

**(1) 3-Day ....**

essential to protect children from crippling disease."

He asked citizens, health workers and partners to support the drive aimed at eradicating the disease from Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, around 27,000 children in the eastern part of the country were deprived of polio drops due to insecurity and rebels' presence.

In addition, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on Sunday launched a drive against low quality food items in the eight municipality district.

The campaign would last for at least one month in which expired and low quality food items would be taken into custody. (Pajhwok)

**(2) Smooth Power....**

"It does not seem all the appropriate facilities are available for the park which is needed," he added.

Hajjo said the country's industrial sector needed serious attention of the government as without government support the sector would be unstable.

He demanded the government to reduce power tariff and taxes on factories so they would focus on improving quality of their products and compete with the companies of foreign countries.

Hajjo also expressed concern about industrial parks land grabbing issue and said that most of the industrial areas were changed to residential areas. He did not provide more information about the land grabbing issue.

Afghanistan Industries Association deputy head Abdul Jabbar Safi also blamed the government for not supporting factories and said that industries could produce high quality with low price products.

The Sharq factory director Abdul Samad called electricity vital for improvement of industry and said that industrialists were seriously affected by load-shedding that occurs several times during a day. (Pajhwok)

**(3) Rula Underlines....**

set. Development projects, without effective use of media, are impossible at both village and national level."

Poverty and lack of awareness were among main causes of increasing number of drug addicts in the country, she added.

According to media reports, over three million people are drug addicted in Afghanistan. "Media is the language of society hence it should play a role to create awareness in this regard," she remarked.

Education Minister Assadullah Hanif Balkhi emphasized media role. Awareness against adverse effects of drug had been incorporated in curriculum and education ministry would also increase TV programs, he explained.

Minister of Hajj and Religious Affairs Faiz Mohammad Usmani said: "Media is the eyes of society and eyes have special importance in human body therefore every one of us wants media should play role to discourage the trend of drug addiction."

Around 150,000 mosques had been registered with the Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs throughout the country which could be used alongside media against drug addiction, he mentioned. (Pajhwok)

**(4) 10,000 Km....**

representative for reforms and good governance, said insufficient work had been done to improve the country's road infrastructure.

"The geographical location of our country requires more investment in the road sector. This network can connect different parts of the country and serve as a link to many regional countries," he remarked.

Massoud said corruption in the ministries of transport and public works in the past had affected the country's transport system.

He said despite \$8 billion expenditure on the transport system, the country still lacked proper road infrastructure.

Mohammadullah Batash, the transport and civil aviation minister, said: "Land transport needs utmost attention. We want to highlight the challenges through this conference and to find ways out."

He said the current transport laws also needed amendments. He said corruptions in tax collection offices at ports were not acceptable and he wanted electronic weighbridges system to be installed.

Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries deputy director Khan Jan Alkozai criticized both the current and former governments for not paying heed to the development of the land transport system.

He said the transport laws needed changes since neighboring countries had freedom to enter Afghan cities with transit goods while Afghanistan did not enjoy the same. (Pajhwok)

**(5) Union Stops ....**

Union said Afghanistan imports pharmaceuticals worth \$400 million USD annually.

They said that no company may now import Pakistani medicines, adding that instead they should import from India, China, Turkey and European countries - medicine that is of high quality, they say.

"We will not import Pakistani medicines anymore," said Abdul Qadir Zazai Watandost, head of the union. "We are thinking about an alternative. We know about the needs of the people. We request that the companies import medicines from other countries and introduce it to local markets."

The ACCI welcomed the attempt but said the government should be cooperative to completely ban the import of Pakistani medicines. The ACCI officials said an alternative for Pakistani medicines should be found.

"The government is hearing our voice. The only thing that we want from the government is to pave the ground to produce the products ourselves," said Khan Jan Alkozai, the ACCI deputy chief. "We hope to see the day we become self-reliant in this sector."

Meanwhile, owners of a number of medicine importing companies said they import 50 percent of medicines from Pakistan. (ToloneWS)

**(6) 3-Fold ....**

and their member could reach 200,000 till the end of the year, the minister said.

He informed Pakistan would start registering Afghan refugees from August 25 in presence of the Afghan Refugee Ministry representatives. (Pajhwok)

**(7) Ghani's Popularity ...**

who then became Afghanistan's Chief Executive Officer.

Meanwhile, six percent of the population refrained from commenting or had no opinion on the matter.

The first survey published in November 2014 had however showed 59.9 percent of the respondents were "very satisfied" with Ghani's performance in office.

"This survey shows a dramatic change and decrease in the level of public support and their satisfaction with both the leaders of National Unity Government," TOLONews general director Lotfullah Najafzadeh said. "The important point is that approximately 65 percent of Afghans talk of a deterioration in their living [standards]."

ATR Consulting randomly called 2,374 people across all 34 provinces to ask "How satisfied are you with President Ashraf Ghani's performance?"

The respondents could select only one out of four possible answers: 'very satisfied,' 'moderately satisfied,' 'not satisfied at all,' or 'I don't know / No opinion.'

The survey - which took place between August 2 and 9 - showed those who were satisfied with Ghani's performance come from the eastern parts of the country. While, those who were not satisfied at all were mostly from the central parts. (ToloneWS)

**(8) British Special....**

sources that in reality the troops plan and lead counter-terrorist strike operations.

"In the last six months the British special forces have gone from training Afghan commando units to kicking down doors and arresting Taliban suspects. There have been some pretty hairy firefights but fortunately no casualties." An unnamed source is quoted by the news agency as saying.

"The Afghan Special forces are enthusiastic amateurs but they do not have the ability to plan and execute counter-terrorist operations."

The British forces return to Afghanistan at a time the country is overwhelmed with insurgent activities.

Taliban have increased their attacks and Daesh emerged as a new threat to Afghanistan. (KP)

**(9) Insecurity Bars....**

Procedure and Actions Mechanism of Provincial Councils Monitoring Role" that the gathering was aimed at strengthening evaluation role of provincial councils.

He said that they have introduced a clear procedure for provincial councils' evaluation in coordination of the councils head in the past five months.

Nadir Naeem, deputy head of Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), said the provincial councils had basic role in building partnership among all sectors and improving local governance.

But he said the councils had faced major problems. He added lack of clarity in the relations among provincial councils and local government departments, shortage of transport facility and office buildings and insecurity were main problems the provincial councils had faced.

The government is aware of it and efforts were underway to resolve the problems. The provincial council heads expressed concerns that insecurity has created problems for them to evaluate local governance.

Haji Ahmad Jafari, provincial council head for Maidan Wardak province, told Pajhwok Afghan News the new procedure has cleared their role of evaluation and resolve misunderstandings in their works.

But he concerned about law and order which was the main problem confronting them.

"Insecurity has prevented provincial council members from monitoring local governance properly, and they cannot go to remote areas to oversee projects' implementation," he said. (Pajhwok)

**(10) ERAW Law's....**

lower house had opposed the law without knowing about it.

"I wish the law had been introduced to people through seminars and workshops before it was landed in parliament so that people would have understood it well," she said, adding that any law that concerned women was always opposed by some lawmakers.

Citing an example, she said, when the president introduced a woman as member for the Supreme Court Council, she was rejected by lawmakers.

AIHRC representative Latifa Sultani said several years had passed, but the ERAW law could not be approved by the parliament.

She asked the government to press for approval of the law in order to check growing violence against women in the country.

According to the AIHRC, more than 2,000 cases of violence against women cases were registered during the first three months of the ongoing solar year, compared to 2,500 cases during the entire last year.

Sultani said most of the victims of suicide attacks, roadside bombings, illegal courts, harassment and torture happened to be women. (Pajhwok)

**(11) 77 Insurgents ....**

comments come as the security forces are currently embroiled in heavy clashes with local and foreigner insurgents in the district.

Gen. Raziq once again said that Pakistan military's interference is the reason for the ongoing battle in Nawzad.

"Pakistan is trying to take control of the northern districts of Helmand with the cooperation of local and foreign fighters." He said and added that they will not let the insurgents and Pakistan reach their goal.

Abdullah Hamim, TOLONews reporter who visited the battle filed in Nawzad, said that most of the local residents have been displaced due to insecurity and the ongoing battle in the district.

Hamim reports that he only saw a few residents in Nawzad and that the Taliban have closed all schools and the hospitals in the district.

"Most of the residents of this district have fled due to the war and have gone to other parts. In the past three weeks all schools and hospitals have been closed by the Taliban. We are facing massive problems," one of the residents of Nawzad said.

Nabi Jan Mullahkhalil, Helmand Police Chief has said that "the security forces have been caught up in clashes with the insurgents for 21 days in this district but after reinforcements arrived from Kandahar province, the security forces were able to retake control of most of parts of the district."

Army officials said that their troops had played a key role in the operation.

"Our security forces which are police, military and National Directorate of Security (NDS) have worked together and ousted insurgents from Nawzad," Gen. Dadan Lawang, commander of the 215th Maiwand Corps said.

However, the officials did not providing details about the casualties of the security forces. (ToloneWS)

(12) Helmand Governor Rahimi lambasted intelligence officials for not pointing out terrorists' sanctuaries to dismantle them.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) could not confront the intelligence war, he said, underlining close coordination and active role by other institutions.

He lamented that criminal officials had been asked to conduct operations against criminals in cities and district, but they offered excuse and said that operation against such elements would create more problems. In recent days, at least 21 policemen have been killed in Grishk, Musa Qala and Sangin districts. (Pajhwok)

**(13) Workshop ....**

The technical deputy head of the (IDLG) Nadir Yama said that the main objective of the workshop is to assess the monitoring and regularity authority of the councils.

"Capacity building, sovereignty and effectiveness of the works of provincial councils will be amongst the main discussion points of this workshop," Yama said.

Meanwhile, the head of the Provincial Council Association Sayed Akmal Khamosh has said that a comprehensive and resolute program will be implemented to monitor these bodies.

"Over the past eight years, there has been no mechanism in place to hold these councils accountable and to evaluate their performance," he said.

According to IDLG officials, the provincial councils work as a bridge between the government and the people. (ToloneWS)

**(14) Former ISI Chief ....**

Sargodha on Nov 20, 1936, he joined the army in 1954.

During the 1965 war he was a tank commander and was awarded Sitara-i-Jurat for bravery.

He received training from the Staff college Quetta during 1968-1969. He then served as a battalion commander from 1972 to 1976 following which he was promoted to the rank of brigadier in 1978.

In 1980, he was promoted to First Armoured Division Multan Corp's Commander and also served as martial law administrator in Bahawalpur.

He was also awarded Hilal e Intiaz (Military) and Sitara e Basalat for his services.

Gen Gul remained ISI chief during 1987 and 1989 when the US-backed Afghan Jihad against the then Soviet Union was at the last stages. He continued working in the spy agency in the post-stages of the Afghan war.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan tweeted, "Sad to learn of Gen Hameed Gul's death. Whether one agreed with his views or not, he was a patriot. Condolences & prayers go to the family."

He frequently attended rallies of the Difa-i-Pakistan Council or Defence of Pakistan Council (DPC), a coalition of around 40 religious and political parties. (ToloneWS)

**(15) Pakistan Fooled ....**

at the Pentagon, Sedney said he is "highly highly confident that at least few people" in ISI knew about the death of Mullah Omar.

This successful deception by Pakistan, he said, is also a failure of US-Pak intelligence co-operation and a failure of the American intelligence agencies as well. Sedney is now a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, a top American think-tank.

Reflecting on the strong information network that the ISI has within the Taliban, Sedney pointed out to what happened in 2010 when Mullah Baradar and other Taliban leaders were reaching out to Afghanistan and to President Karzai and to the US and sending out feelers for peace talks.

"Pakistani intelligence picked up Mullah Baradar and about 40-50 people who were aligned with them and kept them in prison for four years. At that point it was in Pakistan's interest to stop the peace talks. So they did that by arresting and in many cases torturing people who were engaging in the peace talks," he said.

"So they (ISI) have that kind of knowledge of the Taliban. They certainly have enough knowledge to take some serious action to impact the Taliban's actions," he said. "In my default analysis Pakistan thought they would do a better job in controlling Mullah Mansoor with the image of Mullah Omar and they were afraid that the Taliban under Mullah Mansoor would disintegrate. ... I think it may have been an issue of control," he said. (Pajhwok)

**(16) Taliban Planning to....**

Taliban insurgents are planning to carry out an attack against a compound possibly located in the

Taimani area of Police District 4 in Kabul City, Kabul Province, Afghanistan," the statement by US embassy said.

The statement further added "Additionally, the insurgents may be planning attacks against several targets frequented by foreigners, including Hamid Karzai International Airport, vehicle repair and fueling facilities, and a barber shop along the Bagram road. No further information was available regarding the target, timing, or method of any planned attack. The U.S. Embassy is taking these threats seriously and advises U.S. citizens to avoid these areas if possible."

"As a reminder, in accordance with the Travel Warning for Afghanistan, the Department of State warns U.S. citizens against travel to Afghanistan," the statement said, adding that "The security situation in Afghanistan is extremely unstable, and the threat to all U.S. citizens in Afghanistan remains critical. U.S. citizens currently visiting or residing in Afghanistan may wish to consider departing." The statement by the US embassy is followed by a series of deadly attacks in capital Kabul recently which left scores of people dead or wounded. (ToloneWS)

**(17) 'Strategy be ....**

members stressed that strategy should be worked out to regain control of the areas, which were under militants' sway.

It merits mention that Dashti Archi district had fallen to Taliban last month but the government could not take back control of the district. Gortapa, a locality close to Kunduz City, the provincial capital, Aqtash area in Khan Abad district and some of areas of Qala-i-Zal locality were being overrun by militants.

Mohammad Yousuf Ayubi, head of Kunduz PC, said that officials concerned did not demonstrate efficiency to keep the law and order under control.

"I have tried many times to tell officials that we should not give up any part of the area, but no one bothered to hear my complaints," he recalled.

He acknowledged that the central government sent them reinforcements to launch a decisive anti-militants operation in the Taliban's infested areas but the offensive could not be initiated. (Pajhwok)

**(18) Anti-Pakistan....**

official Ustad Yasir and many commanders, the exact number of them was better known to the Taliban leaders. Several Taliban leaders had been arrested and hanged in Pakistan, he said.

"Anti-Pakistani sentiment in Taliban even existed during their regime, but the hatred has been now on the increase," he said.

Muzhda said the Taliban living in Pakistan had no option, but to hide their hatred for Pakistan.

The hatred further increased when conflicting views were expressed about Omar's demise, prompting the Taliban's Doha political office chief, Syed Tayyib Agha, to resign, the analyst said.

"Hiding Omar's death for two years has confused a large number of Taliban and has led to severe differences among some leaders," he said.

He said Tayyib Agha resigned in protest against keeping secret Omar's death and had called it a historic blunder.

Muzhda said some Taliban leaders thought Omar's death had been hidden in consultation with Pakistan and as a result, their doubts about Pakistan had further increased.

He said Tayyib Agha had criticised the appointment of Masnoor as Omar's successor as he believed such appointments that took place abroad had never produced good results. Mullah Omar's brother Mullah Abdul Manan had also opposed the election of Mansoor as the new supreme leader. (Pajhwok)

**(19) Two Policemen....**

Hamidullah Qaser, the prosecutor in the case said: "According to Rishad's confession, they first kidnapped the woman and put her in a vehicle. They then raped her inside the car. Then Zabih drove the car and took the woman to a house."

According to officials, Sunday's court hearing lasted over two hours. It is believed that the families of the accused were not present in court due to security reasons.

Qazi Abdul Rahman Hikmat, head of Kabul's PDS4 Criminal Court said: "You Rishad and you Zabih

hullah are sentenced to 15 years in prison for kidnaping and five years for raping the woman."

In addition, he sentenced Qudrattullah to 16 years imprisonment for assisting in the crime.

Hikmat however granted the accused leave to appeal.

But the accused rejected their sentences and said they would not accept the court's decision.

"I don't accept this decision. How can I accept it when I have not done it," said Rishad, one of the accused.

Zabih said: "I am not aware of the incident, then why am I convicted with 20 years in prison."

Meanwhile, the third accused Qudrattullah said: "I was there as a guest in their house, then why am I convicted with 16 years in prison?" (ToloneWS)

**(20) Badakhshan Taliban..**

militants were active along the road between Shuhada and Baharak districts extorting money from passengers daily.

He alleged Taliban of forcefully collecting Zakat, Ushar and cash from residents and in this way they equip their fighters with weapons and ammunitions.

Recently, Taliban have killed a policeman and her wife in the area. Col. Sakhi Dad Haidari, deputy police chief, said that rebels forced their way into the house of Noor Rahman, who served at police headquarters, and shot him and his wife dead.

Zafnoon Hasam Natiq, director of women affairs, condemned the act and demanded the arrest of killers involved in the gruesome act. (Pajhwok)

**(21) Jailbreak Attempt....**

Taliban members were detained from the jurisdiction of Shindand District of Herat province.

According to the statement Mohammad and Abdul Ghani planned to transfer 294,000 Pakistani Rupees to Mullah Jamil the so-called governor of Taliban group for Shindand District.

The spy agency has also arrested Mullah Ghawsuddin who was using the name of Islam and illegally collecting money for Taliban.

NDS press release further states that two resident of Faryab province who were kidnapped by Taliban in Kurkh District of Herat province were also released in a successful operation. "They were reunited with their families." The statement adds.

The statement does not contain the exact dates of the achievements but NDS usually issues a press release after recent activities. (KP)

**(22) Afghan Refugee....**

the 16-year-old was able to handle the life threatening situation. Paramedics took almost 20 minutes to arrive but during this time it was Aziz who held back the bleeding and tried to bring calm to an alarming situation unfolding on the streets of central Budapest.

According to a Facebook page that reported on the case, Aziz's father was killed and he lost track of his mother and brother on the way to Europe. He has been sleeping rough in Budapest for several days. Speaking to the media he said he had seen many similar cases in Afghanistan and immediately knew what to do when confronted by the situation despite having no formal health care qualifications or formal first aid training. "I'm human, he's also human, he was in trouble, I knew what I had to do, I didn't hesitate for a moment",

he said, speaking from the soup kitchen where he volunteers. (ToloneWS)

**(23) Hillary, ....**

licans widely perceive foreign policies as the possible vulnerability of Clinton, who helmed the State Department during Obama's first term in office and was currently dogged by controversy surrounding her suspicious emailing practice. (Xinhua)

**(24) Violence....**

Najilleb, who is staying at the camp. "Me, I've already stayed here for seven days. My friend is 20 days here. No food, no water, no others, no others. This is a very dangerous situation," he said. (Reuters)

**(25) Iran Submits....**

sidelines of the deal between Iran and the world powers in the Austrian capital of Vienna on July 14, Tehran and the UN nuclear watchdog signed an agreement to resolve outstanding issue about PMD of its past nuclear activities. (Xinhua)