

**(1) Justice is...**

freely outside their homes. This is part of the Ministry of Interior's move to increase the number of policewomen. (Tolonews)

**(2) Criminal Activities ....**

with current security condition in Kabul." Police soldier Fawad said, "it's our obligation and duty to ensure security of our citizens in Kabul, cold weather doesn't impact me." One man whose son was a coordinator with enemies living in 7th police precinct has called police forces to arrest his son which means that people are having good cooperation with police forces in Kabul, Gen. Ubaidi said. (ATN)

**(3) Rabbani Discusses ...**

saying that President Ashraf Ghani raised the issue with European leaders during his trip this past week. The statement comes a day after scores of Afghan asylum seekers took to the streets in front of the Swedish parliament to slam Ghani's recent agreement signed with the Swedish government over the deportation of failed asylum seekers. "Government has been clear in its stance and that is to be accountable towards its citizens in any circumstances and support them. This was discussed in all four countries where the president travelled," he added.

"President of Afghanistan held detailed talks with European leaders about the future of Afghans living in European countries and stressed that the applications of the Afghan asylum seekers must be taken into consideration as per prevailing laws of the countries and rights of the migrants," Sayed Zafar Hashemi, a deputy presidential spokesman said on Sunday. Fifteen percent of 640,000 migrants who reached European shores by August are estimated to be Afghan nationals. (Tolonews)

**(4) Ghani Not ....**

mostly circulated. Hashemi also added that President Ghani has urged the European countries to deal with the Afghan asylum seekers in accordance with the relevant laws of their countries. The alleged remarks delivered by President Ghani during an interview with a German-based newspaper, sparked furor among the Afghans based in the country and abroad.

At least 146,000 Afghans have reportedly left the country during the current year, mainly due to deteriorating security situation with majority of them departing towards European countries, particularly Germany. The considerable growth in the number of asylum seekers, Germany launched a campaign in capital Kabul last month in a bid to deter the flow of refugees from Afghanistan.

Several posters appeared in the populated parts of the city today, delivering Germany's message in both Dari and Pashto languages. "You are leaving Afghanistan: Are you certain?" reads the message posted on one of the billboards, while a short statement posted on the Facebook page of the campaign, reads "Do not believe the rumours and false information deliberately spread by human traffickers about the allegedly easy trip and the easy life in Germany. Do not risk your lives by trying to flee to Europe. Human traffickers are criminals who are only interested in money. They

don't tell the truth and don't care about human lives." (KP)

**(5) Wahidi Calls...**

strengthen cooperation in that field. Wahidi said that Iran is privileged with a unique geographical situation and high technological expertise of the young and talented Iranian engineers, that's why Afghanistan is also interested in transfer of experience in the ICT field in its relations with its western neighbor. (IRNA)

**(6) Afghan Taliban ...**

Mohammad Omar Omar died in 2013 but his death was not confirmed until late July. He had led the Islamist movement for two decades. Ructions among Taliban Splits subsequently emerged among the insurgents, with some commanders saying Mansour's selection had been biased. They accused him of covering up Mullah Omar's death.

A breakaway faction was formed last month, reportedly led by Mullah Mohamed Rasool, resulting in internal clashes last month that left dozens of people dead.

It would be the first formal division in the once unified Taliban group which has pressed attacks on Afghan forces since major pullbacks by a US-led coalition which for years has backed the Kabul government.

Peace plans derailed? A renewed regional push to jump-start peace talks between Kabul and the Taliban could be derailed should it be confirmed that Mansoor had died. He was believed to be a proponent of such talks, a stance which prompted rancor among hardline insurgents. (Reuters)

**(7) Senior Taliban ...**

been struggling with the Taliban leadership since assuming charge of the group following a controversial decision by the group's council in July this year. Despite his appointment was called an unanimous decision by the group's Quetta Council, Mullah Omar's brother, Mullah Manan along with various other Taliban leaders had opposed with his election as the replacement supreme leader of Taliban.

Mullah Manan wanted Maulavi Yaqoob to succeed his father as the supreme leader of Taliban insisting that Mullah Mansoor was not elected by majority of Taliban's central Shura 'council'. (KP)

**(8) US Envoy...**

cooperation particularly in the field of counter-terrorism," Olson added. "While the US combat mission in Afghanistan has ended, our commitment to the government and people of Afghanistan and the security forces has not. The United States will continue to work with and support the Afghan security forces and impress with their growing capabilities. As you know President [Barack] Obama announced in October that the United States will extend our significant troop presence in Afghanistan in line with continuing security needs and strong partnership with President Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah [Abdullah]," Olson said. Despite a much heralded thaw in relations between Kabul and Islamabad under Ghani during his first ten months in office, relations between the two countries deteriorated following a range of deadly attacks on Afghan major cities. But now all eyes are on the Heart

of Asia conference to see whether it will ease tensions. (Tolonews)

**(9) Afghanistan Needs...**

Earlier officials in Afghanistan air forces had declared that by having jet fighters they will be able to decrease the number of Afghan security forces casualties engaging enemies, and International community should support Afghan air forces. (ATN)

**(10) Pakistan Awaits...**

whether Ghani will also attend.

This comes after last week's meeting between Nawaz, Ghani and British Prime Minister David Cameron on the sidelines of the UN Summit on Climate Change (COP21).

During the course of discussions, Sharif stressed the need for all parties to remain committed to the promotion of peace and stability in Afghanistan, notwithstanding the obstacles and impediments in the pursuit of this objective.

Sharif also assured the leaders of Afghanistan and the United Kingdom of his government's strong resolve and commitment to ensure that Pakistani soil is not used for terrorism activities. He also told Ghani that a warm welcome awaits him in Islamabad at the Heart of Asia Meeting scheduled to start on December 9. (Tolonews)

**(11) UNAMA ...**

government forces, to cease firing explosive weapons into civilian-populated areas and called on government to prioritize the development and approval of a national policy on civilian casualty mitigation backed by an action plan with concrete objectives to prevent civilian casualties in the conduct of hostilities.

"The UN Mission expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the victims and a speedy recovery to the injured," it's statement read. As pressure mounts on government over the issue, government has promised to serve justice on those responsible for the attack in Maidan Wardak.

"The president has assigned the ministry of defense to appoint an investigative team to probe the incident so that proper decisions are taken on the basis of the findings and to hold those responsible accountable," Sayed Zafar Hashemi, deputy presidential spokesman said. "Whether it was a mistake or deliberate. It is too early to comment on this, but responsible elements will be punished," Dawlat Waziri, a defense ministry spokesman said. Meanwhile, a number of civil society activists have also condemned the incident and asked for justice to be served. (Tolonews)

"Let me be frank and blunt about this. This is a new episode in a long series of David Cameron's classical face, to be very frank. This is not acceptable. Where are they? Where are the 70,000 thousand moderates that he is talking about?" Assad asked.

**(12) British Airstrikes...**

have captured areas from IS since Moscow began its air campaign on Sept. 30. Assad mocked British Prime Minister David Cameron's claims that there are 70,000 moderate Syrian rebels on the ground. "That is what they always talk about: moderate groups in Syria. This is a farce based on offering the public factoids instead of facts," Assad said in the interview, which was conducted before

the British Parliament authorized the attacks.

Speaking about the British airstrikes, Assad said they "will be harmful and illegal, and it will support terrorism as what happened after the coalition started its operation." Assad was referring to the U.S.-led coalition that began launching airstrikes against IS in Syria in September 2014. IS has lost territory in northern and central Syria since those strikes began, while expanding into other parts of the country. (AP)

**(13) Finland Tries to ...**

potential Afghan asylum seekers coming from Russia have already had Russian as their first language.

Vesa Hakkinen, Head of the Current Information at the Foreign Ministry told newspaper Iltasanomat that possibly the message did not target correctly on all Afghans living in Russia. He hoped the message would spread through human contacts as the same info had been released by the Finnish Embassy in Kabul.

The number of Afghans coming to Finland via Russia has been small in comparison with people coming from the Middle East and Europe, but there are fears in Finland the number may increase. Earlier in the autumn, Finnish authorities used Facebook in the Middle East to reach potential asylum seekers in Syria and Iraq. (Xinhua)

**(14) Biden Makes...**

and a Tuesday speech at the Ukrainian parliament are intended to counter that concern.

The trip "is a strong sign of our support," a senior U.S. administration official said, asking that his name not be used because he was speaking on background.

But the official said Biden also will emphasize the need for Ukraine to implement anti-corruption measures. Widespread corruption was one of the issues that galvanized the massive protests that drove Russia-friendly President Viktor Yanukovich from office in February 2014, but efforts since then to counter the problem have shown little result.

Biden's first event on Monday is to be a round table with reform-minded Ukrainian figures. (AP)

**(15) Daesh Militants ...**

each month. The advancement of the militant group is usually referred to the split within the Taliban movement and withdrawal of the western forces from Afghanistan. It couldn't be ruled out that former Taliban members, who joined Daesh, are in charge of the death of Taliban leader Mullah Mansour, Daily Mail reported.

"ISIL [Daesh] in Afghanistan are the flag of convenience for disaffected Taliban, Pakistani Taliban, and an assortment of Chechen and Uzbek fighters," a senior diplomat in Kabul told The Times. "ISIL here has money, more money than the Taliban for reasons we do not quite understand."

A US Department of Defense spokesperson told the Times that the Pentagon is well informed about the presence of militants affiliated with Daesh in Afghanistan. "[W]e are monitoring closely to see whether their emergence will have a meaningful impact on the threat environment in the region," the spokesperson said. (TNA)

(30) Infrastructure mentioning that NSP has been able to execute 2,309 development projects, while the work of another 216

is currently in progress in different sectors. (PR)

**(17) Attack on...**

bloody attack was prevented with the seizure of the explosives. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior said in a statement said security forces had killed eleven insurgents and captured one suspect alive during the past 24 hours in Nangarhar, Ghazni, Khost, Paktika, Samangan, Takhar, Kunduz, Faryab, Zabul, Kandahar and Helmand provinces.

It said some ammunition and explosives were also confiscated during the operations in these provinces. The MoI said security forces were making untiring efforts at maintaining security across the country. (Pajhwok)

**(18) Child Suicide ...**

However, he did not provide more details about the incident. This comes less than a week after another -12-year-old boy handed himself in to Afghan authorities in northern Faryab province after escaping from a Taliban camp where insurgents allegedly train children to carry out suicide bombings. The boy said that several other children his age were also recruited and are in the camp being trained by the Taliban. Faryab police department said that insurgents use different tactics to recruit children in a bid to force them to carry out attacks. The boy's father reportedly sold the boy to the Taliban for 700,000 Afs. However, the boy managed to escape the camp where he was being held.

According to Faryab police, the Taliban had planned to use the boy against a local official.

The child bomber confirmed there were still six other children in the Taliban camp - and all were being groomed to become suicide bombers. (Tolonews)

**(19) About 40...**

al-Samarrai, also known as Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, against "waging a parallel insurgency in Afghanistan." Afghanistan is gripped by insecurity 14 years after the United States and its allies attacked the country as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. Although the 2001 attack overthrew the Taliban, many areas across Afghanistan still face violence and insecurity. (Press TV)

**(20) IS Claims ....**

Minister Khaled Bahah and his cabinet were living was attacked by a bomb attack inspired by the Islamic State (IS) militant group.

Bahah and his cabinet members escaped the attack unharmed.

An intelligence officer told Xinhua that that initial reports indicate that Sunday's explosion was caused an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attached to his car.

However, a security official said a booby-trapped car struck the governor's motorcade in the Tawahi district, where scores of the Islamic State gunmen are operating. (Xinhua)

**(21) Germany ...**

the original strain. Germany is worried about growing support for Salafism. The domestic intelligence agency says the number of Salafists has risen to 7,900, up from 5,500 just two years ago.

Another senior Social Democrat, Thomas Oppermann, also homed in on Saudi Arabia, saying Wahhabism offered a

ideology for IS insurgents and contributed to the radicalization of moderates. (Reuters)

**(22) France's Far...**

has been bracing for losing most councils to either the conservatives or the FN despite sharp rise in President Francois Hollande's popularity, according to the country's pollsters. (Xinhua)

**(23) Britain's ...**

dampen the spirits, with thousands of pounds raised as a Christmas bonus for local organisations and charities. As well as attracting entrants from across Britain, the event also included Santas from a number of other countries including Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

Organisers BTR staged the first Liverpool Santa Dash in 2004 with 2,000 entries and it has grown every year since. "We are now awaiting an announcement about whether we have retained the title," said a spokeswoman for organisers BTR. (Xinhua)

**(24) Armenians Vote...**

that the initiative is aimed at allowing Sarkisian to maintain his grip on power by shifting jobs after he steps down as president when his second term ends in 2018. Demanding the leader's resignation, some 5,000 protesters rallied on Tuesday in Yerevan against the reform and opposition parties vowed to hold mass protests after polls close on Sunday evening. "If adopted, the amendments will perpetuate the rule of Sarkisian and his Republican Party," said Aram Manukyan, an MP from the opposition Armenian National Congress party. On Thursday, Sarkisian, 61, refused to repeat his earlier pledges not to run for any government office after his second and last term as president expires.

His ruling Republican Party has defended the reforms, claiming they would empower the opposition. (AFP)

**(25) China is ...**

capacity building and economic diversification. The president noted with delight the laudable objectives of FOCAC in fostering and deepening political, economic, technological, social and other forms of relations between China and Africa. (Xinhua)

**At Least 32 Islamic State Fighters Killed in Strikes in Syria**

BEIRUT - At least 32 Islamic State fighters were killed and 40 more wounded in Syria's Raqqa province on Sunday, in a series of air strikes believed to be carried out by a U.S.-led coalition targeting the jihadists, a monitoring group said.

More than 15 explosions hit Islamic State positions in the countryside of Raqqa province and near its capital, Raqqa city, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. Raqqa is Islamic State's Syrian stronghold.

The coalition said it hit Raqqa and other areas of northern and eastern Syria on Sunday.

The United States and its allies have been bombing Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in an effort to drive the group from swathes of territory it controls in both countries.

Britain joined the effort this week after lawmakers approved bombing Islamic State targets in Syria. Hours after the vote, British bombers struck oilfields the government says are being used to fund attacks on the West. They made a second round of strikes on Friday. (Reuters)