

**(1) Kabul to Win...**

were committed to long term cooperation with Afghanistan. He said the Warsaw summit was an important event with regard to Afghanistan-NATO future military cooperation.

Aramaz said they had worked with the Afghan departments concerned in making their plans and preparations for the summit and all aspects had been covered. (Pajhwok)

**(2) Interior Ministry's ...**

training center, Gul Saeed, general manager at the center, Ahmaduddin Wahab, head of transportation at the center and General Zekria, operation commander at the training center are among those who were investigated over the incident.

This comes after suicide bombers on Thursday attacked a convoy of Afghan police recruits in Kabul, killing at least 30 recruits and wounding more than 50 others.

The incident happened when the police convoy was attacked in two-pronged explosions.

The convoy was on its way from Wardak province to Kabul on Thursday afternoon when it was hit, officials said.

The attack took place in the Qala-e-Haidar Khan area in Paghman district, Kabul province. (Tolonews)

**(3) Pakistan, US ...**

the Haqqani network.

Separately, Chief of Army Staff Gen. Raheel Sharif hailed an ongoing military operation in North Waziristan as a success. However, he called an unregulated border and troubled ties with Afghanistan major challenges to sustaining the achievements.

Speaking to a congressional delegation led by Senator John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the army chief also referred to the security challenges faced by Pakistan and its contribution to regional stability.

Pakistan's successes in war on terror and the need for effective border management to check illegal movements were also discussed, a statement from the military said about the meeting at the army headquarters in Rawalpindi. The Foreign Office said about Olson's meeting with Aizaz Chaudhry: "Both sides agreed on continued constructive engagement between Pakistan and the United States in the areas of trade, investment, education, health and energy."

Chaudhry renewed Pakistan's commitment to the Quadrilateral Coordination Group as an effective forum to facilitate an Afghan-led reconciliation process.

The return of Afghan refugees also figured at the meetings in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Olson also met Finance Minister Ishaq Dar. Olson appreciated Pakistan's efforts for long-term peace and stability in Afghanistan.

He recognised that Pakistan's role in hosting Afghan refugees for more than 35 years should not be forgotten by the international community. He stressed creating pull factors for sustainable repatriation of Afghan refugees. (Pajhwok)

**(4) Millions Squandered ...**

senator Rahmatullah Achakzai. Senator, Safiullah Hashemi also said, "Monitoring the projects is an essential need that the projects completes in an effective and standardize way."

Meanwhile, the minister of rural and rehabilitation who presented to Senate House for declaring its performances stressed on eradication of corruption and strictly implementing the underway projects.

"We will make further efforts for implementing the projects in the provinces, but due to the lack of security the equitable development is a difficult task," said Nasir Ahmad Durani, minister of rural and rehabilitation. Durani noted that currently, more than 5200 of large and small projects are underway in the provinces that cost nearly \$ 145 million. (Agencies)

**(5) Above 5,000...**

some specific provinces.

Durrani said investment in development projects in Ghazni, Zabul, Paktia, Nimroz, Farah, Maidan Wardak, Daikundi and Kunar provinces had been lowest before his becoming of MRRD minister.

He said implementation of development projects had been increased and balance observed in the mentioned provinces in 2016. He said some projects for unstable areas were also in the pipeline after security improvement there.

But Meshrano Jirga chairman Fazl Hadi Muslimyar said the ministry's current efforts at uniform development were not enough.

He asked the MRRD to focus more on less-developed provinces and said projects should implemented based

on people's requirements, not based on powerful individuals' demand.

Durrani confirmed in some cases his ministry faced with interference attempts of powerful individuals during projects' implementations, but said they had ignored such attempts. (Pajhwok)

**(6) China's Military ...**

Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul that the military assistance was formally handed over to the Afghan government by the Chinese authorities.

He thanked the Chinese government for the millions of dollars worth military aid and said the assistance proved that China and Afghanistan faced similar threats and would help each other in this regard.

According to Atmar, the military aid would take Kabul and Beijing relationship to new heights and would help Afghan army and police more effectively fight against terrorism and extremist elements.

Chinese Ambassador in Kabul Deng Xijun said his country enjoyed cordial relations with Afghanistan and the military assistance was a proof of that. He pledged China would provide more assistance to Afghanistan in future.

Earlier, Russia and India had also extended military assistance to Afghanistan in form of weapons and gunship helicopters. (Pajhwok)

**(7) King Salman...**

Movement Sheikh Rashid Al-Ghanoushi and OPEC Secretary General Mohammed Barkindo.

They attended Iftar banquet with Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

Moreover, the banquet was also attended by Emir of Makkah region Prince Khaled al-Faisal, advisor to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques; Prince Turki al-Faisal; Prince Mansour bin Saud; Prince Saud al-Abdullah al-Faisal; Prince Talal bin Saud; Prince Khaled bin Fahd bin Mohammed; Prince Fahd bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Mubarak; Prince Sattam bin Saud; Prince Mishari bin Saud, governor of Baha Region; Prince Sultan bin Salman, president of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage; Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz, deputy premier and minister of interior, in addition to number of princes.

Following Isha prayer, King Salman performed funeral prayer on the soul of Prince Bader bin Mohammed bin Abdulaziz at the Grand Mosque in Makkah.

The funeral prayer was also performed by Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and emir of Makkah Province; Prince Turki al-Faisal; Prince Mansour bin Saud; Prince Khaled bin Fahd bin Mohammed; Prince Sattam bin Saud; Prince Sultan bin Salman; and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, and a number of princes.

Then, King Salman and the brother and sons of the late Prince Bader received condolences from the princes. The king prayed to Allah Almighty to have mercy on the soul of the late Prince Bader.

On the other hand, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz discussed with Malaysian Minister of Defense Hishammuddin Hussein bilateral relations and means of supporting and enhancing them in all fields. They also discussed the latest developments in the Middle East, and the efforts exerted by the two countries towards them. (Agencies)

**(8) 81 Attorneys**

"Attorneys have a strong will to fight against terrorism and bring to justice terrorists and that's why the enemy targets them."

He said juke the security unit for judges, such a unit was being created for attorneys and the topic had been discussed with the National Security Council and work on it was underway.

Pajhwok tried to seek information about the number of judges killed during the past 14 years, but no one in the Supreme Court was willing to share information in this regard. (Pajhwok)

**(9) Afghanistan...**

provinces.

At the same time the MoCN says that saffron is a good alternative for poppy cultivation. Deputy MoCN Jawed Ahmad Qayem said if necessary attention is focused to those areas that are naturally susceptible for saffron production, more income would be earned.

He added, since Afghanistan agriculture is seasonal, and affiliated to certain geography, certain seeds are grown in special places like cotton in Helmand, pomegranate in Kandahar and saffron in Herat.

Afghan saffron is exported to India, Arabic and European markets and re-

cently an export memorandum of understanding was signed with China. Naqibullah Sultanzyoy an economist said, Afghanistan saffron enjoys good reputation in the world and the government should prevent its exports under the name of other countries. Unfortunately it has been happened that this golden plant has been supplied by Afghan businessmen in the name of other countries to the global markets.

Saffron which is also used in production of beverages and other medicines, have large number of customers in domestic and global markets. At present one kilogram saffron is supplied against Afs 100000. Prior to this, the leader of saffron Dealers Union had said that despite of all optimism and progresses in this field, Afghanistan still lacks standard laboratories and no local company has managed to verify the quality of Afghan saffron. This is one of our weak points.

Plantation of saffron is easy and its onion grows for many years consecutively. It requires less water. (Agencies)

**(10) 1st Female ...**

Afghan Women Network (AWN) head in Ghor, Nuria Navid, said women in the province had long been suffering from kangaroo courts, particularly in recent few years.

"We can mention Rukhshana case in Ghor last year. The government did nothing so far in her case, we hope Nagina Ghori who is aware of the problems of Ghor women would be able to eliminate violence against women and help them find justice," she said.

Rukhshana, a 19-year-old girl, was stoned to death in compliance with a kangaroo court orders and the unmarried man she had eloped with was whipped in Awdak Ghaleem village on the outskirts of Firozkoh, the provincial capital, on Oct. 25 by local Taliban militants.

Low presence of female officers Masuma Anwari, provincial women's affairs director, said even a single female officer had not been appointed in 25 departments of the province. She said 95 percent of women had no access to justice.

"Ghor women first need justice, without justice, violence against them cannot be eliminated," she said. (Pajhwok)

**(11) Afghanistan ...**

Jawed Ahmadi, Najibullah Zadran and Amir Hamza Hotak.

The reserve players include Nasir Jamal, Imran Jannat and Afsar Zazai. Scotland Head Coach Grant Bradburn said on the announcement of the OD's earlier in April that "Afghanistan have improved over the past year on the back of exposure to International cricket against full member nations. They fully deserve their current standing as one of the leading Associate nations, and we relish the chance to take them on at the Grange in July." (Tolonews)

had gone to Kabul and other places. Kamran Afridi said return forms have been sent through tribal elders to Afghanistan to be filled up by the displaced Pakistani families.

**(12) Pak Govt. ...**

He explained that every family has to provide details about the names of their members and CNIC along with their tribe and village.

He added that the identification process would be completed once the CNICs are verified by Nadra while taking care that militants aren't able to come back along with the returnees.

He said some preliminary work was done earlier by asking the displaced families to provide details of their livestock, vehicles and other assets.

He said a jirga of elders of the sub-tribes that shifted to Afghanistan was held at the border town of Ghulam Khan in North Waziristan to consult them about the plan to bring them home.

According to Kamran Afridi, the Afghanistan-based Pakistani families would be asked to enter Pakistan at the Ghulam Khan border in batches of 200.

"The government would provide transport to carry the returning Pakistani families to the Bakkakhel camp in Frontier Region Bannu. Like the other temporarily displaced persons, they too would be provided the Watan cards for getting compensation," he said.

As the government is planning to send home all the remaining displaced families from North Waziristan by November this year, those returning from Afghanistan would also be sent to their villages around that time.

The figure of 30,000-40,000 Pakistanis who migrated from North Waziristan at the time of the launching of the operation Zar-e-Azb provided by Pakistani authorities is much below than

given by the Afghan government.

At the time, Afghan officials claimed 22,722 Pakistani families totalling 186,711 had shifted to Afghanistan's Khost and Paktika province from North Waziristan.

Pakistani authorities had later claimed that about 30,000 Pakistanis had returned home from Afghanistan due to the tough conditions across the border. Some of these families living in the areas bordering Afghanistan had hurriedly left North Waziristan as it was easier to cross the border than reach Bannu due to the rush of people on the roads and lack of transport.

This was the first time that so many Pakistanis had migrated to Afghanistan. Until then, Afghans were coming to Pakistan to escape the fighting in their country or in some cases to avail better means of livelihood. (Agencies)

**(13) Taliban Split...**

similar efforts in other provinces as well," said Sayed Ahmad, a resident of Kandahar.

"We urge the warring sides to announce a ceasefire at least for one week and let the people celebrate the Eid festival in peace," said Ahmad Shah, also resident of Kandahar. (Tolonews)

**(14) Massive Taliban...**

5am on Friday. The insurgents made some advance towards the base, but later they were pushed back and forced to flee.

He put the number of Taliban killed in yesterday clashes at 15. He said fresh forces had arrived in the district.

The Taliban claimed capturing three posts in Jalrez and killing a number of security forces. Their spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid acknowledged the injuring of only three fighters. (Pajhwok)

**(15) Taliban's...**

used to manufacture IEDs. According to NDS, the Taliban militants were looking to use the weapons and explosives to plan and coordinate attacks during the Eid days in Balkh province.

NDS said the Taliban militants were looking to target the mosques during the Eid days as hundreds of people would gather for Eid prayers.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. (KP)

**(16) Social Media...**

also counting the minutes of their arrival, but it did not happen, the graduated students just brought with them home martyr certificates and went to grave instead of celebrating Eid," Fayaz wrote on Facebook page.

A large number of other Afghan social media activists shared similar greif and criticised the government for its failure to prevent such incidents.

"Officials in other countries resign even for a small incident, announce national mourning and put flags half-mast, but here more than a hundred people were killed and wounded last Thursday, but the incident was ignored like nothing had happened, our leaders are busy right now sharing government positions," another Facebook user, Javed Hamim Kakar, said.

Abdul Jamil Mullahkhalil, a social media activist, lashed out at the parliament for not summoning the interior minister over the tragic incident, calling lawmakers bribe-fed.

Ahmad Javid, who shared pictures of the victims and the interior minister visiting the injured at hospital, said "visiting the injured is useless when there is no management in place."

Another social media activist, Ifitikhar Ahmad Hamdard, said eyewitnesses believed the Paghman incident was a conspiracy because the explosives had already been planted on the police vehicles.

"We don't know the motive behind transferring such a large number of police cadets at once. Why such incidents happen repeatedly," he asked. (Pajhwok)

**(17) ISIS Execute ...**

which purportedly showed the execution of at least three individuals allegedly for having links with the Taliban group.

In the meantime, the loyalists of the terror group launched a major attack on police check posts in Kot district late last month.

The latest major attack by ISIS loyalists in Kot district comes as the terror group received major blows during the recent months as a result of the Afghan and US forces routine operations.

The US forces stepped up airstrikes against the ISIS loyalists earlier this year after they were granted more authorities by President Barack Obama. The increased raids against ISIS loyalists followed amid concerns that they are attempting to expand foothold

in the country besides attempting to consolidate operations with the terror group in Iraq and Syria. (KP)

**(18) Parents Left...**

such as Helmand and Kandahar. But he would phone his mother daily to assure her about his safety. "I would be so glad hearing about the safety and good health of my son."

She paused for a while, fighting back her tears and then continued: "Aminullah's cell phone was switched off for three days. I was concerned about my son and could not sleep a wink, thinking about him."

Next day, the body of her dear son was brought home. He was captured and killed by the militants after an attack on a police checkpoint in Maidan. Mina fell unconscious after seeing her son's mutilated body.

"Every time he would return home, Aminullah would bring me gifts and kiss my hands. I felt as if he has given me the wealth of the entire world," Mina remarked about her fourth and youngest son.

She planned Aminullah's engagement with a cousin. As a mother, Mina was keen to see this happy moment, but it turned out to be a dream gone awry. The body of her son was consigned to grave – and so were her dreams.

A doctor has told the woman she has lost her eyesight because of too much weeping and it recovery is impossible. "After the martyrdom of Aminullah, I have suffered a heart problem too."

"I have been taking medicine, but it hasn't worked," she said, adding: "I wish I had died before Aminullah. The shock of losing him is more acute than any other tragedy..."

After Aminullah's death, his family received 60,000 afghanis in assistance from the battalion he was working with. But the government had given her nothing yet, deplored the woman.

In addition to cultivation of their 3,000 square metres of land, her husband (Nasratullah) and three other sons do share-cropping, but it is hard for them to earn a livelihood for the family.

After the death of Aminullah, his three sisters have stopped going to school due to financial problems. Nasratullah, 60, could not forget his son for a moment and his eyesight has also weakened a great deal.

He would smile frequently during the interview while speaking about his son. But his grin was not voluntary, as the man has been suffering from a mental condition. (Pajhwok)

**(19) Hillary Clinton...**

"fully" expected herself to accept recommendation by FBI investigators on whether to bring charges related to Hillary Clinton's personal email setup.

At a press conference in March, 2015, Clinton acknowledged that she had exchanged about 60,000 emails from her private email account during her stint in the Obama administration, among which about half were personal and thus deleted.

In response to requests from the State Department, the Clinton camp turned over the other half, roughly 30,000 emails in total, to the State Department in December, 2014. (Xinhua)

**(20) California Governor...**

said he was pleased with the governor's action, though Brown did veto a few other proposed gun laws.

"Taken together, these bills will save lives and make our communities, our families and our children safer," de Leon was quoted as saying by local media.

However, Assemblyman Jay Obernolte strongly criticized the package of new laws, which he said clearly infringe on the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment.

"These new laws will not address the underlying problems of why gun violence occurs and they will do nothing to prevent another terrorist attack like the one that occurred in my county on Dec. 2 (the San Bernardino shooting)," Obernolte said. (Xinhua)

**(21) Assad Endorses...**

to be the Foreign Minister.

The Interior Ministry also retained its old Minister Muhammad al-Sha'ar, while the Ministry of Justice maintained Najm al-Ahmad as its minister. The new government didn't include any of the home-based opposition figures.

The formation of a new government came weeks after the Syrian parliament was elected among a boycott from the opposition.

The new government is the sixth to be formed under the presidency of Bashar al-Assad, who succeeded his father in ruling the country in 2000.

The last government was formed in August 2014, following the re-election of al-Assad, and was headed by al-Halqi. (Xinhua)

**(22) 79 People...**

with shoppers who are preparing their families for Eid al-Fitr, or the Festival of Fast-breaking, which marks the end of a month-long of fasting for Muslims, said the source.

The Iraqi capital was the scene of another attack after midnight when a booby-trapped car went off at Shallal popular market in Baghdad's north-eastern district of Shaab, killing a civilian and wounding five others, the source added.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi visited the scene of the massive suicide car bomb attack in Karrada Sunday morning, and promised to punish those behind the attacks, according to a statement issued by his office. (Xinhua)

**(23) Gaza-Bound ...**

fatal Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound Turkish flotilla in 2010.

The family of Oron Shaul, an Israeli soldier whose body is being held by Hamas in Gaza, and dozens of supporters rallied Kerem Shalom on Sunday morning, threatening to block the aid trucks. (Xinhua)

**(24) 9 Italians...**

10 females. Seven gunmen armed with blades, guns and bombs also murdered two Bangladesh police officers in the early hour of the attack.

Gunmen killed the victims soon after they stormed the Spanish restaurant – Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's diplomatic enclave Gulshan – in Bangladesh's worst hostage crisis, a spokesman of the Bangladesh Army had said in a media briefing on operation "Thunderbolt" that ended the 13-hour hostage crisis on Saturday. (Xinhua)

**(25) Over 35,000 ...**

part of the increase as 94 percent of car crashes are caused by human behavior or error.

So the government needs to focus its efforts on improving human behavior while promoting vehicle technology that not only protects people in crashes, but helps prevent crashes in the first place, Rosekind said.

In response, the NHTSA has convened a series of six regional safety summits with key stakeholders throughout February and March. (Xinhua)

**(26) Hezbollah Fighters ...**

Islamic State group are entrenched in the mountains along the Lebanese-Syrian border.

The Lebanese army regularly shells their positions while Hezbollah and the Syrian army have engaged in clashes with them on the Syrian side of the borders. (Xinhua)

**(27) Election of New...**

capital Addis Ababa in the middle of the week, Jennifer Chiriga, Chief of Staff of the AU Commission, provided a summary of the works of the permanent representatives committee (PRC), the Executive Council and the Assembly.

Chiriga said the Executive Council would review the recommendations of the PRC, recommend the budget for 2017 to the Assembly, and will also elect new commissioners and judges for the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. (Xinhua)

**(28) U.S. Senator...**

drone attacks are violation of the country's sovereignty and also harmed the efforts for Afghan peace.

Official and diplomatic sources said the objective of the visit of the top U.S. officials is to address to the concerns of Pakistan. McCain held talks with Pakistan Army Chief, General Raheel Sharif, at the military headquarters in Rawalpindi, the military said. "Pakistan and the U.S. need to cement relations in all dimensions and must strive for greater coordination for optimal deliverance of peace dividend in the region," the U.S. senator said in the meeting, according to a statement from the army's Inter-Services Public Relations. (Xinhua)

**(29) US Seeking ...**

US secretary of state said on June 28 that the administration of President Barack Obama will hold Iran accountable for its sponsorship of terrorism. However, Kerry at the same time expressed hope to use the promotion of trade with Iran -- for example, through the Boeing deal - to cause "transformation" in the country. (Presstv)

**(30) Tajikistan Looking...**

worth though, Tojiksodirotbank chairman Tojidin Pirzoda has shrugged off talk of insolvency.

"Rumors about Tojiksodirotbank being on the verge of bankruptcy have been spread by certain people and certain interested parties," he told state news agency Khovar back in January, without providing names or details. (EurasiaNet)