabul and in the

meeting they will discuss security within provinces and other local issues," said the president's deputy spokesman, Dawa Khan Menapal.

Meanwhile a number of provincial council heads said government needs to address issues of residents of some provinces.

"The president first must clean up around himself then clean up the cabinet - and governors who have committed crimes and treachery and who take bribes. First he should reform those things then people can trust the government," said Afzal Hadid, Balkh provincial council head.

"The president asked that we support security forces and this is the provincial council's priority," said Attaullah Haqbayani, the Zabol provincial council head.

In the other hand, a number of provincial council heads expressed their dissatisfaction over the government.

"We are not aware what the president said and we did not benefit from the conversation, therefore it is very harmful for Baghlan provincial council," said Mohammad Zarif, a Baghlan provincial council member.

According to critics, the National Unity Government has not done a good job so far in bringing positive changes to people's lives. (Tolonews)

**(7) Ghani Remarks ...**

independence to Afghanistan at the cost of two million lives and the people of Afghanistan stood against those ridiculing the martyrs.

Noor also criticized some media outlets, which he did not name, for giving equal importance to April 27 and April 28.

He said April 27 was the day of barbarism and April 28 was the victory of blood over sword, right over wrong, oppressed over cruel and Islam over communism.

Noor also acknowledged mujahideen committed some mistakes that led to bloodshed and betrayal.

Some unaware mujahideen and some elements disguised as mujahideen joined hands with foreign forces and earned a bad name to the victory and the new system, he said.

The governor said no one would be allowed to ignore the two million jihad martyrs and the migration of six million people. He said unity existed among the Afghans in the past and as well as now. (Pajhwok)

**(8) Baghlan ...**

the country. We ask them [religious scholars] to support the security forces," said Zia-ul-Haq, a Baghlan resident.

Participants at the gathering said they support ANDSF with one voice and that they call on them to give a tit-for-tat response for every attack by terrorists. (Tolonews)

**(9) Tajikistan Claims ...**

therefore, the water comes towards Afghan soil. This has damaged lots of agricultural land and gardens related to Afghans," he stated.

Meanwhile, Salim Akbar, head of Taluqan River Zone, said they are trying to build the retainer wall in order to prevent further damage to agricultural land belonging to Takhar farmers.

"Work on the protection walls was stopped due to insecurity. We are waiting for a secure situation and once the area is secure we will resume our work," he added.

Tajikistan shares a border with Chah Ab, Darqad, Yangi Qala and Dasht Qala districts in Takhar province which often faces this problem due to the lack of protection walls in the area. (Tolonews)

**(10) Afghan Forces...**

Taliban insurgency in the area that has been witness to heavy clashes since last year.

"The operation was launched after conducting a precise and accurate planning. House to house searches and clearance operations were conducted during the military campaign in Kharoti, Zahir Kamar, Hajji Amanullah and Zadaran villages onward to areas of Omarkhail village. The operation was conducted perfectly and on the basis of planning," general Amanullah Mobin, the command-

er of an ANA commando unit in the northeast said.

At least 100 Taliban fighters were killed and wounded during the operation including several key Taliban commanders.

"Several Taliban military commanders including Shah Wali known as Zadran were killed in the operation," Kunduz police chief Mohammad Qaseem Jangal Bagh said.

"Taliban's Omari operation has been defeated, therefore they announced Azam operation and brought them to their knees," commander of 20th Pamir Army Unit, Muhaiuddin Ghori said.

Meanwhile, residents in Chahara have asked the Afghan security institutions to take necessary measures for the protection of the district from the Taliban so that the district is no longer a place for militants. (Tolonews)

**(11) Ghazni Calls ...**

Ghazni as well in order to keep the heritages safe. The illegal excavation will continue if the unit does not start its work here in Ghazni," said writer and cultural activist Asadullah Jalalzai.

Meanwhile, Ghazi police chief Aminullah Amarkhail talked about the Interior Ministry's commitment to founding a security force unit for the protection of these sites.

He added: "We have sent the draft of establishing a unit to the Interior Ministry and it has promised us to form it as well as keep the historical sites in Ghazni safe."

The 012 Unit has started work in some provinces in recent months, which has the responsibility of keeping historical sites safe. (Tolonews)

**(12) US Disciplines ...**

of those punished face criminal charges but in many cases a non-judicial punishment, such as a letter of reprimand or suspension, can effectively end a military career.

General Joseph Votel, head of U.S. Central Command, which oversees the war in Afghanistan, is expected to announce the action Friday at a Pentagon briefing.

The airstrike occurred during an intense battle in Kunduz, after Taliban militants had seized the northern city.

A military report determined that the U.S. forces involved in the airstrike mistook the hospital for another compound that was serving as a Taliban headquarters.

Officials have said the accident was caused by human error, and that many chances to avert the incident were missed. (VoA)

**(13) Khalilzad Lends ...**

in his speech, Trump made no mention of Afghanistan.

Khalilzad said the presidential primaries have shown that our country is deeply conflicted and polarized about America's purpose and mission around the world. "Mr. Trump has been a provocative voice in this debate. His message has resonated with a significant part of our electorate," he said.

The event was organized by The National Interest, which invited Trump to elaborate upon his distinctive views about America's role in the world, and explain how he would lead America as commander in chief, Khalilzad said.

Born and raised in Afghanistan, Khalilzad moved to the United States in 60s and ultimately rose to become US ambassador to Afghanistan after the invasion, then U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and finally U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Author of the just released book "The Envoy: From Kabul to the White House. My journey through a turbulent world," Khalilzad in a recent interview to Fareed Zakaria of the CNN had indicated - albeit reluctantly -- that he would work under a Trump Administration if asked.

"Well, I am an American. I want to help my country, the United States. I think a leader that's willing to unify America, not divide America and to follow an intelligent long-term strategy that as elements of defense and offense against those who wish us ill but also as positive engagement

I would be more than happy to offer my views and advice to any of our leaders," Zakaria said. (Pajhwok)

**(14) US Asked to ...**

havens and terrorism coming from across the border.

Instead of the US helping Pakistan with military assistance, they could help Afghanistan with the same exact aid, he said.

Not only Pakistan has provided safe havens to terrorists, but also violated the Durand Line and attacked the Afghan security forces inside Afghanistan, Lalai said.

"US Government should not help or support those countries who train and support terrorist organisations. Instead sanctions must be imposed on such countries, to stop them from doing so," he said.

"The United States has to realize that the roots of terrorism cannot be eradicated unless its financial aid to Pakistan is stopped. The earlier the better," he said.

Lalai warned that the Government and people of Pakistan are getting ready to take action against Pakistan, if it continues with its current policy. (Pajhwok)

**(15) Authorities Working ...**

Brian made an emotional plea for her safe return on Friday, and said his daughter was a generous aid worker who had assisted in the region for more than 20 years.

"I feel extremely worried indeed," he told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC). "I presume she's a hostage, and that they'll do their best to keep her alive and not harm her, simply because they want to have something or other in return and it's not very good having a dead hostage."

Wilson said his daughter knew the risks of working in the region and was always cautious while working.

Abduction for ransom is common in poor areas of Afghanistan, and foreign aid workers are particularly at risk, the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

Jalalabad is close to the border with Pakistan, in an area where both Islamic State (IS) and the Taliban are still active. (Xinhua)

**(16) Annual Poetry...**

cultural, Janat Gul Fida, read out the information and culture minister's message in which they praised poets.

After the speeches, the recitation of poetry session started when the poets read out their poems, asking officials for properly benefiting Kunar River and construction of power dams in the province. (Pajhwok)

**(17)4 Taliban...**

surrendered to the Afghan National Army (ANA) force in the area, he said.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, confirmed the death of a Taliban commander, Shams and his three fighters. He said it was not internal fighting between Taliban groups, but the people were sent by Afghan government to fight against Taliban. (Pajhwok)

**(18)Sugar, Ghee ...**

some parts of the city. A retailer in Dahna Bagh area, Ahmad Javed, sold a 24-kg sack of rice for 1,800afs and a 50-kg bag of flour for 1,300afs.

Similarly, he sold a 49-kg bag of sugar for 2,200afs, a 16-kg tin of Momin ghee for 1,200afs, a kilo of black tea for 260afs and the same quantity of Indonesian green tea for 250afs.

Abdul Hadi, a fuel station worker in Kabul, sold a litre of petrol for 41afs and the same quantity of diesel for 32afs -- the same prices as last week's.

Mohammad Sharif, a liquefied gas dealer in Taimani locality, said gas prices remained unchanged during the outgoing week and was sold for 40 afs per kg.

Mohammad Fawad, a jeweller in Timor Shahi area, said the price of one gram of Arabian gold was 2,250afs and the same quantity of the Russian variety 1,850afs.

Moneychanger Haji Mohammad Jan Khosti said the market remained closed for three days, but on Tuesday, one US dollar was sold for 68.40 afs and 1,000 Pakistani rupees for 646 afs. Last week's exchange value of the

dollar stood at 68.38afs and 1,000 Pakistani rupees at 644afs. (Pajhwok)

**(19)Two Held ...**

been trying to arrest the masterminds of the murder case.

Resident Naqibullah, giving an eyewitness account, said the gunmen got off from a car and fired at Rahin and killed him.

The attorney's 10-year-old son, who was sitting with him in his car, was also injured in the incident, he said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the murder. (Pajhwok)

**(20)8 Suspects ...**

stayed at Spinghar Hotel. The woman was abducted on Thursday morning from the local office in the 4th municipality district of Jalalabad.

Eight employees of the tailoring and embroidery office were held by police on charge of being involved in the abduction of the Australian lady, Khogyani said adding police have been interrogating from the detainees. (Pajhwok)

**(21)EC Proposes...**

agreement is signed, the decision concluding the agreement will be adopted by the Council after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament," the Commission said. (Xinhua)

**(22)Olympic, UN ...**

Organizing Committee Carlos Nuzman, dignitaries lauded the positive effects sports have on people and societies across the globe.

"In this fragile world, the Olympic values of solidarity and peace are more important than ever. In ancient times as today, the Olympic Games are a message of hope and peace," said Bach.

Reflecting the committee's commitment to vulnerable populations and in light of global humanitarian crises, this summer's Olympic Games will host an Olympic team of refugees.

"For the first time in history, talented athletes who have been forced to flee their homes will get a chance to chase gold," Ban explained.

"Their fellow refugees will see outstanding contenders who give hope to all. And the world will see refugees the way they deserve to be seen: as talented, strong, and inspiring people," he added.

This year's Summer Olympic Games, the first to take place in South America, will kick off on Aug. 5 and run until Aug. 21. (Xinhua)

**(23)Finnish NATO...**

said, adding that leeway was needed in case the security situation changed.

Only 22 percent of Finns support joining NATO, while 55 percent are opposed, a recent poll by public broadcaster YLE showed. (Reuters)

**(24)Syrian Army ...**

downs between the army and the rebels, both hold each other responsible for the incessant violence.

The surge of violence also reflects the failure of reaching a common ground among the Syrian delegations who were meeting this week in Geneva to hammer out first steps to end the five-year-old bloody conflict, which left half of the country's 23 million population displaced and harvested over 250,000 souls. (Xinhua)

**(25)Italy Struggles...**

up on the same period last year and following a total 153,000 arrivals in 2015 and 170,000 in 2014.

The numbers are expected to rise this year because countries along the "Balkan route" - starting with a short boat ride from Turkey to Greece and continuing on land up to Austria - have shut their borders. That may cause more migrants to sail from Libya to Sicily, the closest part of Italy.

Many of the new arrivals move swiftly to wealthier northern Europe, although Austria has said it may shut down its main border crossing in the Alps to them. Already 113,000 are housed in Italy, some three-quarters of them in what are called "temporary" shelters. (Reuters)

**(26)Iran Starts ...**

available from the local media, the reformists and moderates gained ground in Iran's recent vote for Majlis, but none of the heavy weight political groups have been able to seize the majority in the first round.

In capital Tehran, all the 30 seats available in the Majlis have gone to the reformists and moderates. In the ninth Majlis elections on March 2012, the principlists or the loyalists to Iran's Supreme Leader and powerful clerics had won the majority of about 75 percent in the first round of elections.

Earlier, the Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said that the turnout, out of about 55 million eligible voters, was around 50 percent in the capital Tehran and some 62 percent across the country in the first round of the elections.

The turnout in the first round of parliamentary elections in the country in 2012 was more than 64 percent out of some 48 million eligible voters. (Xinhua)

**(27)13 Feared ...**

operation led and coordinated by JRCC is underway.

Police and JRCC said the search would continue for the other two onboard but there were no signs of survivors.

The crash left the helicopter "totally destroyed," with parts on land and parts in the sea, a JRCC spokesman said earlier.

Witnesses said the helicopter exploded when hitting the ground. Statoil said it was a CHC-operated helicopter on assignment for the company. Following the incident, Statoil has temporarily grounded all equivalent traffic helicopters.

The four-bladed, twin engine Super Puma utility helicopter was widely used in ferrying personnel and equipment to and from oil platforms in the North Sea oil industry. (Xinhua)

**(28)UN Rights...**

hundreds of thousands of human beings, and the displacement of millions."

The comments appeared to be reference to both the United States, which is backing some rebel groups and Russia, a key supporter of President Bashar al-Assad.

Assuming Damascus does not directly ask the ICC to intervene, referring the conflict to The Hague-based court would require approval of the Security Council's permanent members, including Russia and China which until now have blocked any such referral.

The rights chief joined a list of world leaders who have expressed grave concern over the rapid deterioration of a ceasefire declared on February 27. (AFP)

**(29)China, Russia ...**

and Russia thought the plan far exceeded the ROK's actual defense needs, and would directly threaten the strategic security of the two countries.

The deployment will not help the current Korean nuclear issue, in fact, Wang said, it will only intensify the already tense situation.

He said China and Russia shared common interests and concerns on the Korean Peninsula issue.

It is in the common interests of all parties to realize the denuclearization of the peninsula, protect peace and stability, and solve all legitimate concern through dialogue and negotiation, he said, adding that this was in line with the spirit of UN Security Council Resolution 2270. (Xinhua)

**(30)ICIJ Admits ...**

flashed by the media. The ICIJ on its website has now acknowledged the error and removed all data from its Website carrying the name of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif as the original Panama Papers never contained his name. The admission of mistake by ICIJ is a clear vindication of the stand of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif that he has nothing to do with any Off-Shore Companies. The clarification issued by ICIJ should now put to rest all accusations made on the person of Prime Minister Nawaz Shaif as they are patently wrong and baseless. (PR)