

(1) Ghani Expects...

opposed a large-scale crackdown against all extremist militants in Pakistan, warning that pushing too fast could lead to 'backlash' in the form of more terrorist attacks. Sartaj earlier this month "But there are risks involved of how far we can go and in what sequence we should go and in what scale we should go." He also added that the military acted "without distinguishing between 'good and bad' Taliban" but suggested that seeking a large-scale crackdown on all at once would overstretch the armed forces and lead to more terrorist attacks. However, the Afghan officials are saying that the leadership councils of the Taliban group and the notorious Haqqani terrorist network remains intact in Peshawar and Quetta cities of Pakistan from where they plan and coordinate attacks in Afghanistan. (KP)

(2) Decrees on...

house rejects decisions of the other, a joint commission comprised of an equal number of members from each shall be formed to resolve the differences. The decision of the commission, after endorsement by the president, shall be enforced.

"If the joint commission does not solve the differences, the decision shall be considered rejected. In such a situation, the House of People shall pass it with two-thirds majority in its next session. This decision, without submission to the House of Elders, shall be promulgated once endorsed by the president," the article adds. (Pajhwok)

(3) Lawmakers

achievement. The huge spending of the council worried many people." According to Haris, some members of the HPC got up to \$18,000 salary monthly. He questioned how an individual could accept this amount when he/she did nothing to bring peace to the country. He said: "The lawmakers will raise their vice against injustice otherwise the people will hate us."

But another Lawmaker Mohammad Hanif Hanafi showed strong reaction to Haris remarks and said that HPC Head Per Syed Ahmad Gilani never took amount \$18,000 in salary. Hanifi and Haris involved in verbal clash but security forces prevented the physical engagement. Deputy Senate Chairman Hasebullah Kalimzai who chaired the session asked the members to maintain discipline in the haul. He said the spending of HPC in recent years was not acceptable for lawmakers and to the people of Afghanistan. "If the HPC continued with no achievement than there was a question mark over its existence. The government should reconsider its policy regarding the HPC," he believed. (Pajhwok)

(4) Transport...

According to President special envoy on good Governance Ahmad Zai Masoud the growth of Transportation will boost the economy of a country. He said, "Government couldn't reform the Transportation sector we want to establish a reformation committee for further reforming."

Member of the following committee Minister of Transportation Mohammadullah Batash said, "We have begun reforming process, first of all the Electronic gates were installed in Kabul city, the second efforts are still underway." Meanwhile the other member of the committee Minister of Public Interests Mohmood Balegh said, "3 departments established We as supervisor will monitor their activities." (Agencies)

(5) Govt. Reviews...

of May, Hamidi said Afghanistan will witness an anti-corruption machine launch to start a major fight against the growing corruption in the country.

Afghanistan has been consecutively placed among the top three nations with most corruption during the recent years by international organizations combating corruption. President Ghani pledged a strict anti-corruption measure shortly after he was elected as the new President of the country, calling the growing graft a major barrier to implement reforms and bring changes. (KP)

(6) Hundreds...

easy, we had seventy or sixty people who were living in this camp. So right now it's above five-hundred people. So it will take months to cross here legally. Daily they will just send fifteen persons legally," an Afghan migrant, Mohammed Mortada said.

Another Afghan migrant Zaher Rajawi said that "they let each day only fifteen people. If (they let) more, it gets better to (for) us. Because we are human, we need human rights here." The United Nations Refugee Agency

(UNHCR) says the number of refugees and migrants on the Serbian side of the border has doubled to above 1,300 since last week - the majority of them women and children.

More than one million migrants crossed the Balkans last year to reach Western Europe before the route officially closed in March. (Tolonews)

(7) Number of ...

and activism coordinator at Amnesty International USA, said it's true that Amnesty International has continued to voice questions and concerns about the U.S. drones program, and it believes these disclosures are incomplete. "We'd like to see a year-by-year breakdown, information about who is being targeted and why, and names and identities of victims," Beavers told Xinhua. "But we also recognize these disclosures (are) ... a remarkable shift for the Obama administration, which until now has operated its drones program under the shroud of secrecy," she said. "This should be the beginning of the conversation, not the end," she added. Amnesty International has long been concerned that U.S. drones could be carrying out unlawful strikes under international law. (Xinhua)

(8) Nuristani Faces ...

against corruption. Insisting that the decision should be cancelled, Faisal said the selection would undermine the commitments and promises made by the government to the people and international community. Nuristani was supervising one of the most controversial presidential elections in 2014 as the Independent Election Commission Chief. The 2014 presidential elections was marred by massive fraud allegations that had put the country almost on the brink of a political crisis. The persistent deadlock resulted into the interference of the US Secretary of State John Kerry which led to the formation of the government of national unity. (KP)

(9) Afghanistan ...

Shop will enable citizen to receive their Tazkira (national ID cards), marriage certificate, driving license, car registration, plate number, birth certificate, death certificate, graduation documents and other documents in a short period of time. (Agencies)

(10) Nimroz Residents ...

in buses due to possible attack in the meantime the air travel was unaffordable too," he said. Gul Ahmad, a teacher of a school in Zaranj, said "The government should put pressure on private airlines companies to reduce the high price of air tickets." Currently the price of a single ticket from Herat to Kabul was 6,000 afghanis, but it cost 9,000 between Herat and Zaranj. But Hidayatullah Yaqubi, in charge of the Zaranj Airport affairs, said currently small airbuses could land and depart at the airport therefore the prices of air tickets were high. He said work on the new runway was underway and would be completed in the near future adding that more airplanes would be able to land and depart and the price of airfare would subsequently decline.

Deputy Governor Mohammad Qasim Khedri said the problem had been discussed with officials concern in the centre and they pledged to cooperate in resolving the issue.

The old Nizmoz airport was constructed for the first time in 1968, but its areas was small and local residents were constructed in the vicinity. But the new airport was established 25 kilometers from Zaranj City and was stretched in a huge area. The facility was being constructed at the cost of \$2 million and would be inaugurated in a week. (Pajhwok)

(11) Afghan Drivers ...

Afghans, including transporters, on June 1.

But the decision was retracted after three days when thousands of vehicles loaded with export and import goods, mostly perishable items, remained stranded on both sides.

But until the Eid festival, authorities allowed the Afghan transporters with route permits from the consulates in Peshawar, Kabul and Jalalabad. (Pajhwok)

(12) MoHE Expresses ...

have introduced a harassment prevention policy at educational institutions," said Farida Momand, the Minister for Higher Education.

The Ministry is concerned that the sexual harassment of female students can be a hindrance in the development of education in the country. "Our findings show that females do not feel safe at the academic institutions. The presence of female lecturers could play a vital role in preventing the harassment of female students," said Mohammad Osman Baburi Dep-

uty Minister. Statistics show that 35 percent of female students succeeded at universities this year, but the lack of safety for them and sexual harassment remained a big concern.

"Afghans with dignity are aware of rules and regulations. Why then do they allow the harassment female students? Why they do not let the girls finish their higher education?" asked Spozhmai Wardak, deputy Minister of Women Affairs. (Tolonews)

(13) Khalilzad...

agencies or military services aggressed against Afghanistan.

The hearing titled "Pakistan: Friend or Foe in the Fight Against Terrorism?" has been jointly convened by the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-Proliferation and Trade and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Khalilzad believed the UN Security Council was an appropriate forum, where the issue of Pakistan's aggression against Afghanistan should be raised.

"To help secure international support for a US-Afghan-sponsored resolution condemning Pakistan, Washington should declassify and broadcast information on its support for the insurgency and narcotics trafficking," he said.

Khalilzad, who served as the US Ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq and the United Nations during the Bush administration, alleged since the overthrow of the Taliban regime, Pakistan had been playing a perfidious and dangerous double game.

The May 21 killing of Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour in a US drone strike in Pakistan's southern province of Balochistan had created a golden hour to confront Pakistan, he argued.

"Washington can force Islamabad to make a choice: US aid and international support or a continued relationship with the Haqqani network and irreconcilable Taliban.

"Catalysing a decisive effect on Pakistani policy, however, will require the US to escalate pressure on Islamabad," he noted. "Otherwise the opportunity will dissipate," the diplomat warned.

(14) Russia Bans...

The decision was made "for purposes of preventing import of agricultural products under response economic measures established by Russian President [in respect of EU nations - TASS]," the Russian regulator said. (TASS)

(15) IS Militants...

militants have been pressing the villagers to join their rank in the fight against government, the official added.

Ignoring the activities of IS militants in Badakhshan province by central government would destabilize Badakhshan and the neighboring Takhar, Kunduz and several more provinces in the north and northeastern region of Afghanistan, the official warned.

Militants loyal to IS have been operating in parts of the eastern Nangarhar province over the past year and it is the first time that their activities have been reported outside Nangarhar in Badakhshan province.

Meanwhile, Badakhshan provincial police chief Ghulam Sakhi Ghafoori, in talks with local said that he would investigate the report on IS emergence in the relatively peaceful province. (Xinhua)

(16) NATO Support...

said Sayed Massoud, an economic analyst. "The continued cooperation is not an achievement of National Unity Government. The world and the people of Afghanistan believe that Afghan leaders are failing in their commitments to the international community," said Beshir Bezhn, a political analyst.

Provincial governors had a different view. They thanked the National Unity Government leaders for the aid and the pledges of cooperation they received from the NATO alliance in Warsaw. "We want to welcome and support our President and CEO for their efforts to attract the attention of the international community to Afghanistan," said Abdul Satar Barez, Baghlan governor. A number of government officials in Balkh province also linked the success of summit to the Afghan leaders and praised them for their efforts. "The international community is convinced that Afghans have the ability to fight terrorism in the current situation," said Asheq Sarwari action deputy governor. Experts believe that if the government failed to implement its promises in fighting corruption and bringing about political and electoral reforms and also do not practice good governance, the leaders will lose their credibility in the international community. (Tolonews)

(17) 7 New Sections ...

lost their lives in the first month after their birth, he said. Naeem called the CT scan a new technology in Afghanistan, but said there were not enough professionals in the country to operate the facility. However, he said the MoPH had launched a CT scan training programme for the capacity building of professionals. He said that the equipment repair centre was also important because such apparatus could not be used whenever they were slightly damaged or their parts stopped working in the past. An emergency section, laparoscopy surgery, aburnunit and construction of a waiting room were previously added to the hospital. (Pajhwok)

(18) 13 Taliban...

spokesman said the vehicle carrying the militants was struck by a drone. Meanwhile, local officials said intelligence agents arrested three Daesh and as many Taliban fighters during an operation in the province. The governor's house said the detainees were residents of Hisarak and Rodat districts. (Pajhwok)

(19) Peshawar School...

The attack. Officials in Pakistan reportedly stressed that after Mansour's death, they would target other militant leaders as well. "The focus would now be on getting Abdul Wali, alias Omar Khalid Khurasani, and Maulvi Fazlullah, also believed to be in Afghanistan," an official was quoted by the daily as saying. They have shared details about the two militants with Afghanistan and a coordinated operation to target the duo was underway. (Agencies)

(20) 9 Haqqani...

intelligence operatives. This comes as a group of 3 Haqqani network militants were arrested before they manage to carry out attacks in Kabul city.

Haqqani network was formed in the late 1970s by Jalaluddin Haqqani. The group is allied with al-Qaida and the Afghan Taliban and cooperates with other terrorist organizations in the region.

The network is accused of staging numerous cross-border attacks from their base in North Waziristan, including the 19-hour siege at the US Embassy in Kabul in September 2011. It is considered the most lethal insurgent group targeting the NATO-led coalition security forces and Afghan personnel in Afghanistan.

The US Department of State designated the HQN as a Foreign Terrorist Organization on September 7, 2012. (KP)

(21) Kunduz to ...

Will start in Zabul province and Behsud district in Nangarhar in the near future," he said, adding that the budget for Kunduz cricket ground will be paid by the ACB.

ACB officials said that six cricket grounds will be built in a number of provinces in the upcoming year. (Tolonews)

(22) Drug Addiction...

number of youth hold the same view. They asked the government to prevent the sale of drugs in the province. Sardar Wali, hailing from Lashkargah, alleged a woman and her three sons sold drugs openly in Semeti area.

"The woman, Zarmina, and her sons Lalai, Matan and Naeem are living in a house known as Zarmina House," he revealed. "The door to Zarmina House has a hole at the bottom. People place cash in the hole and take out drugs." Police twice raided the house, forcing a brief halt to the sale of narcotics. But a few days back, the unlawful business resumed again, according to Wali, who called for a crackdown on the people involved.

A man, who wished not to be named, claimed drugs were sold at many houses in Tor Tang and Jatan areas of the provincial capital.

In the not-so-distant past, former governor Mirza Khan Rahimi had acknowledged government officials were involved in the drug business, which had ruined the lives of many young people.

Abdul Majid Akhundzada, deputy head of the provincial council, also spoke of the involvement of some officials in drug smuggling. "A large number of youth are slipping into addiction due to the availability of drugs everywhere."

Counter-Narcotics Director Syed Ahmad Wror said: "I have informed security organs several times about the drug business going on in Helmand, but no one has taken action. They have held out empty promises."

Police detained several heroin sellers in Lashkargah over the past few months. But the provincial police chief, Aqa Noor Kintoz, said they had launched a campaign against opium

cultivation and drug smuggling.

Police have identified 18 places in the city where drugs are sold. Two suspects had been detained so far in connection with the illegal business.

Kintoz warned the security personnel aiding drug smugglers of deterrent punishments, including arrests. Around 100,000 people are said to be addicted to drugs across the province. (Pajhwok)

(23) Pakistanis...

from afternoon on Monday.

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

Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the insurgent groups are actively operating a number of the remote districts of Nangarhar province. The Afghan forces have stepped up counter-terrorism operations against the militant groups amid deteriorating security situation in the country. (KP)

(24) UN Begins...

setting a framework for reviewing and following up on implementation of SDGs." The theme for this is insuring that "No One is Left Behind," he said, adding that UN member states agreed on it in consideration of the state of the world's economy, "including a low level of growth and of course growing inequalities." (Xinhua)

(25) Syrian Army

historic citadel of Aleppo, where government forces have for long been stationing.

Pro-government reports denied the claim, amid a definitive truth that the city is living a bloody nightmare. (Xinhua)

(26) Modi Appeals...

curfew and separatist call for shutdown.

Hundreds of Indian paramilitary troopers and police personnel remain deployed across towns and some villages to enforce restrictions and prevent clashes.

However, reports of clashes between irate youth and government forces continue to pour in from various places.

About 350 people are reported injured in the violent clashes since Saturday with majority of them having firearm wounds. According to police, around 90 policemen were also injured in the crowd control. (Xinhua)

(27) US Figures...

government's long-term goal." It urged the creation of a direct diplomatic channel, with deputy foreign ministers at either end, which would obviate the need for the countries' top diplomats to contact one another. It also suggested the creation of a contact regime with "emergency communications capability." (Presstv)

(28) Turkey Keen...

right to down the Russian jet in November last year over border violations, which led to the breakdown in relations between Ankara and Moscow. (Xinhua)

(29) UNHCR Calls...

a daily average of more than 200 for July, noting that it expects a higher level of new arrivals once the border reopens. "Those that have managed to cross have reported indiscriminate attacks against civilians, with buses from Juba to the Uganda border being stopped and robbed," said the statement. In western Ethiopia's Gambella region, UNHCR has stepped up border monitoring with Ethiopia's refugee commission. Emergency preparedness is in progress in Kenya, Sudan and other neighbouring countries in case of a major influx. (Xinhua)

(30) At Least 20...

were also deployed to rush the most seriously injured passengers to nearby hospitals, including a child aged just a few years who was reportedly extracted from the wreck.

A technical failure could have led to the disaster, Rai said. The two regional trains, generally used by commuters and students, are run by an entirely private local company named Ferrotramviaria, it added.

"The situation is tragic. We saw two crumpled trains and a lot of people transported on several ambulances which were in trouble in reaching the open countryside," said a journalist at a local newspaper who rushed to the spot, Lucia Olivieri.

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi immediately left Milan in northern Italy, where he was about to inaugurate an exhibition, for Rome. "We will not stop until we will have found those responsible for the accident," he stressed. (Xinhua)

(31) China Statement...

practice of international arbitration, and that the Arbitral Tribunal has no

jurisdiction. On 29 October 2015, the Arbitral Tribunal rendered an award on jurisdiction and admissibility. The Chinese government immediately stated that the award is null and void and has no binding force. China's positions are clear and consistent.

2. The unilateral initiation of arbitration by the Philippines is out of bad faith. It aims not to resolve the relevant disputes between China and the Philippines, or to maintain peace and stability in the South China Sea, but to deny China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea. The initiation of this arbitration violates international law. First, the subject-matter of the arbitration initiated by the Philippines is in essence an issue of territorial sovereignty over some islands and reefs of Nansha Qundao (the Nansha Islands), and inevitably concerns and cannot be separated from maritime delimitation between China and the Philippines. Fully aware that territorial issues are not subject to UNCLOS, and that maritime delimitation disputes have been excluded from the UNCLOS compulsory dispute settlement procedures by China's 2006 declaration, the Philippines deliberately packaged the relevant disputes as mere issues concerning the interpretation or application of UNCLOS. Second, the Philippines' unilateral initiation of arbitration infringes upon China's right as a state party to UNCLOS to choose on its own will the procedures and means for dispute settlement. As early as in 2006, pursuant to Article 298 of UNCLOS, China excluded from the compulsory dispute settlement procedures of UNCLOS disputes concerning, among others, maritime delimitation, historic bays or titles, military and law enforcement activities. Third, the Philippines' unilateral initiation of arbitration violates the bilateral agreement reached between China and the Philippines, and repeatedly reaffirmed over the years, to resolve relevant disputes in the South China Sea through negotiations. Fourth, the Philippines' unilateral initiation of arbitration violates the commitment made by China and ASEAN Member States, including the Philippines, in the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) to resolve the relevant disputes through negotiations by states directly concerned. By unilaterally initiating the arbitration, the Philippines violates UNCLOS and its provisions on the application of dispute settlement procedures, the principle of "pacta sunt servanda" and other rules and principles of international law.

3. The Arbitral Tribunal disregards the fact that the essence of the subject-matter of the arbitration initiated by the Philippines is issues of territorial sovereignty and maritime delimitation, erroneously interprets the common choice of means of dispute settlement already made jointly by China and the Philippines, erroneously construes the legal effect of the relevant commitment in the DOC, deliberately circumvents the optional exceptions declaration made by China under Article 298 of UNCLOS, selectively takes relevant islands and reefs out of the macro-geographical framework of Nansha Zhudao (the South China Sea Islands), subjectively and speculatively interprets and applies UNCLOS, and obviously errs in ascertaining fact and applying the law. The conduct of the Arbitral Tribunal and its awards seriously contravene the general practice of international arbitration, completely deviate from the object and purpose of UNCLOS to promote peaceful settlement of disputes, substantially impair the integrity and authority of UNCLOS, gravely infringe upon China's legitimate rights as a sovereign state and state party to UNCLOS, and are unjust and unlawful.

4. China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea shall under no circumstances be affected by those awards. China opposes and will never accept any claim or action based on those awards. 5. The Chinese government reiterates that, regarding territorial issues and maritime delimitation disputes, China does not accept any means of third party dispute settlement or any solution imposed on China. The Chinese government will continue to abide by international law and basic norms governing international relations as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, including the principles of respecting state sovereignty and territorial integrity and peaceful settlement of disputes, and continue to work with states directly concerned to resolve the relevant disputes in the South China Sea through negotiations and consultations on the basis of respecting historical facts and in accordance with international law, so as to maintain peace and stability in the South China Sea. (Reuters)