

(1) US will Not ...

and a democratic government. Training Afghan forces to take responsibility for their own security so that we are no longer engaged in a major ground war in Afghanistan. That is your legacy."

He said that although it's absolutely necessary to defeat Daesh in Iraq and Syria, it is not sufficient to deal with the threat posed by Daesh, but that the "metastasis" of Daesh must be dealt with.

"So, I think it is fair to say that we are continuing our efforts on that front as well in places like Afghanistan, in places like Libya. And we'll continue to do that, because we want to, again, strike at ISIL (Daesh) anywhere it rears its head," he said.

"And we are supporting those local forces on the ground that - that see this threat directly in their own - in their own country."

Asked whether there were any plans to step up operations in Afghanistan, Obama said: "Well, I think you know what we're - we're doing in terms of the support for the Afghan National Security Forces, the changes with regard to authorities recently and the decision with regard to troop levels.

"And so, I think we're doing a significant amount right now to try and help the Afghan National Security Forces secure their own country. And that recognition of the importance of that mission, and - and what we believe is important right now to support the Afghan government in their own efforts to secure their country. (Tolonews)

(2) Balkh Departments ...

afghanis per kilowatt, from 102kv to 400kv 3.75 afghanis, from 401kv to 700kv 6.25 afghanis, from 701kv to 2000kv 8.75 afghanis and from above 2000kv only 10 afghanis per kv.

Ganjai said it was possible the power utility could suffer financial loss due to the revised rates, but the department was ready to embrace the loss for the sake to service to the people.

He said common people would benefit from the new rates, but those who consumed much electricity were likely to pay extra against the previous rates.

The provincial council through an official letter has asked the electricity department to review the tariff, otherwise it would have no right to collect payments from people or suspend electricity or fine them.

The DABS official Ganjai said several provincial government departments owed 200 million afghanis in unpaid bills to the power utility.

He said the Ministry of Finance had assured DABS that the arrears would be deducted from funds given to departments in annual budget and the money would be paid to DABS.

Balkh provincial council chief Dr. Fazl Hadid welcomed the revised electricity rate, but said they would continue consulting with people regarding the issue.

A resident of Mazar-i-Sharif, Mohammad Rafique, said though the tariff in Balkh province now matched charged in other provinces, the bill should be dispatched on monthly basis. (Pajhwok)

(3) Pakistan Imposes ...

Badakhshan provinces. But we cannot be successful in all parts of Afghanistan. We should think more on special points. We start the "Shafaq" operation from Kunduz and will end it in Kunduz too," said US-led Resolute Support (RS) Mission Commander General John Nicholson.

Meanwhile, the defense and interior minister considered Kunduz is bordering the Middle East countries and it is the main reason for Taliban gathering; citing a special operation will be launched for elimination of the Taliban group. But, Kunduz governor states that Taliban has the support of Russia in this province and the government should address this problem; otherwise the Taliban group will be more strong. Representative of Kunduz province in the National Assembly and the tribal elders have also expressed concerns over lack of coordination between Afghan security forces. Kunduz has had the worst security environment of any province in the north for the past few years. And within this province there are several districts that are particularly notable for the intractable conflicts raging within them. One notable area in this regard is Khanabad district, where government forces, nominally pro-government militias, illegal armed groups and the Taliban all vie for power and control, much to the detriment of the local civilians. (Agencies)

(4) Govt. Accused...

process and that government's excuses have delayed the process. "There is no legal barrier for the electoral reforms process. Government does not have the will for this purpose and it is

the biggest obstacle for the process," said Sughra Saadat, spokesperson of Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan.

However, the Chief Executive office said they are discussing the issue with the Supreme Court and the committee of oversight and monitoring the implementation of the Constitution in order to find a legal way to kick off the electoral reforms process.

"There have been improvements in the electoral reforms process. We are waiting for the view of the Supreme Court and the committee of oversight and monitoring the implementation of the Constitution on this matter," said the CEO's spokesman Mujib Rahman Rahimi.

The reforms process faced a deadlock after the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) rejected President Ashraf Ghani's legislative decree on electoral reforms. (Tolonews)

(5) Russia Should...

quoted as saying.

A hundred thousand Americans could not accomplish the task in Afghanistan, he claimed, asking how an extra thousand would be able to handle it, Kabulov told RIA Novosti. Deploying a few thousand troops to Afghanistan would not help secure the country, he believed.

Last month, US President Barack Obama announced keeping a 8,400-strong troop presence in Afghanistan, arguing the security situation there "remains precarious" due to the Taliban threat.

At its latest summit in Warsaw in July, NATO heads of state and government reaffirmed a partnership with Russia-based on respect for international law and commitments would be of strategic value.

NATO relations with Russia and aspirations for partnership will be contingent on a constructive change in Russia's actions that demonstrates compliance with international law and obligations, A NATO official said.

"Until then, we cannot return to business as usual. Therefore, all practical cooperation with Russia remained suspended, even though we keep main channels of political dialogue open," source added.

Afghanistan's lasting security is an issue of common concern for both NATO and Russia. NATO official said.

This explains why Afghanistan has featured in the agenda of both meetings of the NATO-Russia Council held this year. He added.

"We appreciate the remarkable job that the Afghan security forces continue to carry out; but we are equally aware that challenges remain," the NATO official said.

That is why NATO remains committed for the long-term in Afghanistan, through our Resolute Support Mission to train, advise and assist the Afghan security forces dealing with their security threats and through support to their financial sustainment.

NATO Secretary General told a press conference after the meeting of the NATO-Russia Council on 13 July, "Our military operation in Afghanistan is our biggest military operation ever; the reason why we are in Afghanistan is to prevent this country from once again becoming a safe haven for international terrorists."

"Good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation and support remain essential to Afghanistan's security and stability. We will continue to support all initiatives in this regard which will help achieve this objective. Russia should also play a constructive role in helping to stabilise Afghanistan," NATO official (Pajhwok)

(6) Pakistan Announces...

Pashtun-dominated governments have long disputed the border demarcations between the two countries.

With the creation of Pakistan, the border has become a point of contention between the two sides. Afghanistan has demanded a re-negotiation of the border, something that is rejected by Pakistan. (Agencies)

(7) Junbish Party ...

the Junbish militia, and has detained some militia members allegedly involved, the HRW report said.

"The killings in Faryab are the latest in a long record of atrocities by Dostum's militia forces," said Patricia Gossman, senior Afghanistan researcher at Human Rights Watch. "The fact that these forces, and Vice-President Dostum himself, have never been held accountable, has undermined security in northern Afghanistan."

But the Junbish party in a statement said "we appreciate any kind of impartial investigations, but we reject accusations based on discrimination."

The party statement said operations conducted in Faryab province were aimed to rescue the province from falling to Taliban. The JIMA said the operation in Dawlatabad district was also aimed to drive militants who were

arresting and torturing civilians and were blocking roads and attacking Afghan forces.

The Junbish party said the HRW report contained unreal and unofficial contents and was far from truth and ignored sacrifices rendered by the Afghan forces.

"Our and the government policy is to protect people and ensure security in any part of the country," the statement said.

The statement called as unfortunate and natural civilian casualties occurring during clashes with militants. It said the Afghan forces played leading role in clearing Faryab of Taliban. The party said HRW should have first shared its report with the government before making it public.

"Information in this report is provided by biased people and it will damage HRW's neutrality, we want clear evidence from HRW about the claims," the statement said.

The HRW report comes as Afghan forces and upraising groups loyal to Dostum have launched joint operations in Faryab, Jawzjan and Sar-i-Pul provinces under Dostum command over the past few months.

A month back, residents of Dawlatabad district complained militia-men loyal to Dostum killed nine civilians and arrested a large number of others. (Pajhwok)

(8) Govt's Anti-...

be appointed as well," the Attorney General's Office spokesman Basir Azizi said.

The anti-corruption judicial center is expected to assess big corruption cases that reportedly involve a number of senior officials in both the previous government and the incumbent government. (Tolonews)

(9) Riyadh Ready...

justice sector, peace process and elimination of terrorist groups.

Massoud blamed the Taliban and other terrorist networks for defaming Islam for their petty personal interests. It was the duty of Muslims to jointly fight against terrorism and extremism, he stressed. (Pajhwok)

(10) We Need \$1.3...

Afghanistan." USA has been investing in Afghanistan billions of dollars since 2001, experts believed that poor management within the Government has caused those corruptions to be hiked, in the Governmental and None Governmental departments and huge amount of money to be wasted or plundered. (Agencies)

(11) KP Governor ...

terrorism only when we have effective border controls, implementation of travel restrictions and construction of a gate at Durand Line."

Opposed by the government in Kabul, the controversial gate was constructed at Torkham border recently. The gate, which Afghan officials slam as a violation of bilateral pacts, is set to be inaugurated within a week.

Jhagra said: "We will not sit idle now and instead we will provide facilities to Afghans. We are in the process of devising a system for Afghan traders, patients and other needy people to facilitate their cross-border movement." (Pajhwok)

(12) Faryab Education...

he said, without explaining where Bayan was arrested and who complained against him.

But the director alleged he had been detained due to personal differences and there was no problem with his documents. His arrest was politically motivated and someone wanted to remove him from the post, the official insisted.

"The ministry should have checked his documents at the time he was appointed to the post. Now one can ask the ministry why someone with a fake degree was appointed as education director," he argued.

Bayan demanded his immediate release and damages for harm to his reputation and personality, because he had been jailed without any court order or due legal process. (Pajhwok)

(13) 86 Mining...

semi-precious stones would be developed in 34 provinces of Afghanistan. Noori said the deals had been signed considering the principles of transparency, control and profitability for the private sector and the government. He said execution of the contracts would provide more than 2,000 job opportunities directly and 10,000 indirectly to residents of various areas of the country.

President Ashraf Ghani always stressed transparency that must be observed especially in the financial field, Noori said, but did not mention the value of government's potential income from the contracts.

He said the four major contracts about copper deposits in Sar-i-Pul's Balkhab, Herat's Shidai and gold mines in

Badakhshan and Ghazni's Zarkashan had been completed and sent to the High Economic Council for approval. Some other mines' contracts were also open to bidding, the official said.

The joint security commission had prevented illegal extractions at 120 mines and 64 lorries full of lapis lazuli stone seized since the start of the current year. (Pajhwok)

(14) Enemy Infiltrates...

the capital city, Rahimi said no one would guarantee preventing truck-bombings in future as well because the country was fighting a global war on terror and the enemies would use every tactics to reach their goals.

He claimed the enemies had infiltrated the government at various levels and they could assist enemy forces whenever needed.

He alleged mafia groups, powerful individuals and vehicles with black glasses were used in bomb blasts and other incidents of violence.

He said police were striving hard to maintain the law and order which was not possible without people's cooperation.

At least 266 have been killed and 804 others wounded in 20 explosions and suicide attacks in capital Kabul in the past six months, according to a Pajhwok tally. (Pajhwok)

(15) 1,673 Humvees ...

models. Vehicle manufacturing will commence in August at the company's military assembly plant in Mishawaka, Indiana, and is scheduled to be completed by 29 July, 2017.

"This contract announcement reinforces AM General's position as the global leader in Light Tactical Vehicles," said AM General President and CEO Andy Hove.

He said their international partners continued to rely on the company to meet the most diverse range of mission capabilities offered by the most adaptable, affordable Light Tactical Vehicles on the planet.

"We pride ourselves on developing and delivering these solutions to our customers with the speed, efficiency and reliability only our company can offer." (Pajhwok)

(16) Afghanistan's Sports...

and on their own facilities.

According to the survey, Afghanistan experienced a golden era in sports between 2006 and 2008, but between 2009 and 2011 sport in general experienced lots of ups and downs. It picked up again in 2012 when Afghanistan recorded a number of achievements.

However, this sector's situation took a dive in 2014 and 2015, when little achievement was recorded.

Rohullah Nekpa, national taekwondo athlete, was the only medal winner for Afghanistan at the 2012 Olympic Games in Beijing.

He quit the sport but this year he will carry the Afghan flag at Friday's opening ceremony at the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

He said rifts between sporting organizations pushed him away from taekwondo for a year, which resulted in him losing out on the chance to participate at this year's Games.

"I did train, but I could not find the calmness and the mental relaxation that I needed. I could not control emotions and my mind," Nekpa said.

But sporting officials have said that sports organizations are merely offices without authority.

"As the head of the National Olympic Committee, all my authority was to kiss the face of athletes [after they clinched a victory]. I do not have any other authority, because the committee is not included in the [national] budget. The positions are not state-owned," said the head of the National Olympic Committee, Zahir Aghbar.

The Directorate of Physical Education and Sport of Afghanistan said they do not accept Zahir Aghbar as the legal head of the Olympic Committee; therefore, the budget, which is allocated by government to the organization, is not paid over.

"The problem that we face is that I have to defend Afghanistan's laws, government, its dignity and identity. This is my mission. As far as it is an issue that relates to Mr. Aghbar, I will stand against anyone," said Humayun Khairi, director general for the Directorate of Physical Education and Sport of Afghanistan.

TOLOnews' findings show that the Directorate of Physical Education and Sport of Afghanistan has made a number of procurements at a huge cost. The organization spent 4.8 million Afghani to hire an armored vehicle for two months, it purchased two carpets for the head office which cost 345,824 Afghani and it spent 396,000 Afghani on food for a program.

One of the documents obtained by TOLOnews mentions that 81,700 Afghani was paid to repair a Corolla vehicle related to the organization, but

when the reporter went to the repair workshop, they said the bill had totaled only 44,380 Afghani.

According to another document, 153,000 Afghani was allocated for purchasing three copy machines but the actual price for the three machines was 65,000 Afghani.

He added: "The Afghan sports (sector) should be strongly supported, particularly in the current situation, but considering the administrative issues, I have a very weak and low capacity administration under my leadership." TOLOnews findings also shows that the main figures of the National Unity Government have a hand in the rifts between sports organizations.

According to the tasks assigned by President Ashraf Ghani, the first Vice President Abdul Rashid Dostum is responsible to assess sports issues. But according to reports, Khairi is one of Dostum's close aides.

Meanwhile, Zahir Aghbar is supported by the Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah. But despite this, the survey by TOLOnews found that rivalry among senior government officials has badly affected athletes and sport in the country. (Tolonews)

(17) 248 Public...

the construction of community centers, culverts, aqueducts, pathways, bridges, micro hydro power stations, a gabion wall, protection walls, retaining walls, irrigation canals, water supply networks, community centers' surrounding walls and graveling rural roads.

Approximately, 528,146 families in various communities had an opportunity to gain access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects.

Since its inception in Badakhshan province, the NSP has been able to execute 3,621 development projects in different sectors including transport, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, livelihoods, education, etc while the work of another 196 is currently in progress. (PR)

(18) NDS Foils...

other terrorist networks are active in a number of the remote districts of Laghman province where they often conduct insurgency activities. (KP)

(19) Taliban Kill ...

have been arrested.

The victim married a year ago and had one child. Afghanistan still remains one of the worst countries in the world when it comes to violence against women. In a recent incident, a man in northern Takhar province kicked his wife out of their house after shaving all her hair off - leaving her bald.

Local officials said that the 22-year-old victim married a year ago but was constantly threatened with violence by her husband.

The victim had two children and called on government to serve justice on her husband.

The victim said her brother married her husband's sister but after things deteriorated between the two, her own husband turned on her and eventually shaved off all her hair. (Tolonews)

(20) Senior Taliban...

of the Taliban leader would have a positive effect on security in Baghlan and Kunduz.

Residents of Baghlan, meanwhile, hailed the arrest. Haji Syed Mohammad, a tribal elder, said if government officials and public representatives did not travel in illegal cars, the Taliban would not dare do so. (Pajhwok)

(21) 20 Insurgents...

said the clashes erupted in the morning and were still underway. Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

(22) Indian Woman...

(ISIS) terrorist group in Afghanistan. The 21-year-old man went missing last month and is believed to have joined the ISIS loyalists in Afghanistan.

This comes as ISIS loyalists are attempting to expand foothold in Afghanistan as they have managed to consolidate operations with the main group in Iraq and Syria.

The commander of the US forces in Afghanistan earlier said the majority of ISIS fighters are the former Pakistani militants.

However the local officials in Nangarhar earlier said militants from the neighboring Tajikistan as well as other nations including Arab nations and Chechnya are also fighting in the country. (KP)

(23) 18 Insurgents...

to the past few days and currently security forces are busy consolidating their positions on the outskirts of the city and the district bazaar." The official said the airstrikes involved fighter jets and helicopter gunships and 50 commandos and soldiers were also patrolling around the district searching for insurgents. However, Taliban's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid denied the fighters had suffered casualties in yesterday's

and today's clashes but confirmed injuries to three insurgents.

He said areas targeted by helicopter gunships were far away from their hideouts and they were still in control of the district centre and the clash had intensified.

Mujahid also called as baseless the assertion that they were being guided by Pakistani generals and said the killing of two Uzbek nationals were also untrue.

Elsewhere, a Taliban insurgent was killed and four others wounded in northwestern Farah province, an official said.

The rebels suffered casualties as a result of an airstrike in Khak-i-Safaid district, said Abdul Khaliq Noorzai, the district administrative chief.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News the airstrike was conducted in Diwar Sorkh locality, 10 kilometres from the district centre, on Monday afternoon.

He said four vehicles of the insurgents were also destroyed in the air raid. (Pajhwok)

(24) EU Says...

Commission will update the state of play in the program report on the EU-Turkey deal in September, according to the spokeswoman.

The EU-Turkey deal to curb refugee influx into Europe came into force in March. Under the agreement, Turkey agreed to take back all undocumented migrants, while the EU has Syrian refugees resettled from Turkish camps on a one-for-one basis. (Xinhua)

(25) British Treasury...

power utility EDF would set to build it soon. However, May's delay of the decision made it uncertain.

A new decision is expected until as early as September, the report said. (Xinhua)

(26) US Launches...

May, Libya's UN-backed government have been striking the IS targets in Sirte, about 450 kilometers east of the capital city Tripoli.

The IS has claimed responsibility for a series of suicide attacks in Libya. (Xinhua)

(27) Japan's Cabinet...

Another 600 billion yen will be used to help small and medium-sized companies deal with possible negative effects from Britain's decision to leave the European Union. In an effort to boost personal consumption, the government will launch a subsidy program to provide 15,000 yen each in cash to low-income earners. The stimulus package also includes public expenditure totaling 13.5 trillion yen, including extending to Osaka a magnetically levitated train line planned earlier from Tokyo to Nagoya. (Xinhua)

claim that they have fulfilled their obligations but this is not supported by their actions and they should not act in a way that their words differ from their deeds. The Iranian legislator added that nearly six months after the JCPOA implementation, big banks refrain from implementing the nuclear agreement and only small banks are conducting limited transactions with Iran. Nemati said Iran expects the P5+1 group of countries to fulfill all its obligations under the JCPOA. (Presstv)

and airports/IT systems were very serious attacks and hackers have entered deeply into the airlines database.

"In Vietnam, most enterprises only invest in equipment and ignore online security. When they find an illegal attack, they do not know how to cope with it and it worsens the aftermath," Son told Vietnam News. (Xinhua)

was more than willing and ready to assist South African voters. The IEC will test its system on Monday and Tuesday ahead of election day on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the IEC said about 28 complaints have so far been launched. The complaints, the IEC said, are related to alleged violations of the Electoral Code of Conduct. (Xinhua)

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