

(1) Mazari Left ...

huge sacrifices in the war against terrorism and wanted sincere regional cooperation against the menace and Kabul was ready for such cooperation. (Pajhwok)

(2) EU Renews ...

to improve governance, boost the economy and enhance the peace and reconciliation process with the opposition by 2020.

Referring to governance in Afghanistan, the delegation raised deep concerns over the endemic corruption in the country. The delegation said that the alliance will not tolerate seeing EU aid to Afghan people going to waste.

The delegation called on the Afghan government to take solid action against corruption in government institutions.

The Afghan government has three years to improve economic development, facilitate the stalled peace process and work on security, said the delegation.

"first of all on so-called state of Islam (ISIS), it is an international terrorist organization and there will no dialogue with ISIS or Al-Qaeda, these are imported terrorist organizations to Afghanistan, we don't believe that either ISIS or Al-Qaeda think about of Afghanistan or Afghan people. They don't care about Afghanistan people, they came here to play our game and they shouldn't be part of Afghanistan political or provincial life, so we don't believe that they should be part of the process," said Petras AUŠTREVICIUS, member of the EU parliament.

On the issue of insurgents in Afghanistan and Russian policy on Afghanistan, the EU delegation said the organization was seriously concerned about the presence of terrorists in the country. It called on Russian to take a more responsible position toward Afghanistan.

"we do hope that this time period will be critically important for Afghanistan building-state, making transition from the war economy to more development-based economy and finally securing peace process in Afghanistan," he said.

The EU delegation further reiterated the organization's continued financial and political cooperation with Afghanistan in its efforts for economic growth and stability. (ToloneWS)

(3) 3rd Meeting ...

It will be accomplished by the government institutions, the statement said.

The meeting has decided to seek more information from the electoral bodies regarding their operational plan in the future meetings. (Pajhwok)

(4) Pakistan Can ...

countries. We also suffered because of this," the ambassador said.

The remarks come after the commander of NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Gen. John Nicholson, recently said safe havens for terrorists in Pakistan have challenged Afghanistan's peace process. (ToloneWS)

(5) MoFA Warns ...

Pakistan announced fresh border restrictions along its borders with Afghanistan, a move which was denounced by Kabul.

Afghan officials reiterated calls on Pakistan to eliminate terror hideouts and sanctuaries in its soil.

"Regarding the treatment of Afghan refugees by Pakistani police, I must say that Afghan refugees in Pakistan have faced a lot of problems there. The Afghan government is committed to address the plight of Afghan refugees, not only in Pakistan but also in other countries," Mustaghni added.

Mustaghni warned Pakistan against violating Afghanistan's territorial integrity, saying the Afghan security forces will retaliate strongly if someone cast an evil eye toward its territory.

"Pakistan's rocket shelling is not something new, rocket shelling has continued since 2015, however we have tried to prevent it through negotiations," said Jawed Faisal, spokesman to CEO.

On the issue of new pressure on Afghan refugees, Mustaghni said that Pakistan must abide by its commitments on the presence of refugees in Pakistan.

The MoFA said that Kabul was ready for negotiations with Islamabad, but said a third country should oversee the talks between the two countries.

The development comes days after Pakistan handed a list of 76 militants which Islamabad believe were operating from Afghanistan. The move was prompted by last Thursday's suicide bombing at the Lal Shahbaz Qalandar Sufi shrine in Sindh. The attack killed dozens. (ToloneWS)

(6) Afghanistan ...

Zakaria has said that a decision regarding opening of Pak-Afghan border will be taken in due course of time.

"Pakistan has continued to maintain and emphasize that effective border management is vital for preventing cross border movement of terrorists.

Pakistan is ready to work with Afghanistan on those issues in a spirit of mutual respect, trust and cooperation," the spokesman said at his weekly briefing in Islamabad on Thursday.

The spokesman said issues between Pakistan and Afghanistan need to be addressed through constructive and positive engagements. (Xinhua)

(7) Protect Afghans...

which is a great threat to the humanity, you are the protectors of humanity," he told the graduates.

The president said the Afghan forces in their military uniforms did not belong to a specific tribe or area, but they belonged to the whole of the country.

"We saw in the past that our enemies did not want Afghanistan to have relations with the international community, they wanted to turn our country into a safe haven for terrorists."

"The enemies would again detach Afghanistan from the world if they again find that power, but fortunately the courageous Afghans would not let them achieve such goals," Ghani added, saying the Afghan security forces needed more development to win full trust of the people. (Pajhwok)

(8) Afghans Duty...

He announced that first position holder Shirullah Darwish would perform hajj free of charge. Sayed Khalil Sadat and Wajih Akhtarzi grabbed the second award of performing umrah.

Mualvi Qiyamuddin Kashaf, the head of Afghanistan Ulama Council, said it was the duty of every Muslim to follow the character of the Prophet Mohammad.

Prominent scholar Mohammad Ayaz Niazi stressed the need for holding more such contests and said the Afghan youth were under influence of foreign culture, an issue that could be prevented by Islamic teachings.

Sibghatullah Mujadadi and some other jihadi leaders and government officials also participated in the ceremony. (Pajhwok)

(9) 46 Militants ...

Taliban militant group were captured by Afghan Special Operation Forces in Khost city, capital of eastern Khost province on late Thursday, a provincial source told Xinhua earlier on the day.

The Afghan security forces had beefed up security operations across the country recently.

The Taliban and IS militants, who have been on rampage since the beginning of 2015 when the Afghan security forces assumed the full responsibilities of security from the U.S. and NATO forces, have yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

(10) Tehran Rally...

Syria. But one civil rights activist in Kabul who advocates for Afghans in Iran told VOA that their casualty numbers are more than 1,000.

Afghan lawmakers last year strongly condemned Tehran for sending refugees to Syria. They also criticized the Afghan government for keeping silent and demanded that the issue be thoroughly investigated. The Afghan foreign ministry said investigations have been launched.

For years since Iran's military involvement in Syria began in 2012, funerals of the fallen Afghans were kept from public view.

Increased military involvement But increasingly, as Tehran has trumpeted its military involvement in Syria, high-ranking Iranian commanders and officials have been present at the funerals. The ceremonies are often packed with civil servants, university students and faculty.

One Afghan civil activist who attended a rally for Afghan fighters in the holy city of Qum last year said Ali Larjani, the speaker of the Iranian parliament, was among the attendees.

Families of fallen fighters are often invited to funerals and rallies and their travel expenses are paid for by the government-funded martyr's organization.

Fatemeh Zia — a relative of fallen Afghan fighter Mehdi Ahmadi, who will be honored in Tehran Friday — said she was invited by the government to attend the commemoration ceremony.

"We received a phone call from the Fatemiyon brigade and they informed us of his death," Zia said.

The ceremonies for fallen Afghans are religiously based honoring the fighters as Shi'ites the Muslim majority in Iran.

Tehran said its forces are in Syria to protect the Zeinab Shrine in Damascus, a Shi'ite holy site. Iranian-backed forces have been a major backer of the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in its war with rebel groups across the country.

Analysts say Iran is holding rallies for fallen Afghans to rally domestic support for its involvement in Syria on religious grounds.

"Iran is trying to divert the attention from Tehran's support for Assad and turn it into something bigger and sacred by glorifying Afghans and Pakistanis killed in Syria," Rasool Nafisi, a Washington-based Middle East researcher, told VOA. "These casualties help turn domestic attention in Iran into a Shia and religious subject." (VoA)

(11) Helmand...

to the areas under Taliban control, poppies are cultivated a lot. They [Taliban] take seven kilograms from every 35 kilograms of poppy harvests from farmers," said Abdul Razaq, a farmer.

The farmers said they collect an average of 50,000 Afs from every jierb (0.2 Hectare) of poppy land and that they have to give taxes to the Taliban.

"We live between two kinds of governments. We are insulted by one and sometimes by the other. We don't have other jobs; we have no choice but to cultivate poppy," farmer Habib Agha said. (ToloneWS)

(12) Daesh Being...

Nicholson, commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, told the US Senate a few days back Daesh in the region had made a confederation with Pakistani Taliban and other outfits.

The Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, recently told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation against Daesh was facing problems due to Pakistani attacks on border areas. (Pajhwok)

(13) Tajikistan to...

China revived QTTA to fur-

ther tap the potential of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, officials said. QTTA provides Pakistan a gateway to Central Asia by using the Karakoram Highway — which links Gilgit-Baltistan to China's Xinjiang region — as a transit corridor.

Tajikistan's hydel power production — a model to follow With Pakistan's exports declining by over \$4 billion over the last few years, it has looked to tap the potential of Central Asian and Russian markets. Kyrgyzstan has offered a route to Russia to Pakistani traders. At the same time, Pakistani ports provide landlocked Central Asian states the closest maritime facilities for trade. Currently, they rely on seaports in China, Turkey, Iran, Russia and the Baltic States. (Monitoring Desk)

(14) Pakistan Army...

others were hurt fleeing from the areas," said Shan Haji, a resident of Lalpoor.

Loqman, a resident of the district, said he sustained injuries during the Pakistani rocket shelling. "I was at home. I went to feed the cows when a rocket landed and I sustained injuries to my leg and chin," he said.

Reports indicate that at least 400 families were displaced in nine villages of Lalpoor.

Mira Jan, 80, said his entire house was burned down by rockets fired from Pakistan.

He said he is in fear because of the presence of the Pakistani military in areas near their village.

"Rockets were showered on us like rain for three days. All the houses in the village were damaged. Our house was also destroyed," Mira Jan said.

Schools were closed in the affected part of Nangarhar following the cross-Durand Line shelling by Pakistan, the residents said.

"A rocket landed on our school and now we have been deprived of going to study," Mohammad Akram, a student in Lalpoor said.

"Rockets are coming from other side of the mountains. We are ready to respond. We are not of less importance than anyone," said Abdul Ghafar, a Border Police force member. (ToloneWS)

(15) Helmand Parents ...

presence of the Taliban," Bibi Zulhejja, mother of the family said.

She said they are proud of their sons as they sacrificed their life in defending the country.

"My three sons were martyred in Kajaki in fight against the Taliban. My fourth son was injured, but he continues to serve as a member of police. We are facing numerous challenges," she added.

The family has lost three young sons, but received nothing, Dost Mohammad, father of the police force members said.

"Taliban destroyed my house in Kajaki district. After my sons were martyred, I was forced to move to Lashkargah. We have a difficult life here," Mohammad said. (ToloneWS)

(16) ANA Combat ...

the helicopter was destroyed in the area as it was not repairable.

In the meantime, the Taliban militants group claim that the helicopter was shot down by the group's fighters.

The group claimed that the Afghan security forces suffered casualties after the helicopter was shot in Takhar which eventually made emergency landing in Dasht-e-Archi district of Kunduz.

This comes as the Afghan forces are busy conducting counter-terrorism operations in northern Kunduz and Takhar provinces and in the latest operations at least 10 militants were killed and three others were wounded in the outskirts of Kunduz city and Imam Sahib district. (KP)

(17) Rain Threatens...

Abdul Aziz, acting public works director, said his department's personnel were busy

unblocking roads for transportation of aid and rescuing people.

Khodai Nazar, a resident of Abdullah village, said: "Last night's floodwater flowed down our village and washed away all homes and only one home stayed intact in the village. People's homes were destroyed by a flooded Khashrud River last year as well."

Locals had many times asked the government and other organizations to build a protective wall along the river's banks near their villages, but no heed was paid, he lamented. (Pajhwok)

(18) 1 Dead, 11....

was between families of Malak Gul Zaman and Malak Masha. Eleven people on both sides were wounded in the clash. The slain person was Malak Masha's son.

Meanwhile Nangarhar public health director Dr. Najibullah Kamawal told Pajhwok Afghan News that they had been delivered one dead body and eleven wounded people at the civil hospital.

He said Masha's son died on his way to the hospital and some of the injured were in critical condition.

Efforts at seeking comments from the warring sides did not succeed. (Pajhwok)

(19) Car Bomb ...

chief, Mohammad Ismail Khepalwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said the blast killed two soldiers and wounded four others. Civilians suffered no casualties in the attack.

However, 210 Military Corps spokesman Maj. Mohammad Rassoul did not confirm the killing of two soldiers in the blast. He said two soldiers had been injured and there were no fatalities.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the car suicide bombing. (Pajhwok)

(20) Balkh, Kabul ...

against Pakistan's own interests.

He said jihadi leaders in the early years of Jihad knew Pakistan had bad intentions towards Afghanistan.

"If the Afghan government orders its nation to fight against Pakistan, I believe even elders and women will be prepared for that," he said.

A civil society activist, Habibullah, said Pakistan was burning in the fire it had ignited for destruction of Afghanistan.

He said firing rockets from across the Durand Line meant that Pakistan was facing failure.

However, he suggested the Afghan government should not get emotional and instead use a proper diplomacy.

He said the Afghan leaders should internationally raise the issue and expose Pakistan's acts to the world.

The meeting also presented a resolution letter that condemned Pakistan's recent shelling into Afghanistan.

The letter asked the Afghan government to press Islamabad to stop the rocket attacks besides fighting against terrorism.

The meeting also asked Taliban militants to follow into the Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA)'s footsteps and join the peace process

'Cut off diplomatic ties with Pakistan'

In the central capital Kabul, hundreds of civil society activists also protested against the Pakistani shelling territory and asked the government to cut off relations with the neighboring country.

Around 300 people gathered around the Eidgah Mosque in Kabul, chanting slogans: "Pakistan is enemy", "friendship with it is forbidden", "Afghanistan is joint home of all Afghans", let's get united against Pakistan's assault."

Idrees Stanikzai, head of the Youth Process, who participated in the protest rally, strongly condemned the rocket attacks from across the Durand Line. "The Afghan government

should end all its relations with Pakistan if the situation continues. It should close the embassy and prevent the use of Pakistani rupees in local markets," he said. (Pajhwok)

(21) UNSC to Vote...

has denied its forces have used chemical weapons.

Chlorine's use as a weapon is banned under the Chemical Weapons Convention, which Syria joined in 2013. If inhaled, chlorine gas turns into hydrochloric acid in the lungs and can kill by burning lungs and drowning victims in the resulting body fluids. (Xinhua)

(22) Trump Adviser...

official confirmed the matter to The Associated Press Thursday night. On Friday morning, two other senior White House officials summoned reporters to a hastily arranged briefing to expand on the timeline of events. (AP)

(23) China Finds ...

without elaborating. The two sides had an in-depth and comprehensive exchange of views on international situation, domestic and foreign policies, bilateral relations and other regional and international issues of mutual interest and reached extensive consensus, Geng said. (Monitoring Desk)

(24) Merkel's Party...

with any major party except the nationalist Alternative for Germany, or AfD, after the Sept. 24 general election.

AfD has seen its support decline in recent months amid party infighting over comments by a prominent member who suggested Germany should end its decades-long tradition of atoning for its Nazi past. (AP)

(25) Iraqi PM ...

sons and citizens wherever it is found, so we gave orders to the air force command to strike Islamic State positions in (Iraqi town) Hosaiba and Albu Kamal inside Syrian territory as they were responsible for recent bombings in Baghdad," Abbadi said in a statement.

"The heroes of the sky executed the operation and responded to the terrorists with amazing success."

The source close to the Syrian foreign ministry said there had been "complete coordination" with the Damascus government, but did not elaborate.

A separate statement by the Joint Operations Command said that the strikes had taken place on Friday morning using F16 fighter jets and had destroyed Islamic State headquarters in Albu Kamal.

"The strikes targeted Islamic State's headquarters used for making car bombs in Albu Kamal... after Iraqi intelligence received tips from their sources inside Syria," a senior security official told Reuters. (Reuters)

(26) Trump Wants ...

its senses regarding nukes." Trump said in the interview he would like to see a world with no nuclear weapons but expressed concern that the United States has "fallen behind on nuclear weapon capacity." (Reuters)

(27) Profit-Taking...

touched an intraday high of 49,273.94 points as against an intraday low of 48,941.69 points.

Bank Al-Falah Limited announced earnings per share of 4.95 rupees for CY16 but the stock closed at its lower limit of 5 percent largely due to the absence of a cash dividend.

Indus Motor Company announced above-expected result of 77.3 rupees per share during first half of Financial Year 2017 along with a cash dividend of 25 rupees. The scrip rate gained 0.6 percent. (Xinhua)

(28) Iran Becomes...

Li Yong, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization Lasina Zerbo and head of the public relations office of the UN office in Vienna. (IRNA)