

(1) Afghanistan...

the youth parliament members, Ghani said leading people was not a simple duty but it needed patience and tolerance, a skill better described by Khushal Khan Khattak, a Pashtun poet.

"A president when takes office should avoid expressing his personal emotions because he has no right to publicly show his own feelings," he said. "Patience, tolerance and leadership are specifications of a president, patience and self-analysis is important, but it does not mean a person should lose decisiveness, when an action is decided with full accuracy, it should be performed decisively, it means we should understand our environment," Ghani added.

Addressing the youth, he said: "You are not here to similitude an association, but to similitude the nation in the house of the nation, this shows the idea that Afghanistan is not a authoritarian country."

The creation of the youth parliament made it clear that the new Afghan generation trusted the country's Constitution, the president said.

"The pains of Afghans have no end, you have experienced plight living under tents during the migration. You went through displacement, discrimination and when an Afghan woman had no permission to study, but we would never go back to the past, the achievements of our country lead us to go forward in future," he said.

Ghani said leadership and presidency should be committed to accountability.

"Dear brothers and sisters don't forget we were Muslims, are Muslims and would remain Muslims forever, understanding Islam is important for us." "If you want to be free of today's extremists and terrorists, we should study Islamic history, a thousand years ago we were people who united civilizations in the world and created the brightest civilization on the planet," he said.

"Some extremists who call themselves as Daesh and terrorists who think they can take hostage an entire civilization, don't let them, eliminating such groups need leadership, confidence and understanding, but leadership should be with a strategy."

"Showing reaction is not leadership but changing our environment is," he said.

He said the age of migration was the age of deportation and Afghans never wanted to migrate. The government is committed to uniting the Afghan population and bringing the refugees home as soon as possible," he added.

The government would pay serious attention to youth's demands, but the youth should also listen to the requirements of the nation and work for resolving their problems, the president continued.

He said the youth were busy alongside the Afghan forces right now across the country defending their land and people. "Their commitment shows Afghanistan make thousands of more history", the president said.

Meshrano Jirga or upper house chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar said professional youths had found the way to the youth parliament.

He said people's representatives would support the youth parliament and its members.

Kamal Sadat, youth affairs assistant at the Ministry of Information and Culture, said 122 youth, 30 percent of them females, were members of the youth parliament.

Each member of the parliament should be between 18 and 30 years of age and graduated from a high school, he said. The youth parliament is a program of the youth affairs department of the Ministry of Information and Culture aimed to increase youth presence in Afghanistan's internal affairs and share their views and suggestions for improving social, political and economic situation of the youth. (Pajhwok)

(2) Presidential ...

of monopolizing the power.

"You heard what President [Ashraf Ghani] said about the continuation of the NUG activities. This indicates that the problem is not serious," Muslimyar said.

"The [CEO's] demands have been rejected, but the main problem is efforts to maintain a hegemony of power in Afghanistan. This goes back to political rifts for power in Afghanistan's history. Ignoring the implementation of the NUG political agreement is not a simple or random issue," Ashna said. (Tolonews)

(3) Abdullah ...

Rabbani.

Ahmad Mashahid was last week appointed as advisor to the president and removed as the administrative reforms chief, a post he held for the past 14 years.

The source said another reason that provoked Abdullah's ire were massive changes in the Attorney General Office

(AGO).

The relations between the two government leaders further deteriorated on Sunday when President Ghani indirectly criticized Abdullah Abdullah at the launching ceremony of the youth parliament.

The president stressed national unity in his speech and declared that the days of making unilateral decisions had gone in Afghanistan.

The source close to the unity government said Abdullah was very angry over the president's latest remarks.

A source close to Abdullah said the CEO was holding consultative meetings with his group's leaders since yesterday and he met with Afghanistan Protection and Stability party leader Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf in Paghman district of Kabul on Sunday.

He said it was predicted that Abdullah would announce his new stance at a gathering of 500 people and would release the resolution to the media.

It is said efforts at high level were made since yesterday to reduce the tension between the two leaders, but to no avail.

With the emergence of the political tension, a number of foreign diplomats had stared meeting the CEO. Pajhwok tried to seek comments from the spokesmen of the Presidential Palace and the CEO office, but could not succeed. (Pajhwok)

(4) Kabul Joins ...

the Presidential Office Afghanistan's accession to the Convention on CCW.

On February 2, President Ashraf Ghani ratified the convention through Decree Number 137. It was passed by both houses on January 5, 2015.

DMAC played an essential advocacy role in the accession process by providing essential information to parliamentarians and relevant ministries.

The CCW consists of five protocols that cover all restrictions on the use of specific weapon systems. The first protocol covers non-detectable fragments, banning the use of weapons that causes injuries by fragments that cannot be detected by X-rays.

Protocol II restricts the utilisation of landmine and booby traps. Protocol III prohibits the usage of incendiary weapons which causes burn injury by providing fire, heat or a combination of both.

Protocol IV prohibits the usage of weapons that cause permanent blindness. Protocol V puts obligation on the parties that have used explosive weapons to set out the best strategies and clear the explosive remnants of war.

Based on paragraph two, Article Five, this convention will enter into force six months after the date of the submission of the acceding document to the United Nations secretary-general. (Pajhwok)

(5) AGO Committed ...

control, implementation of justice, rule of law and investigations.

He stressed the AGO should be a clean and transparent institution in order to win people's trust and spearhead the anti-corruption mission.

Hamidi acknowledged problems did exist and there was a long journey ahead and everyone should be committed to taking the fight against terrorism to a logical end.

He said individuals referred to the attorneys should be behaved well and the use of harsh words should be avoided against them.

He told the new officers to meet applicants respectfully and confidently so their trust could be restored in the vital government organ.

He said the AGO was an independent institution and its purpose was to investigate cases referred to it. He deplored recent incidents of violence against judges and AGO employees.

He told the militants that attacks on AGO workers was a huge crime as they strived hard to dispense justice, eliminate crimes and ensure justice in society.

He said the newly-established CJTF would launch its work and would investigate cases against top government officials within a week.

Wahiduddin Arghano, the finance and administration department head at the AGO, said they had strived to prevent anomalies in the employment process at the AGO and worked hard to appoint right person at the right position. (Pajhwok)

(6) Investments...

government.

AISA information also shows that investment in Afghanistan's mining industry has experienced a 77 percent decrease, construction sector has witnessed 57 percent fall while energy and water sector has seen a 54 percent reduction over the past two years under the NUG.

AISA's investment support director Masihullah Fakhri said that a lack of political and economic stability as well as insecurity have affected investments in Afghanistan.

"The level of commitment is very much lower than that made in 2013 and 2014. This is all because of a high

level of instability in the country," Fakhri added.

It is said that problems in tax collections, increase in taxes, corruption in public office among other problems have also hampered investment in the country.

Abdul Ali, a businessman, who wants to cancel his business license, said he has lost a huge amount of his capital over the past two years and that he wants to withdraw his investment in Afghanistan.

"We face lots of problems. We have to deal with lots of challenges. We are not left calm to do our business," Ali said.

Meanwhile, the deputy head of Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) Khanjan Alokozay said they are optimistic about a number of activities by government to improve investment in the country, but insecurity and problems inside the state have made investors concerned about continuing their activities.

"Problems are numerous. Now, the main problem is that government does not address problems from a single source. We are mostly affected by political problems," he added.

The national development strategy, which will be presented at the Brussels Summit, will focus on attracting and supporting investment in various sectors in Afghanistan. (Tolonews)

(7) Abdullah's Executive...

the president during official and ceremonial events of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

• Proposing ministerial nominees to the president

• Asking for the working reports of ministries and implementing necessary reforms based on the law

The agreement has also defined a number of financial authorizes to the CEO

• Approving formation and budgets for the Chief Executive Office and the Council of Ministers Secretariat as a single budgetary unit

• Approving the allocation of 30 percent of funds from the 91 Code (policy) According to the agreement, other financial authorities of the Chief Executive will be approved by the president. Meanwhile, the Ghani-Abdullah row has sparked widespread reaction in the country.

"Leaders of the national unity government united under pressure and survived until now under pressure," said MP Abdul Hai Akhondzada.

"The government was formed on the basis of an agreement, Dr. Abdullah was supposed to be awarded shared government privileges, but this has not been achieved," said MP Ghulam Farooq Majroh. (Tolonews)

(8) Taliban Storm...

between the two sides was underway, but he had no information about casualties. The Taliban have not commented about the group attack on Waigal. (Pajhwok)

(9) Militants Fleeing...

and Nuristan, but also central Kapisa province through Dawlat Shah district and the enemy was trying to threaten the country's north and the north highway through this route.

The government cited the ongoing security operation against militants in Nangarhar province as another factor behind insecurity in Laghman. He said insurgents who sneaked into Laghman from Nangarhar and attempted to create insecurity were subdued by security forces.

He said though the enemy had a bit increased their activities lately, it should be said they had no courage and ability to enter a face-to-face fight with the Afghan security forces.

"Some people on the social media portray a bad security situation, which is part of the enemy propaganda to insult the sacrifices of our national security forces."

The governor said strong ground and air operations were conducted against the insurgents in Laghman and the enemy was given a mouth-breaking response.

Citing information from security and government officials, the governor said dozens of militants were killed and wounded in Islamabad, Shamsa Khel and Watan Gata areas of Alingar district and several other areas on the eastern edges of the Alingar river.

Abul Jabbar Naeemi said coordination among security forces on high level had no problem and reforms were needed to strengthen coordination among the forces on lower level and in this regard they had presented some recommendations to the authorities concerned.

In this regard, he said, the governor's house had been holding consultative meetings with religious scholars, political groups, tribal elders, civil society activists, youth, women representatives, traders and other segments of the society over the past three months. The governor said recommendations and demands floated in these meetings had been shared with the president and the chief executive officer and security ministers in written form.

As a result, he said, high ranking government, security and intelligence officials, including the chief of army staff, paid visits to Laghman.

"Issues pertaining to complete logistic and equipment supplies to security forces, defence walls around security posts and an increase in the local police strength were discussed with the visiting delegations from Kabul."

The governor said though no steps had been taken on their recommendations, yet they hoped the ministers concerned would consider their proposals and demands and give them practical shape.

Naeemi said a commission had been tasked with collecting accurate information about the internally displaced persons and Afghan refugees returning from foreign countries.

The governor urged the IDPs and the returnees to establish contacts with officials of the commission and district chiefs.

The official said the Afghan national security bravely fought the enemies on a daily basis and offered sacrifices in the defence of the motherland and it was a must that they were respected and well-equipped.

The governor urged the central government to pay special attention to increasing the strength of local police and said their recommendation in this regard should be considered.

Naeemi also urged social media users to respect the sacrifices of their security forces and avoid creating fear and doubts in the minds of people as it would only benefit the enemy.

He said social media users should highlight government's achievements keeping in view the sensitivity of the situation and national interests.

The governor also called on the international community to remain committed to their pledges with Afghanistan and help the war-torn country rebuild its institutions. (Pajhwok)

(10) Helmand's ...

Afghan News 586 families had been displaced from ChahAnjeer, Nawabad and other areas of Nad Ali district to Lashkargah City.

He said each of the displaced households in Bulan area on the outskirts of the provincial capital received 20 kilograms of rice, sugar, tea, ghee and a bottle for water storage.

"Inedible items are yet to arrive due to road blockades; this aid will be received once roads reopen," he said, adding the assistance was distributed based on a survey conducted by ARCS mobile teams.

Mayar said around 4,000 people had been displaced as a result of conflict in Helmand. A survey to identify the needy was underway.

At the aid distribution ceremony, Governor, Hayatullah Hayatsaid around 3,000 families had been displaced from Nad Ali and Nawa districts. He asked charities and businessmen to help the war-affected families.

Refugees and Repatriation Director Naqibullah Zmaral, also said around 3,000 families had been displaced, with 700 surveyed. He stressed the displaced families should receive sustained support.

Mohammad Gul, an aid recipient from the Nawabad area of Nad Ali district, said: "This assistance won't help us; we want security," He has enough land and owns a house in the district, but could not use them due to insecurity.

Ibrahim, another aid beneficiary, said: "We have been forced by fighting to leave our homes full of belongings in ChahAnjeer area. Now we live in a ruined house."

This is the first time war-affected families in Helmand have received aid. (Pajhwok)

(11) Clashes...

that four local police check posts were seized by Taliban overnight and that an Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander was among five local police members killed. In addition, the Taliban has also reportedly seized two Humvees belonging to security forces. Baghlan police chief Gen. Noor Habib Gulbahari said: "A commander and his four men were martyred at their station and the commander of another station was wounded. Taliban have control over these police stations. We will start our operation to retake these strongholds."

Gulbahari added: "Insurgents carried out five aggressive attacks on Dahan Ghory district. We defeated their attacks, as a result five insurgents were killed and two others wounded. Meanwhile a Baghlan resident, Akbar, said: "People were caught in the fight and lots of mortars smashed into their houses. Four persons were martyred from one house and three others wounded."

Shir Agha, another local resident said: "A mortar smashed into a house, it killed three women and wounded another woman and a few men. Another mortar smashed into my own house. Lots of animals were killed, houses were destroyed and people lost whatever they had."

Security forces have meanwhile appealed for reinforcements. Mohammad Zarif Zarif, a member of Baghlan's provincial council, said: "The morale of the security forces is weak as they are unable to defeat the insurgents. Poor war management has caused us to lose lots of places to the Taliban." (KP)

(12) Balkh Clerics ... was banned under Afghanistan's laws but some people violated the laws and kept the tradition alive.

He asked the Ulema council to issue a fatwa against using brides to settle disputes and preach at mosques against it. The lawmakers promised to raise the issue at the national assembly and echo Khan Wali Adil's campaign and demand.

Afghanistan Ulema Council member Mohsin Danesh also attended the gathering and described all forms of violence against women as illegal in Islamic rules.

"Trading a human being, giving girls in Bad and violence against women are practices prohibited in Islam and are unacceptable."

He believed media's role in elimination of such bad traditions was crucial and said the media should broadcast programmes creating awareness about such practices.

Balkh Literary Movement leadership member Ghulam Rasool Malakzai hailed efforts by Khan Wali Adil and said they were united in fighting against the Bad practice.

He said Afghanistan always stood against every kind of injustice and made all out efforts at preventing such practices. He asked the government to prosecute perpetrators who subjected women to violence.

Yesterday, there were also meetings calling for prevention of blood feud marriages taking place in some provinces of Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

(13) AAF Raid...

Casualties as a result of the ongoing violence in Helmand province during the recent days.

Taliban militants launched coordinated attacks on a number of Helmand districts and briefly captured the administrative compound of Nawa district last week. (KP)

(14) 8 Years on...

to courts for trial.

"I was appointed to this position eight months ago; it was the responsibility of former judges to track the cases in time," Fazil said, adding the issue had been shared with Supreme Court officials, who had promised sending a delegation to probe it.

The cases of the prisoners with unknown fate are now referred to courts for trial in line demands of law and justice. About judicial reforms, he said besides the appointment of a commission to hear complaints of prisoners each month, trials had also been sped up.

He meets court officers every week to resolve the problems they face in legal and criminal issues. A day in the week has been dedicated to evaluating public complaints and the court takes action against the officers who behave against the law with the people.

The judge said investigations into a criminal case had to be completed in a month, but the court did all it could to reduce the time to a week. The step was taken after a large number of people complained about delays, he said.

He added 103 judges and 111 officers had been recruited to the appellant court, but 50 of them had been working from Kabul against the law. He applied the relevant law to the 50 officers and brought them back to Kandahar.

About cases of political prisoners, he said some people grumbled about their. He also complained about lack of a computerised system in the court, saying litigants had to face inordinate delays.

However, Fazil explained efforts were underway to put in place a computerised database to accelerate addressing people's problems. (Pajhwok)

(15) Helmand Police...

attacks on key districts of Helmand province and briefly captured Nawa district last week.

The Afghan forces were also forced to retreat from some areas of Garamsir district last week while reports from the districts close to the provincial capital of Lashkargah suggested that the militants have managed to get close to the strategic city.

The growing violence in Helmand province comes amid rampant Taliban-led insurgency as the observers believe the group is attempting to establish safe havens in this province. (KP)

(16) Several Development ...

project in the city, hoping most of their problems would be resolved with the completion of the projects. Faizullah, a resident of Khost City, said during rainy days it was difficult to walk from one place to another because of ubiquitous ponds of stagnant water and piles of garbage.

Most roads in Khost City were constructed a decade earlier, but due to the

use of low-quality materials, most of them have been damaged. (Pajhwok)

(17) ISIS Militants ...

leader were targeted in a drone strike in Nangarhar province.

The US Department of Defense confirmed that Hafiz Saeed Khan was killed in the airstrike. (KP)

(18) Trump's VP...

including his pronouncements about the Muslim family whose Army captain son was killed in Iraq, the tensions between him and Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, and whether nuclear weapons can or should be used. (Xinhua)

(19) US Satisfaction...

While dissatisfaction with crime/violence stood at 5 percent, most likely a reaction to the recent gun violence and mass shootings in the states of Minnesota, Texas, Louisiana and Florida.

Last month, Alton Sterling was shot and killed after an altercation with police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. One day after Sterling's death, Philando Castile was fatally shot by police in his car in Falcon Heights, Minnesota.

Those police killings triggered two separate revenge attacks by two black military veterans against white officers, killing 5 officers in Dallas, Texas, and 3 officers in Baton Rouge. (Press TV)

(20) Russian President's...

Bogdanov's visit to Iran comes less than a week after Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and his Russian counterpart held talks in the Azeri capital city of Baku.

Presidents of Iran and Russia, who were in Baku to participate in a trilateral summit with their Azeri counterpart, Ilham Aliyev, stressed the importance of accelerating the development of bilateral relations in all fields, saying Tehran and Moscow need to make more efforts to speed up the development of all-out cooperation.

Iran and Russia are Syria's main allies against the various foreign-backed armed groups fighting to topple President Bashar al-Assad, including Daesh terrorists. (PressTV)

(21) Russia Warplanes ...

clashes with the Syrian army forces for control of a key military airbase there. On September 30, 2015, Russia began air campaign against Daesh and other terrorist groups upon a request by the Damascus government.

Last month, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad hailed the Russian air campaign in support of the Syrian army, saying it has helped the Syrian soldiers advance against the Takfiri elements operating in the Arab country.

Since March 2011, Syria has been gripped by militancy it blames on some Western states and their regional allies. (Agencies)

(22) I'm Running...

spreading doubt about his ability to recover and refocus on his campaign. Earlier on Saturday, he went after the New York Times, bashing the daily for citing unknown sources in a report that had characterized him as "sullen" and struggling to catch up with Clinton in polls.

"I don't think they have any names," the real estate mogul said of the Times' sources, before threatening to revoke the paper's permissions to cover his rallies. (Press TV)

(23) Signs of ...

Saturday, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry considered Cavusoglu's remarks strange and contradictory despite some "good points," and rejected Turkey's interference in Egypt's domestic affairs and "the Turkish minister's elaborate evaluation of the Egyptian economic conditions." (Xinhua)

(24) Swiss Train ...

According to the statement, the Swiss authority has not found any criminal record of the attacker.

The police believe that the attacker was acting alone after viewing a video footage showing the whole process of the event.

Swiss authority has confirmed that the attacker was a Swiss national and did not have an immigration background. (Xinhua)

(25) U.S Special...

on Aug. 10 and Aug 13. Senior members of the terror group were killed," the source who declined to be identified told Xinhua by telephone.

He said Al-Shabaab leader, Abu Ubeida is suspected to be either killed or captured during the operation. Three of his deputies including the spokesman of the group, Abu Mus'ab and another identified as Abu Omar were among those killed. (Xinhua)

(26) AU Mission ...

federal parliament between Sept. 24 and Oct. 10 and a new president by Oct. 30. Some 51 constituency members will elect each MP, which means 14,025 citizens will take part in indirect elections. (Xinhua)