

(1) Danish...

six nominees to the lower house to get approval from MPs on the nominees for members of the constitution overseeing commission. (Tolonews)

(2) NATO Aims ...

Kunduz. "We will ... make final decisions, but what we are aiming at [now] is to keep approximately the same force level, around 12,000 troops, also through 2016," Stoltenberg said. "Almost half of them will be non-US troops, and the rest will be US troops," he said while also noting that the soldiers will be in Kabul and have a "regional presence." NATO foreign ministers are due to discuss the alliance's future role in Afghanistan Tuesday at the start of a two-day meeting in Brussels. NATO currently has about 13,000 troops in Afghanistan. (DPA)

(3) Spread of...

The Ministry of Public Health has said that concerted efforts have been made to control the spread of virus in the country, adding that Afghanistan will hopefully be a polio free country within four years. Stanikzai said: "we will overcome the spread of the polio virus in the country by June 2016 and this is a national commitment," Stanikzai said. However, blood tests of suspected patients are sent to Pakistan laboratories for testing. Health officials want this changed.

"We send lab samples to Pakistan, but now we are concerned, we made a request to World Health Organization to send the samples to another country," he said. The statement comes a day before the launch of a major polio immunization campaign in south and western provinces. The ministry of health says that children under the age of five will also be vaccinated against polio in insecure regions.

"We do not have concerns that some children could be deprived of vaccination, we are determined to vaccinate them all," head of Helmand health department Abdul Ahad Haizeem said.

Statistics of ministry of public health reveals that eight polio cases in Nangarhar, one in Helmand, one in Herat, four in Farah, one in Nimroz and one in Faryab were recorded this year. (Tolonews)

(4) List of ...

Anti-Corruption. "We always demand people to inform us that if the person's assets are more than what he/she is being said," added Fakhry. The department of Oversight and Anti-Corruption noted that of the 11,000 asset registration forms, only 6,000 of them are in their database. (ATN)

(5) Efforts to...

in Islamabad early next month is expected to be on the agenda at Monday's meeting. Officials on both sides of the border are hopeful the Heart of Asia conference could rekindle peace negotiations in the weeks that follow, taking advantage of the winter lull in fighting in Afghanistan. "If we lose the next three or four months, it will make the chances of peace in Afghanistan bleak," said a senior Pakistani official. "All the stakeholders want to see a breakthrough, so there is no spring offensive mounted by the Taliban next year." Pakistan said it is still waiting for a request from Afghanistan to restart the peace process. This comes after Pakistan's army chief Gen. Raheel Sha-

rif visited the U.S. earlier this month. During his trip, Defense Secretary Ash Carter "underscored the importance of increased Pakistan-Afghanistan cooperation" according to the Pentagon. (Tolonews)

(6) MSF Shocked ...

a "mistake" and to say that the bombing was attributed to "human error" and a lack of coordination. The air raid was carried out by U.S. troops on the Kunduz MSF trauma facility on October 3 and lasted 29 minutes. Campbell said the building had been mistaken for that of a nearby government facility that was thought to have been under Taliban control. Campbell said: "US forces Afghanistan is currently working hand in hand with MSF to identify the injured and families of those who lost loved ones in order that we may offer appropriate condolences. Based upon the information learned during the investigation, the report determined that the approximate cause of this tragedy was the direct result of avoidable human error, compounded by process and equipment failures."

However the results of the investigation and Campbell's remarks have raised other questions for MSF officials who are concerned the incident will be forgotten. Mulini said that unless something is done, a global protest will take place. He said: "We still have no explanation. We still didn't receive the report. There is no transparency and accountability that was promised is not there. The public couldn't access this report and so we still don't know how, we still don't know in a way why this incident was not avoided by these people."

However, he went on to say that despite everything, they are glad that the initial rumors of them having harbored Taliban insurgents in their hospital could now be put to rest as this had undermined the activities of the organization in Afghanistan.

He added: "Positive impact of this press conference is that all the allegations that the hospital could have been used for any military activity was actually untrue and is not confirmed by the US, NATO and Afghan reports so that is the first thing that we are in a way happy that now the truth is coming [out]."

The deadly attack on the MSF hospital in Kunduz claimed the lives of 30 people, including doctors, staff, patients and visitors. The hospital was completely destroyed in the attack. (Tolonews)

(7) Men Launch ...

eighteen male activists to curtail violence against women and promote awareness around the problem. Scores of religious scholars and civil activists gathered on Sunday in Herat city to announce the launch of the new movement.

One of the criteria in terms of joining the movement is that any male member may not take a second wife.

"When we talk about women rights and violation of women rights, in general the men commit violence, we need to make them aware of women's rights," head of AIHRC site office in Balkh, Abdul Qadir Rahimi said.

Women welcomed the move and many at the launch said that in most cases of violence against women, men were behind the incidents.

"One of the fundamental issues in Afghan society is that the men commit violence against women, it is good to have some good examples of men in society," member of Herat provincial council Sakina Hussaini said.

Highlighting the importance of women in Islamic society, a number of religious scholars said that Islam has rewarded women with major rights, urging those who believe in the teachings of Islam to abstain from committing violent acts against women.

"If we have to move the society toward equality, then there should be mutual respect," head of Herat women affairs department, Mohboba Jamshidi said.

Meanwhile, Helmand residents have welcomed the launch of the new organization and dozens of men have shown their willingness to join the group and help stop violence against women. (Tolonews)

(8) Ghani...

It is expected that 40,000 people including leaders of 150 countries will attend the conference and it is hoped the leaders will reach an agreement in the upcoming 11 days over climate change. (Tolonews)

(9) Ghani-Sharif...

president must focus on clear interventions of Pakistan and presence of Pakistani military generals in the battlefields and settle the issue," MP Mohammad Azim Hussaini said. "I believe that the U.S has already realized that it should press Pakistan to endorse the peace process, because the peace is in the interests of both of us," MP Naqibullah Faye said.

After the establishment of the National Unity Government, the leaders had looked forward to stronger ties with Islamabad and had hoped the neighboring nation would contribute honestly towards the fight against insurgency and help bring the Taliban to the peace talks tables.

Despite efforts to foster better ties by Ghani and Abdullah the Kabul-Islamabad relations crumbled in the wake of a series of coordinated attacks on Afghan cities, forcing Ghani to change his flexible policy. The news of Taliban leader Mullah Omar's death, two years earlier, also scuppered peace talks plans.

The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP 21 or CMP 11 will be held in Le Bourget, from November 30 to December 11. (Tolonews)

(10) Road Project...

work in April 2014 and is contracted to finish the whole project in April 2017. However, we are behind the timetable as the local security situation is getting worse as compared with the moment we signed the contract," Wang Tengjun, director of the Kabul-based management from the Chinese company, told Xinhua, Dismissing the report from Western media as groundless, Wang said the delay was not resulted from the company's management change in Kabul but the worsened security situation.

A UN report released in September said that Afghanistan's Nangarhar Province, with Jalalabad as its capital, was one of the most militancy-plagued provinces in the country.

"We can say that the security (in Nangarhar) is seriously worsened since the beginning of 2015 as Daesh or Islamic State becomes much more active here. Right now, we have to fight against two enemies, Taliban and Daesh," a local security official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Therefore, Wang appealed for more security assistance from the Afghan government.

"Under the contract we signed with the Afghan government, the security should be provided by them," Wang said. "However, the number of se-

curity personnel deployed at the construction site is far less than we demanded. Our staff had been under attack for several times since the very beginning of our works." Echoing Wang, Hamidullah Tolo, head of the Public Work Administration in Nangarhar, said, "Recently we are facing some security problems which caused delays on our work. We have applied for more security personnel to safeguard the project site."

"The frequent change of management from the consultant side (which is appointed by the Afghan government) is also somehow a drag for us," Wang said. "Without their proper coordination, we can hardly catch up the timetable."

He also said the project's consultant team had changed their management for four times, adding up more time cost for Beixin to coordinate with new management.

HELPING LOCALS

The completion of the Kabul-Jalalabad road is expected to boost the local economic development and community improvement.

A 30-km section from Jalalabad to Khogyani, a district in Nangarhar bordering Pakistan, was under construction. Tolo told Xinhua that this project was very important for the locals.

"The new road could help ease the busy traffic on the existing one linking Kabul to Jalalabad and further boost trade and commercial activities between Afghanistan and Pakistan," he said.

Ghias Khan, a Khogyani resident working at the construction project, was grateful to the Afghan government and the Chinese firm Beixin as the Kabul-Jalalabad road project created jobs for the locals amid the sluggish job market nationwide.

"Around 120 local workers have been employed working on the 30-km road section, which accounts for 80 percent of the total workers employed here," said Ma Xinliang, deputy director and public relations manager of Beixin Kabul Office.

"We are happy to offer more job opportunities for the locals and make contribution to local community development. We are planning to build schools and clinics for the locals at their demands," Ma told Xinhua.

Beixin changed its management personnel earlier this year to accelerate the project and also enhanced their coordination with the ADB, the Afghan government and the new consultant team.

CHINA'S COMMITMENTS

The Chinese government has always been honoring its commitments to Afghanistan. With China's assistance, many projects aimed at improving local livelihood have been accomplished in recent years, including the Jumhuriate Hospital, the National Center for Science and Technology Education and the Chinese Language Department Teaching Building and Guest House of Kabul University.

In 2014, China pledged to aid Afghanistan up to 2 billion yuan (313 million U.S. dollars) during the 2014-2017 period, including a 500-million-yuan (78.2-million- U.S. dollar) project of low-cost apartments for the Afghan civil servants.

A 7.5-magnitude earthquake struck northeastern Afghanistan in late October. The Chinese government provided Afghanistan with emergency humanitarian relief supplies of 10 million yuan (1.56 million U.S. dollars) plus 1 million U.S. dollars in cash aid.

Sultan Ahmad Baheen, director of the third political desk from the Afghan Foreign Ministry which is in charge of Chi-

na-related affairs, told Xinhua that Afghanistan felt happy and satisfied with China's contribution to Afghanistan's reconstruction and development.

"China has vigorously contributed to the reconstruction process in Afghanistan and helped our country in different sectors, ranging from infrastructure to education," said Baheen.

He also reiterated that the government of Afghanistan was satisfied with all the projects implemented by China over the past years.

Baheen also called for more aid and investment from both the Chinese government and companies in wider fields, especially in infrastructure and education. (Xinhua)

(11) U.S. Embassy ...

heightened threat, the U.S. Embassy strongly urges U.S. citizens to exercise extreme caution if moving around the city. There were no further details regarding the targets, timing, or method of the planned attack," it said. (Reuters)

(12) Police Detain...

them and punish them," said the victim's brother Abdul Qadir Atee.

Amanullah Atee's family called on government to ensure justice is carried out and said that if government does not take the matter seriously they will take action.

This is the second attack in the past week in Kabul against public figures. Last week two men on a motorcycle opened fire on Ahmad Saeedi a well-known political analyst. He was shot in the head but is in a stable condition in hospital. (Tolonews)

(13) Mubariz and ...

However, Ediev's records include 8 fights with 6 wins and 2 losses only.

This will be the first appearance of Mubariz in Absolute Championship Berkut (ACB) after securing first place in "Striking Eagles" fighting contest, organized last month to find the talented fighters.

Mubariz received 7,516 votes during the contest which was held for a period of two weeks in the month of October. was selected among the 30 fighters of the world by ACB during the initial phases of the contest where 450 fighters from different countries participated.

ACB had earlier announced that three fighters who receives the most votes will sign a contract with ACB League where two fighters on the jury's choice will fight at Absolute Championship Berkut international tournaments. (KP)

(14) Syria Denies...

as a weapon in military operations," he added, speaking in Arabic through an interpreter. The accusations "only serve political agendas, which also aim at diverting our successes in eliminating our chemical weapons," Moqdad said.

But Western countries including the European Union (EU), the United States and Canada have lambasted Syria, raising doubts whether President Bashar al-Assad's regime is truly committed to ridding the country of all chemical arms. (AFP)

(15) World Leaders...

melt. Facing such alarming projections, the leaders of nations responsible for about 90 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions have come bearing pledges to reduce their national carbon output, through different measures at different rates. (Reuters)

(16) Russian Strikes...

the destruction of Daesh (Islamic State)." Since Hollande's visit, ten-

sions between Russia and Turkey over a downed Russian fighter jet have increased. Russian air strikes in north-west Syria have heavily targeted ethnic Turkmen areas, according to a Reuters data analysis of Russian defense ministry data.

Ankara has traditionally expressed solidarity with the Syrian Turkmen, who are Syrians of Turkish descent. (Reuters)

(17) EU-Turkey...

key as part of the agreement. A joint EU-Turkish statement said that "results must be achieved in particular in stemming the influx of irregular migrants."

On Oct. 15, the two sides agreed on a Joint Action Plan that requires Turkey to readmit refugees who were intercepted in Europe and who were found to have transited from Turkey. (Xinhua)

(18) NATO ...

be blamed." "There are two coalitions functioning in the same airspace against ISIL, it will be difficult to prevent this type of incidents," he stressed, referring to the fact that both the United States-led coalition and Russia are doing operations in Syria. "There is a need to coordinate these activities," said he.

Davutoglu said Turkey "is ready to talk, to have diplomatic military channels with Russia" in order to prevent further similar cases. (Xinhua)

(19) Unprecedented...

unit and checks at crossing points on the green line separating the government controlled territory from the Turkish occupied have been stepped up.

"The security measures will turn Cyprus into a fortress," the source told state television.

The poorly surveyed 180-km long border has often been used by Islamic State (ISIS) fighters arriving in the EU country from Europe to slip into the Turkish controlled area and from there to reach either Syria or Iraq through Turkey.

Cyprus has been divided into Turkish-Cyriots occupied north and Greek-Cyriots occupied south since 1974.

An official at the office of Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades said talks with both Lavov and Kerry will center on the ongoing negotiations to solve the Cyprus problem and on regional issues, including the drive against the Islamic State and the refugee problem. (Xinhua)

(20) WHO, UNICEF...

the routine immunization coverage has been below 80 percent for the last years.

In 2014, in some of the State's townships only 27 percent of children received the three recommended doses of oral polio vaccine.

In total, more than 3.8 million doses of oral polio vaccine will be provided to reach 1.4 million children under five years old.

The emergence of such cases of vaccine-derived polio virus is due to low immunization coverage. (Xinhua)

(21) UAE Says ...

and launched operations abroad including the November 13 attacks in Paris, there have been growing calls for the anti-IS intervention to expand to a ground force.

Russia launched its own strikes in Syria in late September and Iran has reportedly sent hundreds of troops to support President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

Critics -- including in the West and Sunni Arab Gulf nations -- have accused Russia of targeting moderate rebel forces as well as jihadists. (AFP)