

(1) Ghani Committed...

the Brussels Summit. "People cannot tolerate this situation anymore. They should not test peoples' patience," said Noor Ahmad Bashar, a political analyst. At the first meeting, the CEO presented a list of suggestions to Ghani. It is hoped that they will solve their political disagreements at their third meeting. Solving these disagreements is seen as a test for both leaders as the NUG approaches the end of its second year. (Tolnews)

(2) NATO ...

in Afghanistan. The Afghan forces had achieved success in defending Kunduz City before moving into Helmand, he claimed. "Helmand has always been the Taliban's main prime focus. It is where they invest the most energy," the NATO spokesman said, adding the insurgents were trying to find a sanctuary in Helmand. About 10 percent of all Afghan missions are advised by NATO, including the recent high-profile mission to stop an attack on the American University and the operation near Lashkargah. (Pajhwok)

(3) Electoral Reforms ...

bringing electoral reforms and holding parliamentary elections. They claim that there are powerful groups inside and outside of government trying to prevent reforms from being carried out. Jandad Spenghar, chief of election network ACSEN said: "If government does not bring necessary reforms to the system, if government does not make fundamental changes in the election commissions, and if government does not bring acceptable figures to the commissions; it is impossible to have the support of the international community, civil society and Afghan people by having just an amendment in the election system." Meanwhile, a number of former government officials have blasted the NUG for not fulfilling their commitments over the past two years.

"National unity government has not done anything over the past 23 months. The 23 months is the history of promises which has not been done. It is the main concern of the people. The legitimacy of the NUG will be questioned. These issues are serious and have raised concerns," said Dadfar Rangin Spanta, the former national security council advisor. Electoral reforms and parliamentary and districts council elections are the main commitments mentioned in the NUG agreement, but political analysts believe that leaders have not fulfilled their promises to the people. (Tolnews)

(4) Brussels...

decisions taken by the high economic council have not been practical due to certain problems specifically a lack of capacity within the government institutions and problems in the laws. Therefore the majority of these decisions remain on paper," said Mohammad Faizan, a member of Afghanistan Industrialist Union.

"It is not right to expect early results from the meetings of the high economic council, but I can say that it has had a positive impact, if the work is done properly, it could have a tangible impact on the economic climate of the country," said Sher Baz Kaminzada, a member of the high economic council. Referring to obstructions in the way of economic and commercial activities in the country, meanwhile some economic commentators have asked the president to step up efforts to implement comprehensive economic strategies to improve Afghanistan's economic growth and boost domestic production. According to economists, addressing the problems of the private sector will revive international trust in the national unity government. (Tolnews)

(5) Questions...

for maintaining security. They have to tell people why they cannot maintain security," said Mirdad Khan Nijrabi, head of parliament's internal security commission. Members of the public have also blasted security forces, especially the intelligence department, for not taking serious action to prevent insurgents from entering the city. Kamaluddin, a resident of Kabul said: "How did they enter the city,

where was the police chief? Where was the chief of intelligence?" "Security and intelligence officials have to prevent these kinds of attacks before they happen and kill our people," said Ghulam Baha-uddin, another resident of Kabul city. However, despite numerous calls for comment, the chief of Kabul police nor the ministry of interior would speak in this regard. (Tolnews)

(6) Afghanistan ...

According to Col. Troy Henderson, 438th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group commander, those Afghan pilots are making a big difference in the fight against insurgents. "AAF MD-530 pilots are positively impacting counter-insurgency operations daily across Afghanistan," said Henderson. "Despite being based at Kabul, MD-530 operations have expanded to support south, central and eastern Afghanistan. Today's delivery of the final four will help support operations in northern Afghanistan." Henderson said the MD-530s are the right size for their mission in Afghanistan.

"The MD-530's size enables the AAF to use their C-130s to transport where they are needed," said Henderson. "They have great maneuverability and capable weapon systems to target a variety of enemy targets. Their presence in Afghanistan has been critical to neutralizing insurgent operations." The MD-530 is providing a critical air-to-ground capability, enabling Afghan pilots to engage the enemy. (KP)

(7) Taliban Intensify ...

pushed back by the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces (ANDSF) the next day.

At least 38 Taliban fighters were killed and several Afghan police officers were wounded in the fight, provincial spokesman Hejrattullah Akbari was quoted as saying. (Agencies)

(8) University Attack ...

who presided over the NSC meeting, spoke over the phone to Pakistan Army Chief Gen. Raheel Sharif and demanded serious and practical measures against the perpetrators of the attack, the statement said.

It said Gen. Raheel promised to investigate the issue and inform Afghanistan about the measures taken.

The meeting decided that families of the victims and those wounded should be extended every possible help and arrangements should be made to quickly repair damaged parts of the university.

The meeting praised the bravery of the Afghan security forces in dealing with the complex attack and said the Afghan government would bring into use all resources to hunt and bring to justice the perpetrators of the attack.

Dawn.com reported that the Pakistan army's media wing ISPR in a statement said the Afghan authorities shared three mobile numbers with Pakistan, saying these numbers were allegedly in contact with the assailants from inside Pakistan during the university attack.

Following which, the Pakistani security forces carried out a combing operation, based on the information provided by Afghan government, in area close to Pak-Afghan border to verify the presence of miscreants, ISPR claimed.

Sharing its evaluation of the shared information, ISPR said "all Afghan SIMs used during the attack were from a network owned and operated by Afghan company whose spill over signal affects some areas along Pak-Afghan border".

Outcome of the operation has been shared with the Afghan authorities, moreover, further technical evaluation of the mobile numbers is being carried out, read the ISPR statement. Earlier in the day, Pakistan strongly condemned the university attack in Kabul and reiterated its condemnation of terrorism in all forms and manifestations.

"We extend our profound condolences to the government and the people of Afghanistan and the families of those who lost their loved ones in this brutal terrorist attack. We also pray for the speedy recovery of the wounded," the Pakistan foreign ministry said. (Pajhwok)

(9) Hunt on for...

combing operation so far have shown that all Afghan SIMs, used during the attack, were from a network owned and operated by an Afghan company whose spillover signals affect some areas along the border." Gen. Sharif said: "The outcome of the operation has been shared with Afghan authorities. Further technical evaluation of the cell numbers (all Afghan) is being carried out." President Ghani called Gen Sharif to ask Pakistan for action against the attackers' accomplices. The conversation took place as US Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Olson, Special Assistant to the US President Dr. Peter Lavoy and Commander of Resolute Support Mission Gen John Nicholson visited Islamabad. (Pajhwok)

(10) AUAF Students ...

attackers were in Afghan national army uniforms.

Nargis one female student who is pursuing a business management course at the university sustained injuries after jumping from the second floor of the university building in a bid to escape the gunmen. Nargis said that it had been the most terrifying moment of her life. According to her, first there was gunfire which was followed by huge explosions and then students started screaming.

"They always say that you (students) are the future builders of the nation. But if the present situation continues and security is not restored, then there will be no future in the country. Whoever committed the act, I want to tell them we were only students and we never harmed anyone," said Nargis.

"We want to urge the government to increase the number of educational institutes. The attackers had only one objective - to target education, but students will not be deterred from learning by such attacks," said Mohammad Nasir, another injured student.

Mohammad Anil is another student who came close to death on Wednesday. He says that the screams of the students still haunt him. He said the attack on the campus was more than a terrorist attack.

"The university where we are studying is unique among several countries in the region. But I want to ask those who carried out the attack why they targeted students. I don't think that our university will be closed, because we have not lost our morale," said Anil.

Fardin is an Afghan police officer who was wounded in the attack. Fardin says that he saw the terrorists' faces while they were shooting. "We had binoculars and saw their fearful faces. They (terrorists) were in national army uniforms, but we managed to eliminate them very quickly," he said.

The attack on the university in Kabul raised strong reaction worldwide. Many countries condemned the attack and some described it as an attack on the progress of Afghanistan.

In a telephonic conversation with Pakistan's army chief of staff general Raheel Sharif, President Ashraf Ghani informed him that Kabul has found credible evidence that pointed towards Pakistan-based militants having been behind the attack. However Pakistan has so far not responded to the claims.

Pakistan's foreign ministry did condemn the attack. But the families of victims have urged the Afghan government to share the evidence with the international community. (Tolnews)

Afghan News Taliban's hideouts were pounded by foreign troops late on Thursday.

The first raid targeted a Taliban bomb-making facility at 2pm, followed by a second one in the evening on a meeting of militant leaders in the area, Zazai said.

Governor Hayatullah Hayat denied the location of any presence in the area, saying: "Foreigners have informed me of keeping the suspects under surveillance for 24 hours." The airstrike was conducted after investigation and satellite photography. We don't bomb prisons. Instead we conduct raids on such site to free the captives alive," he added.

At least 16 rebels, including their commander Kaku Agha, were

killed in the bombardment, the governor said.

But a resident of the area, who did not want to be named, revealed a Taliban-run jail had been struck by international forces. He claimed retrieving 27 bodies from the debris. The source said 11 people, including three deminers, were held in the area. The rest of the dead were Taliban members. The prison was run inside the house of a civilian named Khan Mullah, he added. On the other hand, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi said 22 security personnel seized by the fighters had been killed in the strike. Another three, who were set to be freed today, were wounded. (Pajhwok)

(12) RAPL 2016 ...

presence of new players in the national teams of different age-ranges from Roshan Afghanistan Premier League (RAPL). We could select Afghan players who have the membership of national team from the premier league. The league facilitates the selection of players for national team. We also could select elite players from Roshan Afghanistan Premier League for national teams of 19 years, 21 years, and 23 years. The performance of these players is remarkable in national teams," said the president of the Afghan Football Federation Karamuddin Karim recently.

"At Roshan, we are strong believers of supporting sport. Playing sports is about team work and at Roshan Afghan Premier League (RAPL) games, young Afghans of all backgrounds get to work together and grow stronger together. Our support for RAPL has already allowed young Afghans an opportunity to shine and represent their country on the world stage, bringing pride to all Afghans," said Karim Khoja, CEO of Roshan.

Meanwhile, Shafic Gawhari, CEO of Moby Group and RAPL Commissioner said: "RAPL successfully conducted four seasons in close cooperation with its partners over the past four years despite the existing challenges in this country. We are strongly committed to continuing the first professional football league which now has become a symbol of optimism and national unity for Afghanistan and everyone waits for the tournament in August each year."

The opening ceremony as well as all matches will be broadcast LIVE on TOLO TV, Lemar TV and simulcast on Arman FM, Arakozia FM as well as online via the RAPL Official YouTube Channel and website. (Tolnews)

(13) Kabul University...

and students.

"An attack deliberately targeting an educational facility, during evening classes for university students, is an atrocity and those responsible must be held accountable," said Pernille Kardel, the Secretary-General's Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Acting Head of Mission. "The country's youth are a source of pride and bring real hope for a better future. I am hopeful that violence will not discourage their desire for continued learning and attaining the knowledge and skills critical to Afghanistan's prosperity," she said.

UNAMA expresses deepest condolence to the families of those killed in this incident and wishes a speedy recovery for all those injured.

Pakistan also strongly condemns the terrorist attack at the American University in Kabul.

"We extend our profound condolences with the Government and the families of those who lost their loved ones in this brutal terrorist attack. We also pray for the speedy recovery of the wounded." FO said in a statement

Pakistan reiterates its condemnation of terrorism in all forms and manifestations. It added. US embassy in Kabul also condemns Wednesday's heinous attack on the American University Afghanistan in Kabul. The targeting of Afghan students and university staff who are working to improve the future of Afghanistan is a cruel and cowardly act.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with those killed and injured, as well as with the victims' families, colleagues, and friends," said U.S. Ambassador P. Michael McKinley.

"We remain strongly committed to the people of Afghanistan who are dedicated to establishing lasting peace and security and building the brightest possible future for their children." He adds.

The U.S. Embassy stands ready to assist Afghan authorities with their continuing investigation in bringing those responsible to justice. Indian prime minister Narendra Modi also condemned Kabul attack. "We strongly condemn the attack on American University in Kabul," the Prime Minister tweeted. "Condolences to the bereaved families and prayers with the injured." (Pajhwok)

(14) Attack on...

law," university student Mahmood Poya said. The attack against the university also drew sharp condemnation from around the world.

The U.S. State Department denounced the attack in the strongest possible terms, calling it an attack on the future of Afghanistan.

The White House spokesman Josh Earnest said at a press conference: "...anytime we see innocent civilians whether they're Americans or Afghans or other innocent people of any nationality in an international city like Kabul, in harms way, we're of course deeply concerned about that. And the security situation inside Afghanistan is still one that is concerning. It certainly is something that we're monitoring closely. Obviously it's hard to get accurate information in the midst of a dynamic situation like this."

The U.S. embassy in Kabul also condemned the attack. But renewed U.S. commitments to the Afghan people.

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The State Department's spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said the U.S. Embassy was working to account for all of its personnel and to locate and assist any U.S. citizens affected by the attack.

"This tragic attack on a symbol of hope and progress is yet another reminder of the increasingly perilous security situation in Afghanistan," said Senator Richard Burr, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

The Afghan government in a statement said that the attack indicates terrorists' poor mindset and ignorance. On Thursday afternoon Pakistan also issued a statement condemning the incident.

"Pakistan strongly condemns the terrorist attack at the American University in Kabul this morning in which many precious human lives were lost while a number of people were injured," the statement read.

The statement went on to state that Pakistan extends its profound condolences to the government and people of Afghanistan and the families of those who lost their loved ones in the brutal terrorist attack.

"Pakistan reiterates its condemnation of terrorism in all forms and manifestations," the statement read. (Tolnews)

(15) Prices of ...

green tea for 240afs.

But wholesale prices varied from retail rates. A retailer in Taimani area, Abdul Wakil, sold a 24-kg sack of rice for 1,800afs and a 50-kg bag of Kazakh flour for 1,350afs. Last week's wholesale price of Kazakh flour was 1,300afs

Similarly, he sold a 49-kg bag of sugar for 2,500afs, a 16-kg tin of Shaista ghee for 1,220afs, a kilo of black tea for 280afs and the same quantity of green tea for 260afs.

Mohammad Fawad, a jeweller in Timor Shahi neighbourhood, said one gram of Arabian gold cost 2,450afs and the same quantity of the Russian variety 1,950afs.

According to the Sara-i-Shahzade Moneychangers Union, the value of one US dollar stood at 66.90 afghanis and 1,000 Pakistani rupees at 624 Afghans.

Last week's rate of one dollar was 67.45afs and 1,000 Pakistani rupees 623afs. (Pajhwok)

(16) Devastated Family ...

economist," said Sarwari's brother Ehsan. Sarwari had also received several awards from the Afghanistan National Music Institute. But this week he become one of

hundreds of young Afghans to have died at the hands of terrorists in recent years.

"He was a hardworking person, he was an asset," said Mohammad Amin, a resident of Kabul.

"Do the people have no loved ones, don't they have feelings," said university student Nawid.

Wednesday's terrorist attack on the American University of Afghanistan left at least 16 people dead and more than 50 others wounded. (Tolnews)

(17) Balkh Students...

other education centers proved that they are against education and progress in the country," said Zabihullah Kakar, member of Balkh provincial council.

The students and the activists also called on the international community to support education in Afghanistan and help the Afghan government to eliminate the roots of terrorism. (Tolnews)

(18) 30 Taliban ...

this district last week.

However the Afghan forces managed to repulse the Taliban offensive and clearance operations are still underway to clear the area from the militants presence. (KP)

(19) IOE President...

hosting focused policy discussions and developing recommendations. De Rioja praised China for choosing the right motto and agreed that G20 needs to be more innovative and invigorated.

He also emphasized the importance of inclusive development, adding that having a job is "the best medicine against poverty and exclusion." (Xinhua)

(20) Turkish Army...

told Daily Sabah earlier that the presence of the IS or the Syrian wing of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in the Syrian town on the Turkish border was "unacceptable." (Xinhua)

(21) Turkey Vows...

have fallen Turkey these days. The Islamic State (IS) and the Kurdistan Workers' Party, whose militants are fighting the government forces in southeastern Turkey, are blamed for the attacks. (Xinhua)

(22) Iraqi PM...

cause terror will not stop in a country or a society but is trying to prevail in the whole world."

"There is nothing that would stop cooperation between us (Iraq and Syria), which would extend wherever there is a need," Jaafari told reporters. (Xinhua)

(23) Clinton, Trump ...

percent of nonwhites. Unpopularity rate remains high for both the two main parties' candidates though the latest results are a little bit better than what was issued earlier this month.

The former Secretary of State is viewed negatively by 59 percent of voters and Trump by 64 percent, according to the NBC News and the Survey Monkey Weekly Election Tracking Poll issued on Aug. 16. Trump has recently softened his harshest positions on illegal immigrants and even apologized for causing pain to those he had attacked. However, it is deeply suspected if the change can continue and improve his performance in the polls. (Xinhua)

(24) Pakistan PM ...

solution to hunger, poverty and food insecurity has helped the world enhance regional and sub-regional cooperation," Sharif said.

He expressed the confidence that deliberations of finance ministers would complement the agenda of the 19th SAARC summit, which Pakistan looks forward to hosting on Nov. 9-10. (Xinhua)

(25) Military Operations...

()backed Kurdish group based in Syria - that "constantly threaten" Turkey. The offensive was launched in coordination with the so-called US-led military coalition purportedly fighting Daesh. (Presstv)

(26) Oil Terminal ...

state concern is the main oil producer in the country.

Such foreign companies as Burren Energy PLC (a branch of ENI), Mitro International Limited, Dragon Oil PLC and Petronas produce oil in Turkmenistan within PSA contracts. (Trend)