

### (1) Al-Qaeda was...

very rapid – if you look into network theory, it shows that Daesh bypassed about four to five stages of network formation in a very short period. That means that innovation within the psychological system is very rapid.” He said.

“The level of territorial conquest Daesh has managed to achieve is unprecedented. It has managed to do, in a period of collapsed time, what took Al-Qaeda or other organizations years, or at times decade of planning. So, that speaks both of its own abilities, but also an enabling environment – the collapse of the Syrian state on the one hand, and the incompetence of the Iraqi on the other.” President Ghani added.

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### (2) Karzai Intends...

to avoid an open clash he might not win and tolerated the former president’s maneuvers to a certain extent in the past.

“In the political game, Karzai is leagues ahead of almost everyone else here. Frankly, he is leagues ahead of us too. It just took us a while to figure it out,” the source added.

In the meantime, the Aimal Faizi, Karzai’s spokesman denied the former president is building opposition and said “Meeting tribal leaders and elders from around the country is nothing new for Mr Karzai. This is how it used to be during the last 14 years.”

Faizi further added “It is the Afghan political culture and also his personal style. The strong bond between President Karzai and Afghan elders and leaders from all around the country can not be ignored by either side.”

According to Guardian, Karzai’s influence and interventions are increasingly seen as a threat to Afghanistan’s political stability by curtailing the erratic behaviour that so irritated his international partners during his near-decade long rule, casting himself as a genial statesman and supposed unifier of the country.

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Afghan and Pakistani spy agencies led to a conflict between Ghani and Karzai which gave a platform to the former president to launch an attack on Ghani that chimed with public opinion, the paper said, adding that many Afghans saw the deal as selling out to a sworn enemy and as a result Karzai come to be seen by many as a protector of national sovereignty.

Karzai has also been busy travelling to countries uncomfortable with closer Afghan-Pakistani cooperation such as India, China and Russia, in a bid to reinforce this image.

In the meantime, a political analyst Haroon Mir told the Guardian that the infighting could have a wider repercussions, pointing out that Ghani needs wide political support to begin peace talks with the Taliban.

“It’s not good at this time to lose political support or create opportunities for political opposition to emerge,” he added.

Karzai “is the only known political leader of Afghanistan”, Mir said, adding that “He has all the ingredients to be a national leader – many resources, political support, his own network of influential people. If there is a crisis, he will emerge as the only national leader.” (KP)

### (3) Direct Talks...

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gathering of women coming from Kandahar City, the provincial capital, and districts a day earlier.

The gathering which took place at the women’s affairs department was attended by the department head, Ruqia Achakzai, and the provincial peace committee members Shahida Husain and Zarghona Baloch, the provincial council member Sarina Faizi, defence lawyer Gul Maki and a representative of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission Zubida Kamal.

Jamila Yousafi said women in villages and remote parts could help with the peace process if work on creating awareness among them was done.

She believed enlightening women’s minds would mean progress in the reconciliation process and ending the turmoil.

She said women in villages should stop their brothers, sons and husbands from going to the war and invite them to lead a normal peaceful life.

She said women influenced many matters pertaining to their male family members and a wise woman could effectively play a positive role in shaping destiny of her family.

She called for creating awareness among women through an organized mechanism about the devastating effects of war in order to encourage them to stop their men from joining the conflict and raising their children in a proper way to make their future secure.

Kandahar Women’s Affairs director Ruqia Achakzai said now the time had come when men and women should make joint efforts at ending the conflict.

She urged female members of the peace committee to launch awareness-creating programmes for women in rural areas and inform them that the government wanted an end to the bloodshed and fratricide.

Peace committee member Zarghona Baloch said women could play a major role in bringing peace and stability to their villages and homes.

She said bringing peace needed efforts at regional and international levels and praised President Ashraf Ghani for his efforts in this regard since assuming office.

In this regard, she mentioned the recent direct talks between the government and Taliban representatives in Pakistan. Besides these efforts, she insisted, inclusive efforts should be made for peace and stability inside homes. (Pajhwok)

### (5) UN Links...

not finance Afghanistan’s elections.

Earlier, the CEO had promised electoral reforms commission would start work soon and present their suggestions to the government.

The UN special representative also welcomed first direct talks between Afghan government and Taliban representatives in Islamabad. (Pajhwok)

### (6) Japan Envoy...

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### (7) Kabul Bank...

crisis due to unauthorised loans and other anomalies.

Reports put at 937.7 million the loans issued to a number of people, including stakeholders.

The government says it has so far recovered \$437 millions. Twenty-four defaulters have paid back their debts until now. President Ghani said he was sure the banking system would be effectively managed under Khalil Sediq.

He said banking was one of important and vital institutes to develop the country’s economic

situation. A country without an active banking system could not be trusted and cannot improve its economy, he said.

“I want to make it clear that the Afghanistan Central Bank is paid a high attention, the new ADB chief would be independent to integrate Afghanistan monetary policy and improve the banking system at a level where our traders can openly make deals and enable Afghanistan to stand on its own feet,” Ghani added.

Khalil Sediq thanked the government for trusting him and said the banking system in Afghanistan faced many challenges and needed attention and wise steps to restore it.

He also said non-implementation of law, a weak management and leadership were the reasons that led the Kabul Bank into crisis.

“I hope we would resolve the Kabul Bank issue and new measures would be taken soon to have a strong and trustable banking system,” Sediq said. (Pajhwok)

### (8) Certain Elements ...

believe this peace process doesn’t serve their interests.”

Insisting on Pakistani army’s full support to Afghan peace process, Gen. Bajwa said “There is a political framework and a national thinking and Pakistan’s Foreign Office and the government represent it. The Pakistan Army also works in line with the same approach. It is a national decision. Every Pakistani is of the view there should be peace in Afghanistan and that the process should be Afghan-led and Afghan-owned so the Afghan government should have total control over the process and every segment should cooperate to serve this purpose.”

He also added that the military and political leadership were completely on the same page vis-à-vis the country’s Afghan policy.

“There shouldn’t be an iota of doubt about it. The political leadership says it will extend all possible help for the Afghan peace process. The military leadership says the same. And the Foreign Office also says the same thing,” Gen. Bajwa added.

Afghan officials met Taliban representatives on July 7 and 8 where the latter agreed to cease fire if Islamabad and Beijing guaranteed that a ‘united national government’ would be formed in Afghanistan, according to the paper.

The Afghan officials are expecting to hold second round of talks with the Taliban representatives after the holy month of Ramadan. (KP)

### (9) Efforts on...

Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the Nangarhar police chief visited the district a day earlier and directed security officials to increase the number of security posts for the protection of civilians’ lives.

“Police chief Brig. Gen. Fazl Ahmad Sherzad, who headed a delegation, inspected security posts in the district and recommended increase in and strengthening of security posts.”

Meanwhile, Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News the displacement of many families and burning of houses in the Achin district as a result of clashes between the two groups.

“We have reports civilian homes have been torched. The Islamic State group says they were attacked from these homes, but we are investigating,” the governor said.

The governor said some families had migrated from the Achin district to the Ghanikhel district, but did not reveal their numbers.

This scribe visited the Achin district on Monday and was told by a displaced person, Nimatullah, in Pandola area: “I with my family arrived here three days ago from the Mamond area. Here we reside with relatives.”

Nimatullah said they faced numerous problems and his 11-member family included five children. “We don’t want food from the government, we want peace.” He said dozens of other families had left their homes for other areas due to the clashes. There were no reports about fresh clashes between the Tali-

ban and the IS groups in the district. However, it is said the Afghan forces are preparing for an offensive amid time to time drone strikes in the area.

One of the latest drone strikes took place late on Sunday and according to local officials, a dozen militants, including a shadow governor and a district chief, were killed.

Earlier the spy service said IS Khorasan region chief Maulvi Hafiz Saeed and another key commander Shahidullah Shahid had been killed in a US drone strike, but an IS audio tape claimed Saeed was still alive.

The clashes have subsided and would further weaken with the killing of IS leaders.

Governor Kunduzi said the death of Taliban and IS leaders would weaken the morale of the two groups.

The clashes have been periodically ongoing over the past four months, but neither the Taliban nor the IS group have so far commented on the clashes. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Civilian Deaths...

unity government was sincere in peace talks and would allow no one to target civilians.

“We will take strong action against those who want to spread terror in Afghanistan,” the CEO added.

Abdullah said Afghan security forces would not remain quiet and were ready to frustrate terrorists’ plans.

“Our doors are open if anyone wants peace; but those who continue to fight and kill civilians, they should wait for their death as well,” he said.

Abdullah, during a visit to northeastern Badakhshan province today, also said Afghan forces would continue fighting terrorists and the Afghan people would be mobilised against them.

The CEO arrived in Badakhshan in the afternoon to meet local officials and tribal elders and listen to their problems. (Pajhwok)

### (11) Security Forces...

contacted him and has promised to use all options to eliminate insurgents. Faiq warned without due attention the entire province was in danger of falling.

Haji Mohammad Hashem, another Faryab MP, also confirmed security situation in six districts was a matter of serious concern.

He said security forces suffered heavy casualties but the figures were not clear since the posts were under Taliban control.

Meanwhile, Abdul Satar Barez, deputy governor, denied claims that some troops’ were beheaded, saying three posts had fallen in Almar. He added eight security forces had died and nine others wounded.

Operations have been launched to regain areas which were under Taliban control, Barez said.

The deputy governor said that Taliban shadow governor’s brother for Faryab was killed by security forces along with dozens of other insurgents. (Pajhwok)

### (12) Offensive...

Seven more armed rebels were apprehended and a heavy cache of weapons and several walkie-talkie sets seized in the Achin district.

Sediq also said around 5500 bullets had been taken into custody during the search operation.

“The interior minister visited Faryab province and found the security situation worst there,” Sediq replied to a question.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior said Mohammad Yaqub Haidari, a former agriculture minister-designate, had paid his taxes in Estonia and could visit that country anytime he wished. Sediq said Haidari had been accused of not paying \$50,000 which he had already paid. The Wolesi Jirga had rejected Haidari as minister-designate to head the agriculture ministry over Estonia’s allegation of evading taxes. (Pajhwok)

### (13) MPs Want ...

Rahmani, his colleague from northern Balkh province, said being Muslims and faithful, the lower house members should follow the case until its logical end.

He lambasted international hu-

man rights organisations and civil society activists for failing to prevent such attacks.

Another lawmaker Rubaba Parwani said Kabul police chief and the eighth municipal district police chief had the prime responsibility to arrest the individuals involved in raping and killing of the child.

Fawzia Kofi, a female lawmaker from Badakhshan, accused security officials of negligence in arresting the perpetrators of such accidents. She said father of the child had been tirelessly searching for his son’s whereabouts and finally found him mercilessly killed.

Deputy speaker Haji Qadir asked the house internal security commission to follow the case from all aspects.

Brig. Gen. Faridon Obaidi, criminal investigation chief, said investigations had been opened into the case and the perpetrators would be arrested soon. (Pajhwok)

### (14) DABS Engineer...

to be controlled from three different control centers.

“We applaud engineer Khaibar for his work to repair the control system and make Tarakhil Power Plant run more efficiently,” said William Hammink, Mission Director of the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

In early May, Hammink presented a US Embassy certificate to Khaibar at a meeting with DABS CEO Abdul Raziq Samadi and other DABS and USAID officials.

“I did not fix this problem just as part of my job,” Khaibar said, “I did it to fulfill my responsibility for my country and people.” In 2010, Khaibar spent five months in a USAID-supported training program for engineers in Turkey.

With USAID’s financial help, DABS is handling procurement of construction contracts to build more than 500 kilometers of transmission lines and several substations to connect power from Kabul to Kandahar.

The \$814 million Power Transmission Expansion and Connectivity project began in 2012 and is scheduled to be completed by December 2018.

The project is designed to expand and improve Afghanistan’s electric transmission system and build DABS’s ability to operate through increasing revenue production and reducing revenue losses. (Pajhwok)

### (15) UN Envoy...

The conflict in Afghanistan is resulting in thousands of people being killed or wounded, forcing families to leave their homes and seek refuge in neighbouring communities, according to Mark Bowden, the UN Secretary-General’s Deputy Special Representative in the country. (Agencies)

### (16) House Rent...

also noticeably risen in comparison to that of before.

Legislators in the Upper House of Parliament or Meshrano Jirga while expressing concern over the situation on Sunday’s session stated that both the militant groups use light and heavy weapons against each other in the fighting that spreads chaos in the area.

Fazal Hadi Muslimyar, chairman of the house said that some of the militant fired-rounds land on civilian houses and cause harm to them.

He urged government to take additional measures against these armed activities and bring people’s life back to normal. (KP)

### (17) 51 Insurgents ...

statement those killed include a foreign fighter and a Taliban commander by the name of Mohammad Wali and those wounded also include a foreigner.

The statement further adds that seven soldiers from Afghan National Army also embraced martyrdom due to landmine explosions and insurgent fire.

The statement does not specify the exact location of the incidents.

Afghan security forces have launched large-scale independent operations against militants across the country. National security forces started conducting independent operations after taking full responsibility from

NATO forces at the beginning of this year.

Ministry of Defense claims to have killed thousands of militants during these operations. (KP)

### (18) Tribal Elder...

from Narkh district late Sunday.

Sarwar Ahamdzai was living in Jalrez district and he was a leading elder and played a significant role in disputes solution.

Governor Hayatullah Hayat condemned assassination of Ahamdzai and formed a team to investigate the incident and take the perpetrators to justice. Taliban did not comment on the incident so far.

Separately, two women were found dead in Ghulam Khan area in the capital of Farah province.

Provincial police spokesman Iqbal Baher said the slain women could not be identified. He said police have shifted bodies of the women for investigation. Abdul Hakim Rasooli, director civil hospital, said the slain women have gun shots on their bodies. (Pajhwok)

### (19) Traffic Accident...

and put behind the bars by the security forces.

The victims have been transported to the civil hospital in Ghazni city for treatment.

Baz Mohammad the head doctor in Ghazni’s civil hospital said that four of the victims are being in critical conditions.

Unprofessional driving and damaged roads are considered the main causes behind road accidents in Afghanistan which claim the live of dozens of people every year. (KP)

### (20) Twin Explosions...

explosion in the vicinity of Bagrami district on Saturday afternoon.

The anti-government armed militant groups also launched coordinated suicide attack on NATO troops convoy and the Afghan intelligence compound in capital Kabul a week ago.

According to the security officials at least three people were injured in the attack on NATO troops convoy while a security guard of the NDS compound was killed along with three suicide bombers in the second attack on the intelligence compound. (KP)

### (21) Unidentified...

studying in this school. This is at least sixth attack on schools in the eastern part of the country this year.

On the night of January 29, a group of unidentified gunmen attacked two schools in Haska Mina District of Nangarhar province. They blew up the girls’ school with bombs and broke windows and doors of the boys’ school.

Another girls’ school was blown up with bombs in Naray District of Kunar province on the night of February 7.

Following this incident, a school was blown with bombs in Mohmand Dara District of Nangarhar province on the night of February 9. Two days later another school came under attack in Kunar province. Unidentified gunmen went to a school in Sarwan area of Dangam District and set it on fire on the night of February 11. There is no claim of responsibility for these attacks.

Security officials after every incident have said that an investigation is underway to detain the culprits but six months pass and there is no report of the arrest of any suspect into this connection. (KP)

### (22) WB, IMF...

ing countries are to be able to finance the spending they need on public services, social support and infrastructure,” said IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde. “But experience shows that with well-targeted external technical support and sufficient political will, it can be done.” (Xinhua)

### (23) Turkey PM...

sides to understand each other,” Davutoglu told reporters in Ankara after a more than one-and-a-half hour meeting with Kilicdaroglu. (AFP) Davutoglu said he told Kilicdaroglu that Turkey needs a government as soon as possible -- a view shared by the CHP leader. (AFP)