

(1) Afghan MPs ...

Afghanistan is a victim of terrorism in the region. He criticized Pakistan for the lack of sincere cooperation in anti-terror efforts.

"The required cooperation which was provided by the Pakistan nation and Pakistan government to Afghanistan during jihad, was not provided after the victory of mujahedeen," Ibrahim said.

One member of the Pakistani delegation reacted to Ibrahim's remarks, and said: "No country suffered like Pakistan. We used to have more than 2,500 bombings in Pakistan and we have launched the biggest operation against terrorism and extremism in Pakistan which is like no other country. We are getting out of it and our relations on that front are improving. The recent meeting of our This comes as Islamabad is to host a meeting among lawmakers from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, China and Russia to discuss the war on terror. Ibrahim was invited by the Pakistani delegation to attend the meeting next week in Islamabad. (Tolonews)

(2) Pentagon Warns ...

to take unilateral steps in areas of divergence," the Pentagon said.

The Afghanistan-Pakistan border region remains a sanctuary for various groups, including al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), the Haqqani Network, Lashkar-i-Taiba, Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), ISIS-K, and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan.

"Sanctuary on the Pakistani side and presence on the Afghan side remain security challenges for both countries and pose a threat to regional security and stability," the report said. The Afghanistan-Pakistan relationship remains tenuous and leaders from each country have accused the other of harboring terrorists and allowing the planning of attacks from their soil.

The US continued to encourage both countries to work together to solve common problems, such as border security, but deep-rooted mistrust remains a significant barrier to progress, it said.

Although Pakistani military operations have disrupted some militant sanctuaries, certain extremist groups such as the Taliban and the Haqqani Network retain the freedom of movement in Pakistan.

The United States continued to convey to all levels of Pakistani leadership the importance of taking action against all terrorist and extremist groups, the report said.

Increased collaboration between Afghanistan and Pakistan is critical to maintaining pressure on militant and terrorist groups and for meeting the enduring security requirements on both sides of the shared border.

"The trust deficit resulting from Pakistan's inaction against Afghan-oriented extremists, and Pakistan's concerns about terrorist attacks launched from Afghanistan, hampers the bilateral military collaboration required to achieve enduring security," the report said.

Since the beginning of President Ghani's tenure, leaders from both countries have attempted to improve relations and to address mutual security interests, such as the threat from various extremist groups in the border region more effectively, it said.

"These efforts have been inconsistent, interrupted by high-profile terrorist attacks in both Afghanistan and Pakistan and public statements by each government disparaging one another.

"Each country publicly claims that the other provides sanctuary to certain militant groups and lacks the will to combat them," the Pentagon concluded. (Pajhwok)

(3) Law on Use ...

reports about landing and flights of foreign military aircrafts in Afghanistan territory, he added.

However, Mohammad Shah Habibi, head of Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA), in a press conference in Kabul said that the country's airspace control was handed over from NATO to the Afghan government since two years.

The draft law was finally approved by 107 lawmakers of 118 present in today's session of the Wolesi Jirga. (Pajhwok)

foreign terrorists such as Turkmen,

Uzbek, Chechen, Arab, Chinese and Russians fighters active in the country.

Suggesting a gradual improvement in Kabul-Islamabad relations, Zakhilwal said a delegation led by the Wolesi Jirga speaker would be visiting Pakistan later in the month. (Pajhwok)

(5) Afghan-Turk ...

functioning of these schools but decision on their fate rested with President Ashraf Ghani.

On the other side, a number of lawmakers today asked the government to go accordance with the law about the four teachers of Afghan-Turk school. (Pajhwok)

(6) Journalists ...

Mashal Television Channel, said, "I was recording video in the hackathon when a bodyguard came and pushed me, he told me not to record video."

He said that when the TV channel reporter, Salim Talash told the bodyguard to allow him for photographing, the bodyguard responded "Do not talk too much, if there were no our VIPs here you could not go safe from me."

Later, a bodyguard kicked the camera of the private TV channel and did not allow photographing of the display, he said.

Lutfullah Khamosh, a journalist from Milli TV Channel, Afghanistan National TV channel, said that the bodyguards treated journalists bad, and he asked President Ashraf Ghani to prevent such actions.

"Despite they are the bodyguards of the president, but it does not mean they can insult journalists, we all condemn this act," he said.

Mohammad Anwar, a journalist of Ayna TV channel, also condemned the incident and said, "The presidential palace bodyguards did not allow us to record video of the hackathon, therefore all journalists decided to stop covering this event in protest," (Pajhwok)

(7) Afghanistan a...

You know, in the old times — the last administration — you called the White House and you get approval. Not anymore. Not anymore."

"So they went out; they've done their job. I hear we're doing really good in Afghanistan. You saw that. I let them do their job. And I let the colonels and the majors and the all of them — the captains — that's what they do. They graduate, they're smart, they're tough, and they do their job. They don't have to call me to get approval to go into battle with people in places that most people never heard of, but they're very important," he added.

This comes as President Trump announced his administration's policy for South Asia late in August this year as he emphasized on continued US mission in Afghanistan.

President Trump warned that the consequences of a rapid exit are both predictable and unacceptable. "9/11, the worst terrorist attack in our history, was planned and directed from Afghanistan because that country was ruled by a government that gave comfort and shelter to terrorists. A hasty withdrawal would create a vacuum that terrorists, including ISIS and al Qaeda, would instantly fill, just as happened before September 11th," he added.

President Trump also added "I concluded that the security threats we face in Afghanistan and the broader region are immense. Today, 20 U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organizations are active in Afghanistan and Pakistan — the highest concentration in any region anywhere in the world." (KP)

(8) Ministry to Close ...

preventing extortion on the highways, we do not collect the high tonnage scales fees. We only want to activate the high tonnage scales by remote if we identify overweight vehicles on the highways," said Rohani.

Many drivers who are aware of the widespread corruption at high tonnage scales, say more of the collected money than before is going into individual's pockets.

"There are so many problems. I think that this money which is being paid at the is being collected for the sake of individuals," said Abdul Razaq, a truck driver at the Kabul-Herat Highway.

"In each district where the scales are installed on the road, the money tak-

en is being collected by individuals," said Aziz Ahmad, a driver at the Kabul-Herat highway.

Due to the corruption on these scales, drivers and trucks are being forced to load more than the specified weight. (Tolonews)

(9) Taliban Uses ...

have been discovered," said Mahbubullah Saeedi, Imam Sahib district governor.

During the operation, nearly ten villages that were under Taliban's rule for past four years had been cleared.

"Taliban suffered heavy casualties and we have cleared several villages from Taliban," said Helal Khan an army soldier.

The owners of the houses that the Taliban insurgents used as strongholds say the government should help them.

"Our homes have been destroyed and we are living without shelters. The government must rebuild our homes," said Allah Gul a resident.

"Taliban made our houses their strongholds and even dig tunnels. We don't have money to re-construct our houses and we hope that the government will help us," said Mirdad another resident.

Government forces have now created security checkpoints in the villages to prevent the activities of terrorists. Officials at the Afghan army's Pamir 20 Division said that after construction consolidation, the second part of the winter operation will be conducted in unstable areas of Kunduz province.

Taliban has rejected the claims, claiming that they have not used civilian houses as their strongholds in the district. (Tolonews)

(10) 'US Wants Afghans ...

comes after the US earlier asked the Afghan government to reject Russian choppers and replace them with US-made helicopters.

"There is no answer to this question other than that the Americans are seeking to militate against us just for the fun of it," Lavrov said.

In July, Afghan and US officials said efforts are underway to replace Russian MI-35 strike aircrafts with American Black Hawks within the next three months as part of the government's plans to increase the number of the Afghan Air Force aircrafts to 260 from a total of 120 within the upcoming seven years.

Statistics by the Afghan Air Force reveal that there are four MI-35 Russian strike aircraft and 26 MI-17 freight aircraft in Afghanistan. Two of the MI-35 Russian helicopters need repairing.

The statistics reveal that Afghanistan has 120 military aircraft in total including 56 strike planes, 60 freight planes and 71 helicopters.

The number, an official said, will be increased to 260 in total including 175 strike planes, 89 lift planes and 214 helicopters. (Tolonews)

(11) MPs Furious ...

country from India.

"If he is not released till tomorrow, we will take a joint decision in this regard. He is neither a murderer nor a terrorist and the office of AGAH has been established in compliance with the law."

Sadiq Zada Nili, a public representative from Daikundi, while accusing the NDS of taking illegal action, said Khadim should be set free at the earliest possible.

Mahmud Salimankhel, Abdu Raheem and Ali Akbar Qasimi were among other lawmakers who held similar views against the NDS move. A number of other wrathful civil society activists also expressed reaction to the action by NDS who said despite the passage of three days, his family had not been informed about his arrest.

However, Shah Hussain Murtazawi, acting head of the Presidential Spokesperson's Office, told Pajhwok Afghan News that he was unaware of Khadim's arrest, stressing the matter would be shared with the NDS.

On the other hand, the intelligence agency has so far officially said nothing of Khadim detention.

But a security official, on the condition of anonymity, said claims regarding the illegal seizure of the individual were unreasonable and considering the seriousness of the matter, NDS couldn't reveal information at anytime. "NDS never arrests someone illegally, unless it has an arrest warrant from a court." (Pajhwok)

(12) MTN Afghanistan ...

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(13)15 Militants...

The statement ruled out any injury to security personnel. However, there has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard. (Pajhwok)

(14) 9 Daesh, Taliban ...

It's pertinent to mention here that a clearing operation has been launched against Daesh and Taliban insurgents in Khogyani district six days back. (Pajhwok)

(15) Gold Prices ...

prices were also unchanged. Sharif Ahmad, a gas seller at Kolola Posh-ta area of Kabul, confirmed the rate of gas remained steady at 60afis per kilo.

Haji Hassan, a firewood seller in Charahi Shaheed area of Kabul, said that 560 kilograms of peeled oak cost 8,000afis Afghani and the same quantity of cedar 7,500afis, same prices as of last week's.

According to moneychangers' union in Sara-i-Shazada, one US dollar accounted for 69.40 afis and 1,000 Pakistani rupees for 630 afis against last week's rates of 69.05 afis and 634 afis respectively. (Pajhwok)

(16) Pakistan reacts ...

Haqqani terrorist network are based in the key cities of Pakistan where from they plan and coordinate attacks in Afghanistan. (KP)

Constitutional body in France rejects bill against surfing 'terror' websites

PARIS - Amid growing concerns in France over terror threats, the supreme constitutional authority in the country has struck down a legislative motion to criminalize the surfing of "terrorist" websites for the second time this year, saying such a measure is against civil liberties.

The French Constitutional Council rejected on Friday the proposed bill passed by the country's lawmakers as "neither adequate, nor proportional," saying that the legislation violates freedom of expression and communication.

The bill calls for punishment of anyone visiting "terrorist" websites "without any legitimate reason" to "two years of imprisonment and a €30,000 (\$35,250) fine." It refers to the websites which are usually affiliated to Takfiri terror groups such as Daesh and seek to radicalize people.

The advocates of the legislation argue that the looming threat of terrorist attacks make it worth sacrificing certain liberties for the sake of safety.

The bill was previously rejected by the Constitutional Council back in February, prompting French lawmakers to introduce changes that supposedly clarified surfing restrictions.

The latest version of the legislation authorizes individuals to visit a "terrorist" website if the visitor is able to "prove" it is for "public information or scientific research." However, the bill was again rejected by the Council.

The development came after the French parliament approved in October a new controversial anti-terrorism law that made permanent parts of the two-year state of emergency, enacted following the 2015 attacks.

That legislation led to a severe backlash over its potential to limit civil liberties.

However, French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb justified it by cautioning that "nobody is safe" and France "is still in a state of war."

Human Rights Watch, which has been vocally opposing the legislation since it was first introduced, hailed the ruling by the Constitutional Council as a "welcome respite from France's rush to adopt restrictive counterterrorism measures at the cost of rights and freedoms," further insisting that the amendments introduced to the bill were purely cosmetic and did not change its nature. (Press TV)