

(1) Ghani, ...

main subject of the negotiations. This was about the necessity of consolidation of efforts in provision of stable peace, good neighbourhood and sustainable development in the Central Asia and neighbouring states.

Turkmenistan and Afghanistan confirmed the commitment to peaceful regulations of all disputes and conflict by political means. It was stated that cooperation in combat against international terrorism, extremism, illegal drugs trafficking, transboundary crime will be continued.

Stabilization of the situation inside the country is an important condition of rapid and efficient revival of the economy of Afghanistan, - the Turkmen leader noted. In this regard, the necessity of realization of large infrastructural projects including in energy and transport with participation of Afghanistan was highlighted.

Supply of Turkmen electrical energy to Afghanistan was an urgent subject of the negotiations. Joint works for expansion of energy line networks by construction of additional production powers in Afghanistan were discussed.

Taking into account new energy powers in Lebap and Mary Velayats, Turkmenistan will have an opportunity to increase the volumes of energy supplied to Afghanistan in several times as well as to supply it beyond the country borders to other states of the region.

Subjects related to regular 7th Regional Economic Conference for Afghanistan in Ashgabat in November of this year were also reviewed at the meeting.

President Gurbanguly said that Turkmenistan will continue supporting Afghanistan in education sector and training of qualified specialists in different branches of economics and social system. The Sides agreed to take the efforts for expansion of the trade turnover and seek for new directions of cooperation in this sphere.

Close cooperation will be continued in humanitarian sphere, science, culture, education and sport. Turkmen President invited Afghan president to the ceremonial opening of 2017 Asian Games.

He further added that we treat these Games not just as large international competitions but as an event, which is to consolidate the relations of friendship and brotherhood, cooperation between the countries and nations of the Asia. (Monitoring Desk)

(2) Afghan Intelligence..

government also appointed Secretary General for the Independent Election Commission in the month of March this year in order to help expedite the process of the electoral bodies for organizing the elections. (KP)

(3) U.S, NATO ...

Resolute Support Mission (RS) in Afghanistan has paid tribute to the Afghan National Police (ANP) officers who defied the May 31 suicide bomber and sacrificed their lives to stop the truck from entering the Green Zone.

He said these officers sacrificed their lives for the sake of their country and the people.

These remarks were made at a special gathering in Kabul attended by officials from the U.S embassy, German embassy, UK embassy and some top Afghan government officials where they honored the slain security force members killed in the massive truck bombing in the city.

"We can personally express our gratitude and respect to your sons, your husbands, your fathers. They were our heroes, you are our heroes. They were strong and brave, you are strong and brave," said Nicholson.

The U.S ambassador warned that terrorists have two options - either to lay down arms or face justice.

"Let's devote special recognition to these brave heroes who gave everything to save their fellow man, their courage and sense of duty possibly prevented a catastrophe in our embassy and I offer the heartfelt condolences of president Donald Trump and the people of the United States," said ambassador Llorens.

In addition, the Afghan Minister of Interior Taj Mohammad Jahid stressed the need for longstanding cooperation of the international community with Afghanistan in order to eliminate terrorism in the country.

"Our international partners help us in combating the enemies of humanity, the enemies of the world

particular the enemies of people of Afghanistan, their longstanding commitment to Afghanistan and support to our security forces, holding of this ceremony itself indicates the sympathy and support of our international partners," said minister of interior Taj Mohammad Jahid.

The statements come after last week's announcement by NATO that it would send in more troops to Afghanistan, where they will advise, assist and train the Afghan security forces. (Tolonews)

(4) Kabul Garrison...

locations of the protests or gatherings can be ensured besides the security forces ensure security for the public places and roads.

The garrison command urged the rally and protest participants not to carry firearms, prevent from gatherings near the presidential palace, diplomatic areas, hospitals, schools, military institutions, and other key public areas.

It also warned that the organizers of the protests will be held responsible in the event of violations, insisting that the identities of the organizers are such events are already with the security institutions. (KP)

(5) ACCI Concerned ...

ministry spokesman, Ajmal Hamid Abdulrahimzai said.

Since the inauguration of the air corridor, 62 tons of goods have been flown out of Kabul and a further 40 tons from Kandahar to India.

The ACCI officials meanwhile said they have decided to increase the amount of fruit being exported to India but stated that government needs to install the necessary equipment as soon as possible. (Tolonews)

(6) Kunduz PC I...

spokesman, claimed casualties had been inflicted on security forces in Charkhab and Mullahinficon Sardar areas of Kunduz City. Several tanks had been destroyed, he said. (Pajhwok)

(7) US Embassy..

safety, remain aware of your surroundings, monitor local media for updates, and maintain a high level of vigilance," the statement added. This comes as the Kabul Garrison Command earlier urged for a close coordination between the security forces and the rallies organizers in a bid to ensure security for the city and residents of the country, expressing concerns that the enemies of the country will use the opportunity to stage terrorist attacks. (KP)

(8) Khalili Calls..

mid-1389 was initially led by Burhanuddin Rabbani, who was killed in a suicide attack. His Rabbani was the second HPC chief. (Pajhwok)

(9) AFF Hoping ...

"Afghanistan football federation has always tried to hire well known Afghan players who are playing in famous leagues around the world; Nadim Amiri is one of these players," said AFF spokesman Sayed Ali Kazimi.

"It is a matter of pride and honor if we manage to bring Nadim to the national team squad; Amiri is currently playing with the class A league of Bundesliga; Amiri in the national team squad will also motivate other Afghan players who are playing in world leagues to play for their national team; Nadim who is only 20 years old is now one of the key players for Hoffenheim," said Tahir Raufi, the technical head of AFF.

Amiri joined 1899 Hoffenheim in 2012 from Waldhof Mannheim. He made his Bundesliga debut on 7 February 2015 against VfL Wolfsburg in a 3-0 away defeat.

The UEFA European Under-21 Championship (also known as the UEFA Euro U-21s) is a football competition for men organized by the sport's European governing body, UEFA. It is held every two years.

He was born in Ludwigshafen to Afghan parents and has a cousin Zubayr Amiri and brother Nauwid Amiri who also play football. (Tolonews)

(10) Afghans in ...

Shinwari said the protestors shared their demands and a resolution with the European Parliament. The resolution letter, a copy of which was obtained by Pajhwok, urged the international community to impose political, economic and military sanctions on Pakistan and drag Pakistan's military to the International Court of Justice.

The letter also asked NATO to continue supporting the Afghan security forces. The protestors called on the US to fully implement the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) it had signed with the Afghan government. (Pajhwok)

(11) China has ...

efforts, stability will prevail over uncertainty.

He added that the new round of industrial revolution, arising in the era of economic globalization, has given a strong boost to economic growth of all countries, brought unprecedented opportunities for equal participation, and offered greater promise of inclusive growth. However, if not managed properly, it may also lead to lack of inclusiveness in growth. Some people may benefit more than others, traditional industries and jobs may take a hit, and returns on capital and labor may diverge further. Addressing these issues well is of both social and economic importance. Inclusive growth makes societies fairer and development more widely beneficial. Realizing inclusiveness and achieving sustainable development are therefore two sides of the same coin.

Promoting inclusive growth in our times calls for upholding economic globalization. All countries have benefited from economic globalization and encountered challenges of different forms. However, these problems cannot be blamed on economic globalization per se. What is important is how to adapt or respond to it. We must better adapt to and steer economic globalization, forward and promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation. We should put in place better institutional arrangements incentivizing efficiency and equity, provide opportunities for equal participation by all, give more support to vulnerable groups, and develop a model of balanced and inclusive growth, he said.

China has actively pursued inclusive growth at home. More inclusive growth in our country has been an important reason why the Chinese economy has maintained steady growth in recent years despite the sluggish world economy. In keeping with the principles of innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared development, we have highlighted inclusiveness in our development strategies, and worked to promote inclusive growth through providing institutional guarantee and policy support. This has helped us to blaze a path of inclusive growth with distinctive Chinese features.

Li further added that we have given priority to employment in pursuing development. Employment is the foundation for achieving inclusive growth. China has a workforce of over 900 million. Every year, about 13 million students graduate from colleges and secondary schools and a large number of rural surplus labor migrate to towns and cities. We have implemented a proactive employment policy, encouraged the creation of jobs by business start-ups, extended support for key groups such as college graduates, and provided assistance to people struggling to find jobs. Over the past few years, over 13 million new urban jobs have been created on a yearly basis, and surveyed urban unemployment rate has been kept at around 5%. This is a truly remarkable achievement for a major developing country with more than 1.3 billion people.

We have encouraged more people to go for entrepreneurship and innovation. In recent years, China has earnestly implemented the strategy of innovation-driven development, and promoted mass entrepreneurship and innovation, he said.

Talking about poverty reduction, Chinese Premier said that China continued to raise the standards of basic social welfare for our people. China has put in place three social safety nets covering the entire population, i.e. basic pension, basic medical care and compulsory education. In the past 30 years and more, over 700 million Chinese have been lifted out of poverty, creating a Chinese miracle in the history of poverty reduction. We are now putting in targeted poverty alleviation efforts with the goal of taking the remaining 40 million rural poor out of poverty by 2020.

In the past eight years, we have invested over six trillion yuan in cumulative terms to ensure proper housing for over 80 million people by rebuilding more than 30 million run-down housing units. This

is equivalent to housing the whole population of a relatively big country.

Pleased as we are with solid performance of economic indicators, we feel even more encouraged by valuable changes in our economic structure. In recent years, we have not resorted to strong stimulus measure. Instead, we have kept readjusting our economic structure through reform and innovation and secured a major shift from too much reliance on export and investment to generating growth through consumption, the service sector and domestic demand. Last year, consumption became a primary growth driver, contributing 64.6% to economic growth; The added value of the service sector accounted for more than half, or 51.6% of GDP; Current account balance to GDP ratio dropped to 1.8%, showing that domestic demand has become a strong pillar of the economy. These major changes point to the qualitative improvement in the Chinese economy and have made our growth more stable and sustainable.

Proactive efforts will be made to expand opening-up and build a globally competitive business environment. We will further ease market access in service and manufacturing sectors, relax foreign equity caps in some areas of interest to foreign business, and advance and improve the negative-list regulation model. We will encourage foreign-invested companies to reinvest their profits in China, support multinational companies in setting up regional headquarters in China. We will treat domestic and foreign companies equally in the application of supportive policies, and roll out measures to help them get registered at one-stop services and have their application handled within a time limit. We will introduce one-trillion-yuan reduction in taxes and fees for businesses this year, which will be applied equally to foreign-invested companies. In the coming five years, China will import eight trillion US dollars worth of goods. A Chinese economy which enjoys a sound momentum in the long run and becomes increasingly open will remain the most attractive investment destination, he added. (PR)

(12) Peace not ...

Javed Bajwa.

"Our relationship is more important perhaps than ever before," McCain said.

This comes after two U.S officials told Reuters last month that U.S President Donald Trump's administration is exploring hardening its approach toward Islamabad over Pakistan-based militants launching attacks in Afghanistan.

On Sunday, McCain, who was accompanied by senators Lindsey Graham, Elizabeth Warren, Sheldon Whitehouse and David Perdue, said: "We will not have peace in the region without Pakistan."

Aziz said that the strategic partnership between Pakistan and the United States "was critical to achieve peace and stability in the region and beyond".

U.S officials say they seek greater cooperation with Pakistan, not a rupture in ties

Reuters reported that experts on America's longest war have said militant safe havens in Pakistan have allowed Taliban-linked insurgents a place to plot attacks in Afghanistan and regroup after ground offensives. Critics claim Islamabad is not doing enough to crack down on militants such as the Taliban and its affiliated group, the Haqqani network.

Islamabad Urges Resumption of QCG process

Meanwhile, Pakistan's ministry of foreign affairs said in a statement that Pakistan remained committed to supporting efforts for lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan. "The adviser (Aziz) said that Pakistan remained committed to supporting efforts for lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan. Adviser noted that QCG process remains a credible and effective vehicle to facilitate reconciliation and restore peace, stability and economic prosperity in Afghanistan," the statement reads.

The statement says Pakistan looked forward to constructive engagement with the United States on all efforts and initiatives that would lead to a stable and prosperous Afghanistan.

Aziz also said that Pakistan was ready to strengthen and deepen its partnership with the U.S to counter emerging terrorism threats including the expanding footprint of Daesh in the region.

McCain who has been a major critic of Pakistan has always criticized Islamabad's role in the fight against the Taliban and its offshoot the Haqqani network.

The U.S delegation visits Pakistan at a time that Washington prepares to announce its new war strategy in Afghanistan which also includes the deployment of additional forces in the country which has been grappling with a rising threat and Taliban insurgency.

"Pakistan has major importance for the U.S in South Asia. Afghanistan is a landlocked country, it is much smaller than Pakistan in terms of population; in their conclusions, the U.S never dares to frustrate Pakistan," said MP Abdul Wadoud Paiman.

"If the United States wants to honestly contribute in the war against terrorism, then it should strike terrorist safe havens and hideouts beyond the borders of Afghanistan," said MP Farooq Majro, referring to terror hideouts and safe havens in Pakistan.

Bilateral relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan have faced ups and downs in recent years over what the Afghan government calls the dual role by Islamabad in tackling insurgent groups on its soil and not taking serious steps to help restore peace in Afghanistan. (Tolonews)

(13) Visas Denied..

normally start with the dream of a child to do something great. We want to be that child and pursue our dreams to make a difference in people's lives."

After making a 500 mile journey to the U.S. embassy in Kabul to apply for visas, an embassy which had been targeted in recent bomb attacks, the girls were notified their applications had been denied.

Team sponsor Roya Mahoob of The Digital Citizen Fund told Mashable that the girls were devastated when they found out they would not be able to travel to the competition.

"The first time [they were rejected] it was very difficult talking with the students," Mahboob said. "They're young and they were very upset."

While the State Department has yet to comment on the exact reasoning for the girl's denial, their let down comes amid the United States' implementation of a travel ban of six Muslim-majority countries from entering the country.

A scaled-back version of President Trump's travel ban took effect Thursday evening, stripped of provisions that brought protests and chaos at airports worldwide in January yet still likely to generate a new round of court fights.

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling exempted people from the ban if they can prove a "bona fide" relationship with a U.S. citizen or entity. The Trump administration had said the exemption would apply to citizens of Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen with a parent, spouse, child, adult son or daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or sibling already in the U.S.

While Afghanistan is not one of the six affected countries, the revised order eases restrictions on anyone with a valid visa from entering the country, allowing groups like a Libyan high school team, a team traveling from Sudan, and a Syrian refugee team to travel to the U.S. and compete in the event.

The girls were notified by competition officials that they will instead be able to Skype into the event and show off their creations over the web. (CBC NEWS)

(14) German Envoy ..

was that there was a common threat out against all the foreign and government institutions in the region.

"This cold blooded act of terror can not be justified either politically nor religiously. Germany will be true to her Afghan friends, we will continue our cooperation and will support the Afghan government under more and more difficult conditions and the safety and security conditions. But we are determined to reconstruct our embassy, we will remain there and we will be here to help our Afghan friends," he said.

Meanwhile, ambassador for the U.S to Afghanistan Hugo Llorens, praised the police for having stopped the truck from gaining access to the Green Zone.

He said that these brave soldiers by defying the attacker saved the US embassy from a tragedy.

"Let's devote special recogni-

tion to these brave heroes who gave everything to save their fellow man, their courage and sense of duty possibly prevented a catastrophe in our embassy and I offer the heartfelt condolences of President Donald Trump and the people of the United States," said Llorens.

Meanwhile, the German embassy has been closed since the attack and many employees evacuated from Kabul.

Hassmann said: "We are determined. We will stay here." (Tolonews)

(15) New Alliance..

with his governor or with the CEO's second deputy," said Humayun.

Meanwhile, a number of MPs said the new coalition is against national interests and emphasized those who are inside government and receive a salary from government should not take an anti-government stance.

"These officials first should resign if they criticize government and want to form a coalition," said Lailuma Hakim, an MP.

"Every one of them are in charge of ministries and provinces and are included in the body of the government and their close men are appointed in all the embassies. We do not know what they want, do they want to plunge the country into a crisis," said Allah Gul Mujahid, another MP.

"Their actions are against what the people want and it is because today their personal interests are in danger," said Hamida Ahmadzai, another MP.

The new coalition was formed last week in Turkey by the three mainstream political parties. The leaders then listed a number of demands and said government needs to fulfill these. (Tolonews)

destroyed in the overnight offensive.

Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, confirmed Taliban had suffered casualties in Nawa district, but had no other details.

An inhabitant of the locality, who did not want to be named, also confirmed the offensive and said militants suffered heavy casualties but he was unaware about the exact figure.

Separately, 12 insurgents were killed during an airstrike in Bolan area of the capital, Lashkargah.

Security forces and civilian suffered no casualties in the Nawa and Bolan offensives, said Afghan.

However, Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesman, tweeted that security personnel suffered heavy casualties in Greshk and Sangin districts late on Sunday night.

Nawa had been the most secure district of Helmand in the past until it was overrun by Taliban last year and is still in their control. (Pajhwok)

(17) Australian ...

is expected that the project will start in the near future by the foreign company. This is a public works project," said Bakhtiar Najman, head of contracts for the commission. The planned Salang tunnel will be in the Awolanga area and will cut through the Hindu Kush mountains to DoShakh in Baghlan province. However, the total cost to build a new tunnel has not been set but the Ministry of Public Works has said it could be in the region of \$1 billion USD.

"Technical studies of this project will be completed by the Australian company over three years and the Asian Development Bank has promised to fund the project. Also there will be no problems in the implementation of the project," said Mahdi Rohani, a spokesman for the MoPW. Based on information from the ministry, a second tunnel is being considered in order to ease traffic flow through the existing tunnel, which was completed by the Soviet Union in 1964. (Tolonews)

(18) 3 Rebels Dead,...

of 14th police district of Kandahar city.

According to him, the drugs had been transferred to Kandahar from eastern Nangarhar province and were destined to be smuggled somewhere else.

There have been no arrests made so far in this regard; however, investigations into the incident have been ongoing, he said.

A day earlier, a person who was smuggling a kilogram of heroin to India was arrested by police at Kandahar airport. (Pajhwok)