

### (1) Ghani Orders...

Haji Niamatullah, Mohammad Siddique Chakhansuri and Abdullah Noori welcomed the government's special attention to the province. They acknowledged the drinking water problem had been resolved to some extent, but called for enhance security, work on the third phase of Kamal Khan dam, construction of the Zaranj ring road and a second link near the Abresham Bridge. In response, Ghani ordered the authorities concerned to launch preliminary work on the second bridge as soon as possible. The Kamal Khan dam, a longstanding demand of Afghans, would be completed soon, he promised. The president also assured the delegates that work on the ring road and a dry port would also be initiated. A railroad and other infrastructure projects are also on the cards for Nimroz. Speaking to public representatives and elders from Farah, Ghani described the enforcement of security and development plans as a top priority. He said reforms had been brought to ANA ranks and the process was underway in the police force.

He said a high-level delegation would visit Farah to evaluate the performance of provincial departments and suggest reforms therein. A system of rewards and punishments would be put in place in the province.

Justice will be enforced, according to the president, who called the practice of land-grab unacceptable. (Pajhwok)

### (2) MoFA and ...

he took over as president two years ago he said Afghanistan's foreign policy was five-pronged.

"First of all we will try to have more cooperation with regional countries to stabilize peace and security in the region," Ghani said, citing one section at the time.

However, the National Unity Government's (NUG) foreign policy during the last two years has been in flux, according to analysts.

Recently Russia, China and Pakistan held a meeting in Moscow where they agreed to request the removal of Taliban members' names from the United Nations' (UN) sanctions list.

"The challenges, especially the meeting in Moscow where they discussed Afghanistan, the Taliban and the black list shows that our foreign policy is weak," said Abdul Qadir Zazai Watandost, a member of parliament's international relations committee. (Tolonews)

### (3) Ministry Confirms ...

"A crash can occur if pilots are tired or they have had many flights in a single day or if they have no energy," former military official Atiqullah Amarkhail said.

According to officials, the majority of military helicopters are Russia.

"Helicopter crashes can occur if there is a lack of proper repair shops or they can occur as a result of improper checking before they go on a mission," said Mirza Mohammad Yarmand, former deputy minister of interior. (Tolonews)

### (4) Hekmatyar's ...

at the ceremony paid tribute to Barikzai's vision and courage and condemned attacks on civilian population as inhuman and against Islamic principles.

"I call on Taliban to stop their subversive activities and it is enough. Neither China nor Russians will bring you peace," said Obaidullah Barikzai, an MP from Uruzgan.

Meanwhile, former president Hamid Karzai also delivered a speech via a phone call where he strongly condemned the attack on the MP's house. "I don't understand which book orders the killing of a 10-year-old child. I was shocked after hearing about the attack on the house of Mr. Malim Mir Wali - especially when I heard that they [attackers] also entered rooms where children and women were. At that time, I asked myself what does this action really mean," Hekmat Karzai said. A message from Gulbuddin was also read out by his son where he anticipated bigger price for those targeting civilians.

The attack on the MP's house left at least eight people dead and wounded several others. Taliban claimed responsibility for the raid. (Tolonews)

### (5) China and ...

between China and Afghanistan. This was why the well was named as "China and Afghanistan Friendship Well". Mr. Zhang sincerely believed that with the joint efforts of the both governments and people,

the China and Afghanistan traditional friendship and cooperation would be passed on from generation to generation. (PR)

### (6) Pakistan Sincerely ...

spokesman, responding to queries regarding Pakistan's relations with its neighboring countries and reservation of Afghan government on the Pakistan, China, Russia Trilateral meeting in Moscow, he said the prime minister had reiterated that Pakistan believed in maintaining friendly relations with all its neighbors for a durable peace in the region and shared prosperity as it would be beneficial to all countries in the region.

About the third round of China, Pakistan, Russia Trilateral meeting, he said it was agreed to proceed with consultations in an expanded format and would welcome the participation of Afghanistan.

There were numerous groups working towards the common goal of contributing to restoration of peace and economic stability of Afghanistan, he added.

He also mentioned Pakistan's grant of US\$ 500 million to the people of Afghanistan last year.

Answering a query, he said the Trilateral meeting exchanged views on the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan and expressed particular concern regarding the increased activities of the extremist groups including the ISIL (Daesh) affiliates in Afghanistan.

The participants agreed to continue their efforts towards further facilitating the Afghan-led, Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan according to the known principles of reintegration of the armed opposition into peaceful life, he added. (APP)

### (7) Govt. Awaits ...

governance and formation."

"This case has not been referred to us to talk on it. However, our stance is that we will wait for the Supreme Court's decision in this respect," said Mohammad Qasim Hashimzai, chairman of the Independent Commission of Overseeing Implementation of the Constitution.

"Government should respect the MPs' decision and the Constitution and must send new candidates for the ministries as soon as possible," Wolessi Jirga Speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahim said.

The parliament members are set to break for winter recess within two weeks. However, sources close to Abdullah quoted the Supreme Court and said the Presidential Palace so far has not made a formal request that the court interprets Article 92 of the Constitution. (Tolonews)

### (8) Special Forces ...

special forces. "We want our foreign supporters to give us more helicopters. We have a lack of helicopters and the ones we have crash and are damaged," said Sahil, an ANA officer. (Tolonews)

### (9) Daesh Recruiting ...

Daesh group [in Afghanistan]. And meanwhile, there are a number of teenagers in security forces line as well," Yasini stated.

Nangarhar officials also confirmed the recruiting of teenagers by Daesh in the province.

"Daesh recruits teenagers through launching propagandas. Young men are easily attracted and will start fighting the group. We have arrested a number of these teenagers," Nangarhar governor's spokesman Attaullah Khogyani said.

Figures by NATO reveal that Daesh number decreased from 1,500 from 3,000 following security forces' military operations and U.S air strikes against the fighters in the country. (Tolonews)

### (10) Taliban Welcome ...

flexible approach to delisting Afghan Taliban from the UN sanctions lists as their contribution to efforts aimed at launching peaceful dialogue between Kabul and the Taliban, the statement added.

On the other hand, a statement from Taliban's political office in Qatar welcomed the meeting Moscow and its suggestions.

Taliban's Qatar office spokesman, Suhail Shahin, in the statement said, "The problem in Afghanistan would be solved if its territorial facts are understood and obstacles towards it removed."

He said it was a matter of pleasure that regional countries realized that Taliban were a political and military power of Afghanistan.

He said removal of Taliban from

the UN black list would be a positive step towards bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan.

The Taliban also demanded their rights be restored for a real peace in the country so they could also openly travel like ordinary people. (Pajhwok)

### (11) Lowering ...

in water level over the past one year. The water level has decreased by eight metres in one year alone.

He expressed concern over continued lowering of underground water level and said: "Until a proper programme for managing the underground water isn't carried out, a big water catastrophe will loom large in Kabul."

If contamination of water was not prevented and serious steps were not taken, the underground water would soon be undrinkable in Kabul, he warned.

Government officials weren't present at the seminar; however, National Environmental Protection Agency also warned if the government didn't pay attention to improving sanitation in Kabul and other cities, underground water would be polluted in next five years in big cities such as capital Kabul.

Officials say 40 percent of underground water is currently unhealthy in Kabul. Kabul with a population of four million people is one of Afghanistan's major cities, whose residents lack access to clean water. (Pajhwok)

(12) Officials Move is implemented, Baghlan-e-Markazi and even Baghlan province could fall to Taliban.

A similar agreement was signed last year by Gulab Mangal, former minister of border and tribal affairs, which led to the district falling to the Taliban. The insurgent group is still a major threat in the area.

"Government last year left Dand-e-Ghori to the Taliban and up until now they are still active there," said Mahtabuddin, a resident of the province. (Tolonews)

### (13) Reconciled

people and do not know much about politics. We want the government to ensure our security and avoid such mistakes in future."

He said the government should never trust every militant joining the peace process as some did so to achieve personal benefits.

Taliban after joining the peace process were never disarmed but provided more weapons, said Taza Gul, another Shibregan dweller. "It is a matter of concern. I have voted for this government and it must improve our security," he said.

However, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the individuals who had joined them were Afghan Local Police (ALP) members led by Mullah Tahir.

He said the 30-member group included six border police personnel. The ALP men also handed over a vehicle full of equipment, eight motorcycles, a mortar, a cannon, a machinegun, two rockets, 21 Kalashnikovs and four other weapons, he claimed. (Pajhwok)

### (14) 9 Men Gang...

for the girl. She was gang raped by nine men and all would be arrested." In Kunduz, the girl had been with illegal armed men and Afghan Local Police personnel in Khanabad district. She was taken to the battlefield during clashes with Taliban as well, the police chief said.

It is said during that period, the girl became pregnant and she aborted her child.

Takhar civil hospital director Dr. Jamil Frotan said medical examination showed the girl had been sexually assaulted.

Meanwhile, civil society activists, provincial council members and women's rights defenders held a gathering to demand justice for the girl.

Provincial council chief Mohammad Yaqub Nazari said the officials concerned should marry the girl to one of her rapists and close the case.

"I urge the government to arrest all those involved in the crime and bring them to justice. We will not sit idle if the issue is not treated fairly."

Civil society activist Karimullah Danish said a number of officials had been trying to keep the issue secret in order to avoid questions from journalists.

He warned of launching a protest movement if the girl was not produced before the media. "Her life is in danger because her rapists are powerful individuals who the government cannot arrest. We demand justice for all, it is a huge crime."

Afghanistan Human Rights Commission official in Takhar Syed Karim Talash said the girl had been kidnapped from Kunduz to Takhar province two years back. "The sex-

ual attack on the girl was against human rights and the perpetrators should be punished."

Calls seeking comments from Takhar women's affairs director Razm Ara Hawash went unanswered. (Pajhwok)

### (15) 14 People...

program and prevent the youth from taking their lives.

Governor's spokesman, Jailani Farhad, said a committee was being created to investigate reasons behind suicides and find a permanent solution to the problem.

Ali Ahmad Kawa, a sociology lecturer in Herat University, linked such incidents to family problems, broken relationships and social problems.

To prevent such cases, the government should provide job opportunities and launch awareness programs, he said. (Pajhwok)

### (16) Deport Nilofar ...

Afghanistan -- both in professional environment and her personal life." The White Assembly is comprised of educated youth, policymakers, human rights activists, university professors, civil society activists and analysts.

While asking the US to deport Nilofar to Afghanistan as soon as possible, the activists argued Kabul had spent millions of dollars on her education and training.

"We believe granting asylum to such individuals, who hold vital positions and have important responsibilities, will encourage others to seek asylum in illegal ways," the activists added. (Pajhwok)

### (17) Army Officer ...

wounded in the collision.

The ANA vehicle crashed into two corolla model cars on its way to Kabul from Gardez city, Paktia's capital, he said, adding the incident occurred due to the speeding ANA vehicle.

The injured had been evacuated to Chahar Asyab district hospital in Kabul, however, two of the injured are said to be in critical condition. (Pajhwok)

### (18) Afghan Refugees ...

migrants, mainly caused due to a limbo between Turkey and Greece.

"When people are just trying to survive and to fulfill their most basic needs, they are capable of doing all kinds of things. These young boys are in a desperate situation. They are living in tents in refugee camps and they don't have any other work. Some of the problem comes from the fact that Afghan refugees face a lot of discrimination. They also don't get any governmental aid. These young people have no adequate shelter and no way of making money and, ultimately, they are just left to fend for themselves as best they can," Mohammad Mirzai, a humanitarian activist told France24.

According to the paper, the minor refugees have no access to the labour market, many end up having to turn to illegal trades, such as prostitution, to survive. Every night, several dozen young men congregate in Victoria park, Pedion tou Areos park and on the Omonia Square to sell themselves. Sometimes, the actual act is carried out at the client's house but, more often than not, the boys end up just going into the bushes with their client. "At best, these young people are paid €50 per client, sometimes less than €10. I don't know the nationality of their clients but almost all of them speak Greek and most of them are much older than the boys," Mirzay added.

This comes despite uncertain fates the Afghan migrants are facing after they reach to western European countries and in most cases their applications are rejected. Dozens of Afghan migrants were deported from Germany and other European countries earlier this month with reports suggesting the step was taken in line with an agreement reached with the Afghan government.

Hundreds of thousands of Afghans left for Europe last year amid deteriorating security situation in the country. Scores of the migrants lost their lives on the way to Europe by going through the most dangerous routes, including the Iranian land route and the Turkish waters. (KP)

(19) Naswar Sales...

Selling naswar -- an addictive mix of sun-dried tobacco leaves, slaked lime, ash from tree bark and coloring agents, has been a major livelihood source for the old man. He says the drug's sales have shot up, earning him 4,000 to 5,000 afghanis on a daily basis. Snuff is one of tobacco products, whose hazard is rarely discussed.

Unaware of the harm resulting from naswar, the man says: "I produce the drug from crushed tobacco leaves, lime and wood ash." One package sells for five to 10 afghanis. Naswar, also known as naas, vendors say most of their customers are youth. Ghaus Ahmadi, another snuff seller in Herat City, confirms: "The sales of tobacco have risen dramatically in recent years. 'I sell 200 to 300 packets a day.'"

Bahadar Timori, a resident of Herat, has been using the drug over the past 12 years. "Now I have realised its negative effects. Many times I tried to quit it but I have been unable to do so. Snuff-induced bad breath (halitosis) is such a big embarrassment." Inhabitants blame tobacco users for damaging the environment. Mohammad Sardar says: "Many of the addicts are unaware of the drug's harmful effects. The drug, a public health hazard, also contributes to pollution as users spit it out in public places."

Another inhabitant, Saboor Shah, also calls naswar a pollutant whose use should be curbed.

Rafiq Rahimi, an environmental health official, told Pajhwok Afghan News there was no law prohibiting snuff sales. However, his department has been able to sensitise people on its harm.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bahnam Fardis, a health expert, called mouth cavity, tooth decay and especially gum cancer the outcome of naswar consumption. According to a study conducted a few years back in Herat City, 35 percent of Afghans are addicted to different tobacco products and 50 percent are indirectly affected by their harm. (Pajhwok)

(20) Police, Militants...

told Pajhwok Afghan News six insurgents and two policemen were killed in the ensuing clash. He said the gunbattle continued until 3am.

Meanwhile, resident Obaidullah claimed all 11 policemen manning the check-post were killed in the attack. The Taliban snatched all ammunition and tools. (Pajhwok)

### (21) Taliban ...

bombs on the highway at night.

He said new security posts would be set up soon along the road to ensure security.

The militants attacked engineers and workers of an under construction bridge in Shandak Manda area, sparking a gun-battle with Afghan forces and prompting air strikes, he said.

He said 28 militants suffered casualties in the retaliatory attack. A Corolla car and three hideouts of militants were also destroyed during the blitz.

Tasal hoped security situation would get better with reconstruction of the bridges destroyed in Taliban attacks.

Helmand deputy transport director, Hashmatullah Elmi, also said that all vehicles were diverted to unpaved roads in Wazir Manda area to reach Kandahar and Herat provinces through Greshk district of the province.

The 303 public transport buses remained stranded on both ends of the road blockade but Afghan security forces were trying to secure the area, he said. Elmi added drivers and passengers were in great trouble.

Governor's spokesman, Omar Zwak, said security threats still existed in Wazir Manda and some other areas.

An operation against militants and work on destroyed bridges and culverts was underway and security forces had assured the highway's reopening late today, he added.

A passenger, Janan who has been waiting over the past three days for the road to reopen, said there were many problems in areas under Taliban control because passengers could not pass those areas.

The Helmand-Kandahar highway was blocked four days ago for passengers by Taliban militants. The militants then attacked several security posts and blown up several bridges and culverts. (Pajhwok)

(22) 3 Rebels Dead,...

currently under security forces' investigation. However, the police spokesman did not provide more details. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incidents. (Pajhwok)

(23) Trump Calls...

already reached a low," adding that Moscow would "react in an adequate manner based on the principle of reciprocity." (Xinhua)

### (24) Russia Not ...

spying and closed two compounds

belonging to the Russian Embassy in response to "Russia's interference in the U.S. election and to a pattern of harassment of our diplomats overseas."

Outgoing U.S. President Barack Obama also imposed sanctions on two major Russian intelligence services -- the Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) and the Federal Security Service (FSB), four individual officers of the GRU and three companies that allegedly provided material support for hacking operations aiming to interfere in the U.S. presidential elections. (Xinhua)

### (25) Syria Says...

cease-fire comes after the Syrian army and its allied fighters retook the city of Aleppo in northern Syria, after dealing a big blow to the rebels, said al-Moallem. (Xinhua)

### (26) Syria's New ...

cease-fires brokered by Russia and the United States took effect in February and September respectively but both collapsed within weeks as warring sides accused each other of truce violations. (Xinhua)

### (27) Turkish Committee...

checks and balances. The draft amendments were approved following 10 days of tense debate that at times resulted in altercations between the ruling party and main opposition party members on the committee. The 21 articles that were initially submitted to the committee were reduced to 18, over some objections by ruling-party legislators. (AP)

### (28) China Urges...

among China, the United States and Russia are in line with the fundamental interests of the three countries and peoples, Hua said. Hua expressed China's willingness to deepen exchanges with the United States and Russia and to jointly deal with global challenges. (Xinhua)

### (29) Britain, Edging...

Israel since the 1956 Suez crisis, Kerry said in a speech that Israel jeopardized hopes of peace in the Middle East by building settlements in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem. While Britain voted for the UN resolution that so angered Netanyahu and says that settlements in the occupied territories are illegal, a spokesman for May said that it was clear that the settlements were far from the only problem in the conflict. In an unusually sharp public rebuke of Obama's top diplomat, May's spokesman said that Israel had coped for too long with the threat of terrorism and that focusing only on the settlements was not the best way to achieve peace between Jew and Arab.

London also took particular issue with Kerry's description of Netanyahu's coalition as "the most right-wing in Israeli history, with an agenda driven by its most extreme elements."

"We do not believe that it is appropriate to attack the composition of the democratically-elected government of an ally," May's spokesman said when asked about Kerry 70-minute speech in the State Department's auditorium. (Reuters)

### (30) Pak Senate...

benami bill is expected to curb parking of illegal wealth in the form of assets and properties, in the name of a person who has no capacity to earn it. (Monitoring Desk)

(31) Syria Ceasefire...

Ankara and Moscow. On Thursday, Zarif discussed the truce with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the phone. The two sides agreed for Tehran and Moscow to hold constant consultations in preparation for the upcoming peace talks in Astana, Kazakhstan. (Presstv)

### (32) Turkmenistan...

discredited Turkmenistan in the eyes of Iranian officials and the Majlis members too are firm in their opinion that Iran should not yield to these kinds of demands, the lawmaker added.

A senior official at National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC) has already announced that Iran imported less than three percent of its need for gas from Turkmenistan so it is no concern for Tehran if it decides to cut gas imports from Turkmenistan. (Monitoring Desk)

### (33) Tajikistan Invites...

trade, transport, industry, culture, education, sport and health care was considered within the framework of the meeting," the message said. (Trend)