

### (1) We can't Build...

are no services then why people should pay their taxes, people pay taxes when they are paid back in form of development of their cities," the president added.

Calling mayors a bridge connecting people and the government, he said the mayors should win people's trust because it could help them implement their plans successfully.

Herat mayor Farhad Neyayesh, speaking on behalf of his colleagues, asked the president to approve the municipalities law as soon as possible so they could manage their affairs based on it. Calling arbitrary constructed buildings and land grabbing as part of municipalities' problems, he said security organs should support the mayors in enforcing the law on powerful individuals.

Nayayesh said late allocation of budget for municipalities was another matter of concern. "Delay in budget allocation for municipalities creates problems for development projects," he added.

Acting Kabul mayor, Abdullah Habibzai, said a draft strategic plan they had worked on would resolve all Kabul needs until 2030.

The plan focused on four main areas concerning urban good governance, including electronic-governance, capacity building, creating an urbanization culture and public awareness and fighting against corruption, he added.

Urban Development Minister Sayed Saadat Mansoor Naderi called the conference as effective and said such meetings could reduce challenges the mayors faced. He promised he would make efforts to cooperate with mayors in advancing their affairs. (Pajhwok)

### (2) Afghan-German ...

opening of well-equipped and modern interrogation facilities make the performance of tasks more efficient, so it should be extended to sub-departments of AGO in the provinces as well. The German Government funded this activity via the COPP programme (Police Cooperation Project) in order to facilitate all working procedures for employees of both the Civilian Anti-Corruption and the Military Anti-Corruption unit. New confidential spaces shall allow staff to conduct interrogations and investigations according to international human rights and Afghan laws.

Before, the AGO rooms did not offer sufficient space: interviews and interrogations of suspects and defendants often had to be conducted in office rooms. This led to poor quality results, evaluating the AGOs anti-corruption unit and investigation procedures. It also caused human rights violations, for example in the fields of confidentiality and gender sensitiveness. Now, the offices have been equipped with information technology such as computers, printers, cameras, a video system, furniture and water purifiers.

While investigating criminal cases and fighting against corruption, the AGO is responsible of providing fair and transparent documentation as a basis for objective judicial procedures. In addition to the Afghan-German Cooperation's support, the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL) has provided mentoring to the AGO and its staff. Both activities aim at rendering the AGOs work efficient, fair and transparent - corruption and human rights violations shall be avoided at all times. (PR)

### (3) 'More Districts ...

deputy governor Abdul Wali Sahi said militants would be not able to keep the district in their control forever.

"We would try to recapture the district from militants by our air forces as soon as possible," he said.

Governor's spokesman, Naqib Ahmad Attal, said no military action had been initiated so far to regain control of Janikhel district. But he said an operation

was being planned.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, on Saturday said the fighters seized complete control of the district and inflicted heavy casualties on Afghan forces.

The Taliban had laid siege to Janikhel district for several months. Interior and defense ministries' officials had also traveled to the district for assessing security situation there. (Pajhwok)

### (4) Pakistan Urged...

the continued closure of the gate had already resulted in huge losses to businessmen and fruits orchards owners in the country. He asked the Pakistani government not to link trade and commerce to political tension between the two countries and reopen the gate as soon as they could.

Haji Agha, senior advisor to the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, said if the issue was not resolved promptly, Afghan traders would suffer millions of afghanis losses.

Sayyam Pasarlai, spokesman for the commerce ministry, said the issue had been discussed with Pakistani officials, but Islamabad did not present a solid reason for closure of the busy crossing.

He said it was not for the first time Pakistan had closed the border, but the same trick was applied every year when fruit harvest season arrived in Afghanistan.

He doubted Pakistan's intention behind the border closure, saying it could be in retaliation to the ban on Pakistani currency in Kandahar, improving trade ties between India and Afghanistan and the establishment of Chabahar Port in Iran and purchase of wheat from Kazakhstan instead of Pakistan.

He said if the problem persisted, Kabul would consider other ways for exports and imports and would cut off trade ties with Islamabad.

Haji Agha Nani, head of the Fresh Fruits Union (FFU), complained Pakistani forces closed the Chaman crossing at a time when the harvest season of grapes, melon and watermelon was at its peak.

He said trucks loaded with fresh fruits had been stranded at the gate and it was not clear when Pakistani authorities would reopen the crossing, situated in Spin Boldak district of southern Kandahar province. (Pajhwok)

### (5) AUAF Attack ...

wounded policemen had been honored with promotions and one month bonus salary and the 45 other soldiers would also receive a one month additional benefit, he added.

He said the officers, sergeants and soldiers had showed bravery and rescued at least 300 students present at the university at the time of the attack.

He, while addressing the special unit, said: "The special unit champions are true sons of the country and all Afghans pin hope in them. Those who defend this country's oppressed people with the will of Allah are you." The minister said Afghanistan was currently engaged in unannounced war, which would be won by the Afghans the way they won against the former Soviet Union.

The special unit commander, Brig. Gen. Sayed Mohammad Roshandil, told the unit personnel: "I proud of your bravery, you are real angels, you protected dozens of students from dying."

During the ceremony, an officer of the special unit, Abdul Raqeeb, who was promoted from major to lieutenant colonel rank, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "We had sworn to Allah that we will defend and protect our country until a single drop of blood is left in our bodies." He said the special unit had undergone tough professional and military trainings and had the capability and ready to frustrate the enemy under any circumstances. (Pajhwok)

### (6) Alchin Bridge's ...

their goods to the market. Hundreds of vehicles from Kunduz City, the provincial capital,

reached districts and tens of cargo trucks moved between Afghanistan and Tajikistan daily through the bridge, he added.

Cement traders said they had stopped importing cement from Pakistan because the commodity imported from Tajikistan had good quality and sales, but Pakistani cement imports once again increased after the Alchin Bridge was destroyed.

A cement trader, Mansoor, said Pakistani cement was of low quality and expensive, but the Tajik cement had good quality and lower price. There had been no cement imports from Pakistan after Afghan traders began importing Tajikistani cement, he added.

He asked the government to reconstruct the Alchin Bridge as soon as possible in order traders could resume imports and exports.

A provincial council member, Ghulam Rabbani Rabbani, also said the bridge's destruction had created many problems for residents living on both sides because it connected four districts and Sher Khan port.

"We want the government to take decisive action for reconstruction of the bridge," he said. Residents of Qala Zal, Imam Sahib and Dasht-i-Acrchi districts, who use the bridge, said they were faced with many problems after the incident.

Firoz, a resident of Imam Sahib district, who was trying to help his ailing relative cross the river the bridge is constructed on, said: "One of my family member is ill, we crossed the river with extreme hardship."

A day earlier, the ministries of defence and public works jointly started reconstructing the bridge. (Pajhwok)

### (7) Nationwide ...

representatives to cooperate with the polio workers in making the drive a success.

The minister said 28 positive polio cases were registered in the country last year, but efforts of health officials resulted in a decline of the cases this year.

He said currently polio virus only existed in Afghanistan and Pakistan and efforts were on to eradicate the poliovirus from the country until the end of the ongoing year.

Dr. Rik Peeporkorn, World Health Organisation (WHO) representative, said the international community was committed to eradicating poliovirus in Afghanistan by 2016 end with the help of local health institutions.

He stressed all children below five years of age should be administered polio drops so that movement of the virus could be curtailed.

According to the Public Health Ministry, 285,000 children in Kunduz, Nangarhar, Kunar and Helmand provinces remained deprived of polio vaccination due to insecurity and lawlessness. (Pajhwok)

### (8) Lift Ban ...

at the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE). "Once the Minister studies the report and further action will be decided thereafter."

Abha Shrestha, joint secretary of the ministry, who was part of Nepali's fact finding mission, said that recommendation of lifting ban on sending workers in Afghanistan was made as per the wish of Nepalese working in the war-torn country.

"We interacted with over 2,000 Nepalese people working in different camps in Afghanistan during our visit," she said. "More than 99 percent of them suggested for lifting ban."

The team also recommended that Nepalese workers provided minimum wage of 1000 U.S. dollar. "During our interactions, we found that Nepalese are receiving wages from 850 U.S. dollar to 3500 U.S. dollars," said Shrestha. The team also recommended for ensuring insurance coverage for Nepalese workers. Even before the latest ban was imposed, Nepal was permitting to send workers to Afghanistan to work only inside the green zone. The Nepal government does not have exact number of

its citizens working in Afghanistan.

In the last fiscal year 2015-16 that ended in mid-July, a total of 1,419 Nepalese were permitted to go to Afghanistan, according to Nepalese government's statistics. Over the last 10 years, about 8,800 Nepalese have gone to Afghanistan after taking permit from the government authorities, according to Ministry of Labor and Employment.

But, the government officials believe more Nepalese have been working in Afghanistan as many enter the country illegally through Gulf countries and most of the Nepalese work there as security guards.

The lifting ban comes when Taliban suicide bomber killed 14 Nepalese security guards in June. The blast targeted their minibus in Kabul.

The attack, which police said was carried out by a suicide bomber on foot, came shortly before 6:00 AM on a main road leading east out of the capital towards the city of Jalalabad. "As a result 14 foreigners were killed, all Nepalese nationals," the interior ministry said in a statement, adding it "strongly condemns" the attack. (Agencies)

### (9) Over 100 ...

and girls. According to defense officials, currently around 1,500 women and girls are serving in different posts with the ministry of defense which includes security and administrative jobs.

This comes as over 500 female police cadets completed their education in Turkey and returned to country to serve with the Ministry of Interior.

The latest graduation of the female army cadets comes as efforts are underway to increase the presence of women in army and police ranks in the country. (KP)

### (10) Afghanistan ...

made so far. The NATO supplies and cross border trade activities were also suspended on 10th consecutive day on Saturday.

Earlier tensions intensified between the two neighboring countries on several occasions during the past recent months, mainly due to the establishment of gates and other installations. The Afghan and Pakistani forces exchanged fire in Torkham earlier in June which resulted in to the closure of the gate for several days.

Both the Afghan and Pakistani forces suffered casualties during the clashes that erupted due to the construction of a gate by Pakistan which the Afghan officials called a unilateral move and against a bilateral agreement between the two nations. (KP)

### (11) Patients Accuse...

she could not pay the money and I am witness to the scene when doctors slapped her."

Meanwhile, Shima, 38, hailing from Hofian Sharif area of the provincial capital, said about two years back she went to the hospital to give birth to her 11th son.

Knowing it was her 11th delivery, a midwife got angry and hurled insulting words at her and even slapped her in the face several times, she recalled. "Shame on you stupid and foolish mother why you produce so many children in this modern era, why don't you stop giving births?," yelled the midwife.

Naheed, 23, who lives in Laghmani area of the capital, said she went to the same hospital with her sister-in-law about two months ago.

"As an attendant I observed that the doctors and midwives were rude and lacked care and compassion. Until the doctors were fed bribe, they would not even look at patients' condition. Doctors after births ask patients for money as Sherini."

"Doctors sometimes make demand on patients and their visitors to bring them barbecue and other foods and you will think they are demanding their right," said Naheed.

She said doctors used to subscribe unnecessary medicines and medical stuff during deliveries and operations in order to

sell the extra medicines to other patients.

Hamid, a resident of Minara locality of Jablous Siraj district, who had brought her wife to the civil hospital for delivery, told Pajhwok at the hospital that it was for the third time they were visiting the hospital for delivery and each time he was obliged to give 1000afs in the name of sweets. Husai Bayani, Parwan provincial council member, said she had also received similar complaints. She had spoken to public health director Dr. Mohammad Qasam Saeedi in this regard.

"Dr. Saeedi while acknowledging the issue said to avoid such attitude they have installed CCTV cameras at the hospital at the start of this solar year," the public representative said.

Dr. Saeedi also confirmed the CCTV cameras had helped reduce complaints from patients about money taking, insults and beating.

But Bayani insisted some issues remained in the hospital and could not be prevented with the help of cameras.

Dr. Mohammad Qasam Sangin, the provincial civil hospital director, acknowledged some issues like the lack of medicines, beds and places for visitors; but denied mistreatment of patients, beating them and taking money from them.

He said patients too didn't observe rules and discipline in the hospital and the cameras' installation had resolved 98 percent of issues and complaints. (Pajhwok)

### (12) ISIS Coordinator...

Amin ul Haq from Jalalabad city, NDS added.

According to NDS, the group was involved in bombing, explosions and assassination of tribal edlers in Jalalabad.

The detained individuals have been identified as Abdul Razaq son of Malang, Sher Mohammad son of Abdul, Zia ul Haq son of Hazrat Mohammad, and Zakir also known as Bozorg son of Juma Khan.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the reports so far. (KP)

### (13) Afghanistan Ready...

to become the 11th Test nation until 2022.

In March, Afghanistan will play Ireland in what shapes as essentially the final of the Cup in Noida, which has become their adopted home base as international teams still refuse to tour Afghanistan due to safety concerns.

Last December, they moved from Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates to Noida after signing a Memorandum of Understanding. Stanikzai said Afghanistan was "happy" with its home base but other options could be explored in the future.

"We are happy to be based in Noida as India is the home of cricket," he said.

"There are great facilities in Noida and it is such a big market, with vast media opportunities. The timeframe to be based there is not specific, so we are not sure about the longer-term. UAE and Malaysia, who we recently chatted to, could be options down the track."

Stanikzai's interview comes ahead of a crux ICC meeting next month to continue ongoing discussions over a proposed shakeup of Test cricket into a two-division league system.

The proposed system would comprise seven teams in the top tier and five in the bottom.

Currently Test matches count towards world rankings but there is no overall league structure.

Crickets chiefs in Australia, New Zealand, England and South Africa are supporting the proposal, believing a revamp would revitalize the Test format amid dwindling crowd numbers worldwide. But the cricket boards of Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and, most recently, India have been vocal of their opposition, reports Cricbuzz.

Afghanistan is ranked in the top 10 in both One Day International (ODIs) and Twenty20.

Stanikzai said he hoped to have discussions with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) at some stage before the ICC's meeting.

"It is disappointing, India's stance, but it is totally their decision and we hope (the proposal) still gets passed," he told Cricbuzz.

"We haven't had meetings with the BCCI but are hoping to soon, perhaps after the T20 series (between India against the West Indies in Florida). It (the Test revamp) is looking unlikely (to proceed) but we hope to have discussions with India and see what eventuates from there." (Tolonews)

### (14) Military Hospital ...

death.

"The ministry has not paid Mujibulrahman's money and the ministry broke its commitment. We send our children to defend the country but the neglect of government and security institutions frustrates us so much," said Mujibulrahman's uncle Mirz Mohammad.

When asked for comment, Mohammad Radmanish, a deputy defense ministry spokesman, said: "About the exchange of the body - I must say that the families are guilty because they must identify their son's body. But about the money the families must contact the ministry with their documents and soon their problem will be addressed."

This is not however, the first time that the families of dead soldiers face such problems. Previously a family received their son corpse but after six months they found out he was alive and in Taliban custody. (Tolonews)

### (15) UN Security...

(2016)," the statement said. The launch came after South Korea and the United States began their annual military drills on Monday.

The Security Council has adopted five resolutions -- resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013) and 2270 (2016) -- to curb the DPRK's nuclear and missile programs. The latest one adopted in March imposes the most severe sanctions yet on the country, including an export ban and asset freeze. (Xinhua)

### (16) Czech Republic...

receive Syrian refugees resettled from Turkish camps on a one-for-one basis. The bloc also promised to accelerate the Turkish EU accession and introduce visa-free regime once Turkey meets the 72 conditions set by the bloc. Ankara has not fulfilled the five conditions that relate to data protection and anti-terror laws so far. (Sputnik)

### (17) Pre-Summit...

expand infrastructure investment to enhance global connectivity, according to Lou.

They agreed to attach great significance to inclusive growth and help medium- and small-sized enterprises, the minister said.

They also pledged to avoid competitive devaluation of currencies and oppose any form of protectionism. (Xinhua)

### (18) India Becomes...

the two air-breathing engines hugging an Advanced Technology Vehicle rocket normally start breathing air when the rocket reaches a height of 11 kilometres. (Monitoring Desk)

### (19) Turkish Airstrikes...

the Syrian Kurdish militants by artillery fires on late Aug. 25.

The YPG, a part of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) alliance, has been a partner in the U.S.-led campaign against the IS in Syria. (Xinhua)

### (20) WHO Urges...

foreign funds for health needs is "not bad but makes the country vulnerable to external shocks that could affect delivery of health services".

He urged the continent to be more innovative in ways that they can generate resources for the health sector. (Xinhua)

### (21) Draft Amendments...

Rules to ensure proper compliance and implement good corporate governance principles in the state owned companies. (Monitoring Desk)