

### (1) Nearly 200...

would be the first to ask all countries to join the fight against global warming, representing a sea change in the U.N. talks, which previously required only wealthy nations to reduce their emissions. (AP)

### (2) Investing on...

Atta Turk hospital has been renovated with cost of \$2 billion in Kabul city, where most of the officials from the National Unity Government have participated.

Abdullah Abdullah has said that investing on health of children meaning building the Afghanistan's future, as I had promised, I will discuss this issue in Afghanistan's Ministerial weekly session to find best solutions for changing the current condition of the health centers in the capital and the provinces."

Meanwhile, Turkish Coordination and Cooperation Agency (TİKA) Sulieman Shaheen said that, "we have been friends, and we will remain friends with Afghanistan and will provide better services on health sector."

Minister of public health Feroziddin Feroz said, "Turkish Government treats 250 Afghan patients annually." (ATN)

### (3) 2016 Budget ...

The draft budget is being debated by lawmakers and various commissions of the lower house.

A majority of the lawmakers said most of the development schemes mentioned in the document were old and no balance has been maintained among provinces in this regard.

Abdul Rahmani Halimi, the budget department head at the Ministry of Finance, said 283.3 billion afghanis had been set aside for general expenses and 178.5 million for development activities in the draft budget. According to the finance minister, there is a six percent increase in the outlay over the previous year. The minister had said 50 percent of the general and 89 percent of the development budget would come from foreign aid.

In the coming year, security, education and health sector would get greater allocations, with the government focusing its attention on mega development projects. Small projects will be completed if funds are available.

According to Halimi, 47 percent of the development funds would be spent on infrastructure development and exploitation of natural resources which would help generate jobs.

He said the use of entire development budget would help create 150,000 jobs and the Education Ministry would be able to enroll another one million children in schools.

Currently, the country has been struggling with unemployment and most of the youth have left Afghanistan for foreign countries.

About inter-provincial imbalance, Halimi said: "Every province is precious and dear to us." He said 80 percent of the total development budget would be spent on development projects which had been given priority and had countrywide effect. (Pajhwok)

### (4) Taliban Deploys...

about the peace talks.

"May God not engage someone with a bad neighbor, if a bad neighbor continues with bad deeds, then it becomes an obstruction, I seek refuge in God, now we have extended the friendship hand," Mohaqiq said, referring to President Ashraf Ghani's recent tour to Pakistan. (Tolonews)

### (5) Ghani in ...

in the sectors of sport, power, and diplomacy.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has stated that Pakistan would talk to Afghan Taliban over the security of the TAPI gas pipeline - coming from Turkmenistan, Afghanistan to Pakistan and India.

Talking to BBC Urdu, Asif, who is also Minister for Water and Power, said the TAPI project is extremely important to overcome the energy crisis. He said Pakistan would use influence on Taliban if needed for the protection of this project so that security concerns could be redressed.

Asif said construction on TAPI project would start Sunday and that Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi will be in Turkmenistan for the occasion.

About 1700km of gas pipeline will be completed within two years at a cost of \$10 billion USD. (Tolonews)

### (6) Ghani Rejects...

of the government dismisses an official at the request of others should

be prepared for a hundred-year war, because this is national treason, no foreign country will be allowed to meddle in appointments within the government of Afghanistan" he said.

Ghani called the NDS chief's resignation a normal process within government.

"Mr. Nabil submitted his resignation yesterday [Thursday] and it was approved, changing the Meanwhile, Afghanistan's Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah has applauded Nabil's struggles during his service as head of the Afghan spy agency and said that accepting the resignation wasn't easy. "Resignation is the right of every government official, however, this was not easy to accept," Abdullah said.

In addition, Abdullah's second deputy Mohammad Mohaqiq has expressed similar views on Nabil's resignation.

"This is a normal job, we hope that there will not be a security and intelligence vacuum. A strong military system will remain in place despite Nabil's resignation, however, his time in the job was critical," he said. In a Facebook post Nabil revealed that there was a lack of agreement between him and the government on a number of policy matters, an issue which according to Nabil put pressure on him and that there had been several meetings with the president before he decided to step down. (Tolonews)

### (7) Int'l Assurance...

will be declared, Balkh Representative Abdulrahman Rahmani said.

Another MP Ubaidullah Barez said, "President trip to Pakistan has had three impacts, dozens of our people lost their life in Kandahar airport attack, NDS chief resigned and times has been wasted on peace process."

Meanwhile Minister of foreign affairs has declared the 5th heart of Asia conference suitable and significant for Afghanistan.

Salahuddin Rabbani said, "Afghans will lead the peace process with Taliban, Pakistan to pave the way, among all these USA will support our activities." (Monitoring Desk)

### (8) MPs Summon ...

to the plane to land, but when you noticed that something suspicious was going on, how did you allow it to leave?" asked MP Nahid Farid. But as politicians continue to argue over the issue, officials - including the head of the air traffic control department - insist the plane landed after being given clearance. However, local officials in Herat reject this and say the plane did not have permission to land.

"The civil aviation authority has already permitted free cargo to land as per request. But when it comes to illegal equipment such as hunting tools inside cargo, the aviation authority should have asked for details," captain Hamid said.

"However, the chief of the airport was suspended following orders by officials, but instead I do not see he was at fault because he received permission from the center [Kabul] and the airport chief implemented the order," Batash said.

Initially speculation surfaced that Qatari officials were due to visit Herat, but Foreign Minister Rabbani dismissed these claims, insisting that no official invitation had been sent to Qatari officials to visit the western province.

"We enjoy diplomatic relations with Qatar and our embassy works there. But regarding the guests I must say that Afghan embassy did not issue visas to Qatari officials in Doha," Rabbani said.

But the MPs on Saturday said a task team has been assigned to probe the controversial issue.

"Security officials aren't present at the moment in the house to give details of the event, however, the government has assigned a task team to investigate the matter. The government task team is obliged to report back to the house on the outcome of the investigation," MP Zahir Qadeer said.

Six passengers, one Pakistani and five Afghans, allegedly arrived on the plane and offloaded its cargo. On board were 10 high-end vehicles and food.

Police in Herat detained the passengers from the plane - which had allegedly come in from Sharjah in the Persian Gulf.

The security institutions however confiscated the vehicles and food. At the time, rumors were rife that the flight had brought in equipment for hunters who are believed to go after rare birds in the area. (Tolonews)

### (9) IS Hinders ...

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The delay in vaccination efforts not only puts children at risk, but there are fears the disease will spread. Polio is spread through person-to-person contact, and one carrier can infect hundreds.

The poliomyelitis virus hits the nervous system and may result in irreversible paralysis. Young children in poor rural areas with inadequate sanitation are most vulnerable.

In Afghanistan's Nangarhar province, where fighting in recent months among Taliban, IS and government forces has been fierce, health workers are hamstrung. Local IS fighters have told health workers they have orders from their leaders not to allow polio vaccinations.

"Forty thousand of our children will be left without vaccination," Najibullah Kamawal, the director of public health department in Nangarhar, told VOA. "Our campaign does not take place in areas affected where fighting goes on."

At least 16 polio cases have been registered by the Ministry of Public Health in Afghanistan. Nangarhar has the highest number of reported polio cases in the country, with four in the Achin district where IS militants have a stronghold.

"We have not had vaccinations in our areas in the past or now," said Zabihullah Shinwari, a local resident. "Relevant security departments should pay attention to this issue so that the security situation gets better and children get vaccinated."

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Nangarhar's provincial council has expressed concerns about the increasing number of polio cases. The council says they could cause a major health crisis if the security impediments are not properly addressed.

"Fighting has continued in these areas and children have not been vaccinated during the last few years," said Zabiullah Zmaray, a member of Nangarhar provincial council. "If the security situation does not get better, vaccination teams cannot go there and polio cases will increase."

Persuading the militants Provincial authorities are seeking to resolve the issue through mediation initiated by local leaders who are trying to talk to IS militants.

"We are trying to resolve this issue by reaching an understanding [to convince the militants] through tribal elders," Nangarhar Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi said.

IS militants, however, do not seem ready to accept any mediation, according to reports VOA received from the province.

Many Afghan refugee children have returned from neighboring Pakistan, where more than 250 polio cases were reported last year.

The polio vaccination campaign in Pakistan has faced increasing attacks since a Pakistani doctor, Shakeel Afridi, allegedly helped the U.S. track al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden by running a fake polio campaign in Abbottabad where the al-Qaida chief was shot dead.

In areas dominated by the Taliban in Haska Mena, health officials were pleased in September that tribal elders and religious leaders were able to convince the Taliban to lift a nine-month ban on polio vaccination teams.

"This is very beneficial to our children," Ahmad, a resident of Haska Mena, said at the time. "We are very pleased that this program [polio vaccination] is [re]starting and our children will be saved from this crippling disease."

But that hope was short-lived. Now IS controls that area and the group is not allowing vaccinations anymore. (VoA)

### (10) Almost 300...

were killed and 559 sustained injuries between September 28 and October 13. The two weeks cover the Taliban's attack on the provincial capital of Kunduz and temporary occupation of the city, as well as the Afghan government's counter-offensive. (Sputnik)

### (11) Wolesi Jirga...

to find out whether he was forced to resign or another reason was behind it. Meanwhile, another member of parliament urged President Ghani

to put an end to the stories of acting chiefs.

Ghulam Farooq said President needs to introduce nominees for the Ministry of Defense and the National Directorate of Security (NDS) as soon as possible. (KP)

### (12) US Strike ...

US justifications for the attack, which said US forces had struck the hospital because they had come under fire in the area.

Meanwhile, a UN report has concluded that at least 289 Afghan civilians were killed and 559 wounded during the Taliban's brief seizure of Kunduz in September, and the campaign to retake the northern city.

The report detailed a climate of chaos in the city, with food shortages and allegations of human rights abuses by fighters on both sides.

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Sunday 4 October - Pentagon press office

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Monday 5 October - Gen John Campbell, US military chief in Afghanistan

We have now learned that on October 3, Afghan forces advised that they were taking fire from enemy positions and asked for air support from US forces. An airstrike was then called to eliminate the Taliban threat and several civilians were accidentally struck. This is different from the initial reports, which indicated that US forces were threatened and that the airstrike was called on their behalf.

Tuesday 6 October - Gen John Campbell to the Senate committee On Saturday morning our forces provided close air support to Afghan forces at their request. To be clear the decision to provide aerial fires was a US decision, made within the US chain of command. A hospital was mistakenly struck. We would never intentionally target a protected medical facility... I assure you that the investigation will be thorough, objective and transparent. Wednesday 25 November - Gen John Campbell statement

The US strike upon the MSF Trauma Centre in Kunduz... was the direct result of human error, compounded by systems and procedural failures. The US forces directly involved in this incident did not know the targeted compound was the MSF Trauma Centre. The medical facility was misidentified as a target by US personnel who believed they were striking a different building several hundred meters away where there were reports of combatants. (BBC)

### (13) Most Nations ...

consistent with science.

John Schellnhuber, director of Germany's Potsdam Institute for Climate Research, says that "if agreed and implemented, this means bringing down greenhouse-gas emissions to net zero within a few decades."

He says the accord presented Saturday "is in line with the scientific evidence we presented of what would have to be done to limit climate risks such as weather extremes and sea-level rise. To stabilize our climate, CO2 emissions have to peak well before 2030 and should be eliminated as soon as possible after 2050."

He added that "governments can indeed write history today, so future generations will remember the Paris summit for centuries to come."

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A draft universal climate accord sets a global goal of peaking global greenhouse gas emissions "as soon as possible."

It also calls for achieving a balance between man-made emissions and the Earth's ability to absorb them by the second half of this century.

The wording removed disputed concepts like "climate neutrality" or "emissions neutrality" which had appeared in earlier drafts but were met with opposition from countries including China.

The draft agreement included a section on "loss and damage," an issue pushed by small island nations and other vulnerable countries who wanted the deal to recognize that there are some impacts of climate change that they cannot adapt to. However, an adjoining decision linked to the agreement said the

loss and damage article "does not involve or provide a basis for any liability or compensation" - a key demand of the United States.

Another article of the draft agreement said wealthy nations should continue to provide financial support for poor nations to cope with climate change.

It also said "other parties are encouraged to provide or continue to provide such support voluntarily." That's a new concept in the climate talks, suggesting the most advanced developing countries should also pitch in.

Activists gathered near the Eiffel Tower are already denouncing a potential global climate accord as insufficient to protect the planet.

As organizers of the Paris climate talks presented what they hope is a final draft of the accord, protesters from environmental and human rights groups gathered in Paris to call attention to populations threatened by rising seas and increasing droughts and floods.

Thomas Coutrot of advocacy group Attac said the accord is an optical illusion that "masks" a lack of serious policy changes like abandoning oil altogether.

"This accord is unacceptable," he said. He called for declaring "a state of climate emergency."

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Guillaume Durin of Alternatiba said, "we are convinced the agreement won't be enough."

1:40 p.m. France has presented what it calls the "final draft" of a potentially historic global agreement to fight climate change to international negotiators.

The 31-page draft, called the "Paris Agreement" was released Saturday after two weeks of talks at high-stakes, high-level negotiations outside Paris.

The delegates from nearly 200 countries will review the draft in coming hours, and the French organizers are hoping to adopt the accord later Saturday.

Tuvalu Prime Minister Enele Sopoaga has not seen the draft agreement, but is ready to support it.

"What text? We're still waiting," Sopoaga said walking out of the meeting where a draft deal was announced by French officials Saturday.

He added he thought the leaders spoke well and that "we need to give them our support."

Island nations like Tuvalu are especially vulnerable to rising seas and global warming and have been vocal about the needs for the strongest possible efforts to limit climate change.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry says he believes a universal climate pact is "teed up" to be adopted on Saturday. (Agencies)

### (14) Two Foreigners...

lives and Afghan Special Forces have rescued 50 foreigners and Afghans from the targeted building and surrounding compounds.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy on Friday confirmed that one Spanish policeman lost his life in the attack but denied media reports that the target of the attack was Spanish Embassy in Kabul.

Minister of Interior Affairs Noor-ul-haq Ulomi has strongly condemned the attack and expressed his deepest condolences to the families and relatives who lost their lives in this incident, the statement noted.

The attackers seemed to have followed old tactics which depend on creating an initial blast and seizing a building to engage with security forces and fire on nearby targets. (Xinhua)

### (15) ISIS Might...

ing Syrian passports since taking over the cities of Raqqa and Deir ez-Zour, where blank passports and passport-printing machines were available.

"Since more than 17 months [have] passed since Raqqa and Deir ez-Zour fell to ISIS, it is possible that individuals from Syria with passports 'issued' in these ISIS controlled cities or who had passport blanks, may have traveled to the U.S.," the report states, according to ABC News. (KP)

### (16) District ...

ity for the attack by far.

The incident was the latest in a string of targeted killings in the militancy-hit country.

Civilians considered to be supporting government, government employees, religious leaders, tribal elders and people involved in peace and reconciliation efforts came under attack in targeted killings. (Xinhua)

### (17) 10 Militants...

day, the official added. Taliban militants fighting the government have not yet made any comment.

The Afghan government set up a High Peace Council and launched the peace and reconciliation process in 2010 to encourage Taliban to disarm and give up militancy against the government. (Xinhua)

### (18) Taliban Claims...

government buildings.

Some gunshots were also reported following the blast when three insurgents attempted to storm a guesthouse located near the Spanish Embassy. It is not yet clear if the guest house was inside the embassy premises. The blast comes days after an attack on the airport complex in Kandahar which left close to 50 people dead. (ANI)

### (19) Eight Development...

According to NSP Provincial Manager in Nimroz province, these projects include the construction of social centers and culverts.

Approximately, 440 families in different communities had an opportunity to gain access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects.

Since its inception in Nimroz province, the NSP has been able to execute 838 infrastructure projects in different sectors including transport, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, livelihoods, education while the work of hundreds of others is currently in progress in various communities. (PR)

### (20) Houthi Group ...

United Nations had not taken into account all the remarks his group had made on the draft but said the group, officially known as Ansarullah, and its allies would try to press their demands at the talks.

"We are in constant coordination, together with the General People's Congress party, and we will all go with a national will aimed at stopping the aggression and lifting the siege," he told the news conference.. (Reuters)

### (21) France Submits...

tious but necessary objective", Fabius added. "You will, in this hall, decide a historic agreement. The world hold its breath and counts on you," Fabius stressed. French President Francois Hollande, who also attended this morning's Paris Committee meeting, called on all Parties to make compromises in order to adopt the draft text. (Xinhua)

### (22) Russia Slams...

Syrian Support Group could go ahead after the rebel talks. But on Saturday Moscow did not say whether the meeting would be held and instead took issue with the Riyadh talks, saying the opposition groups had continued to insist on a "number of preconditions." Moscow also said the talks did not include members of the so-called "patriotic Syrian opposition" seen as friendly towards Assad. (AFP)

### (23) India and...

reality." Abe said Japan's cooperation with India in the nuclear field would be limited to peaceful objectives.

Japan imposed economic sanctions and cut off financial aid to India in 1998, when New Delhi conducted five nuclear tests. The sanctions were lifted in 2001, and bilateral relations have since improved significantly.

On Saturday, Abe referred to India's stand that it would continue a moratorium on nuclear tests and advance its use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. (AP)

### (24) WTO Meeting ...

in two decades, is to improve the continent's competitiveness in export competition of agricultural goods. Mwape said that over 70 percent of the African labour force is engaged in agriculture, and "a solution to the current challenges facing the agricultural sector will go a long way in reducing poverty in the region." "Africa is calling for a reduction or phasing out of export taxes on agricultural products so that international trade in agriculture is fairer," Mwape told Xinhua in an interview ahead of the the four-day meeting that will start Tuesday.. (Xinhua)

### (25) Beijing ...

more than one third of the total, according to administration bureau of the project's middle route. The amount is expected to reach 880 million cubic meters by the end of this year, said Sun Guosheng, director of the project's Beijing office. The diverted water provides over 60 percent of Beijing's tap water supply. (Xinhua)