

**(1) 161 Dead**

whose followers are blamed for the coup.

A country that will stand by cleric Gulen won't be a friend of Turkey and will be considered at war with Turkey, he pointed out.

Gulen has been living in self-imposed exile in the United States for years. (Xinhua)

**(2) Kabul Supports...**

said Kabul hopes that the elected government of Turkey remains sustainable so that the Turkish people live in a peaceful and stable environment.

On Friday, an army group in Turkey officially declared a coup and martial law late, saying they had taken control of the country.

But later, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his government was working to crush the coup attempt after a night of explosions, air battles and gunfire across the capital. At least 90 people were killed and 1,154 wounded in Turkey coup attempt, Turkey's state news agency said. (Tolonews)

**(3) Govt. Fully ...**

said he welcomed the efforts by the unity government to make progress on holding elections. The UN special representative, along with other members of the diplomatic community, expressed support to the government's efforts to hold elections, and asked the government to outline a realistic timeline.

President Ghani expressed gratitude for the support, and said he has assigned working groups to prepare for the financial and security aspects of the elections. He announced the allocation of US\$10 million from the Afghan budget to assist with preparations.

"I welcome your continued support so that we can move swiftly once parliament adopts the electoral law, hopefully next week," the president said to them in attendance.

Yamamoto told the president that the United Nations is ready to assist the government in its efforts to prepare for an Afghan-owned and Afghan-led elections process.

The meeting participants agreed to meet regularly to review progress and preparations, the statement concluded. (Pajhwok)

**(4) Kabul Municipality...**

the Gubahar Centre 169 million afghanis in a land deal, the Onex 485 million afghanis, Sultan Mahmood-i-Ghaznivi Company 780 million afghanis and the Afghan Mashal Company 42 million afghanis.

He did not mention other companies and individuals who owed huge amounts to the municipality, but said the list was very long.

He said hundreds acres of land in different municipal districts of Kabul City had been grabbed and converted to plots.

Habibzai believed high ranking officials might be involved in land grabs but they were not authorised to name them until they were referred to court.

Asmae Zone police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahmani said law would implement without any discrimination because it was the duty of police.

He said Kabul police would take every action possible against criminals in line with the laws. (Pajhwok)

**(5) Critics Urge ...**

group within the span of a few weeks.

Ghani also vowed to make sure sufficient weapons were made available to troops in their campaign against Daesh and other insurgents.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and his colleague the Ministry of Defense (MoD) in their separate statements have said that the insurgents do not have the ability to fight the Afghan security forces face to face in the battle ground during the current year.

"What relations does Daesh have with us? Are we sharing forefathers? Tell me what we share together, what dispute do they have with us. I want to announce from this platform that the brave Selab Army Corps will destroy Daesh within a few weeks," said Ghani.

There is a perception that Ghani's orders have changed nothing on the battlefield.

"The existent plan will remain in place, those who implement these plans are mafia, it is linked with the foreigners and the fifth pillar," military analyst Atiqullah Amarkhail said. In addition, Ghani said that the Afghan security forces will be well equipped within the next three years.

"In the next three years, the Afghan security and defense forces will be provided with more equipment, cooperation and funding," Ghani said while referring to NATO commitments to Afghan troops.

"I want to assure you that even a single soldier will not be reduced from 352,000 soldiers who already serve in the ranks of Afghanistan's defense and security forces," Ghani added.

The Ministry of Defense (MoD) has said that the security forces have inflicted major defeats to the insurgents, but urges that alongside night time military operations and air strikes, the zonal army corps also conducting five to twenty operations daily in five to 20 provinces.

"When the president ordered to eliminate the Taliban in Helmand, the plan was implemented 100 percent, but this is a guerrilla war, it is difficult to control all activities, if a diplomatic solution is not found to the issue, we have decided to eliminate them," MoD spokesman Dawlat Waziri said.

"More threats are found compared to the previous year, it shows that the enemy has been weakened," MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said.

There are however criticisms that those leading the war in the country have not been able to implement the president's orders. (Tolonews)

**(6) WJ Fails ...**

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.

The Meshrano Jirga or upper house has chosen its seven members for the team. They include senators Hasibullah Kalimzai, Maulvi Mohiuddin Munsif, Mohammad Hassan Hotak, Farhad Sakhi, Aziz Muleh, Anarkali Hunaryar and Sediqa Balkhi.

But the Wolesi Jirga, which was expected to introduce its members last Thursday, failed to do so.

Sharifi Balkhabi, Sarwar Faiz, En.g Zekeria Zekeria, Mohammad Naim Hamidzai Lalai, Kamal Nasar Osoli, Humaira Ayubi, Musa Khan Nsrat, Mullah Sayed Mohammad Akhundzada, Abdul Qadir Zazai and Abdul Sattar Khawasi were introduced today to the house's administrative board as nominees for membership of the joint parliamentary team.

However, all the nominees were rejected by a majority of the lawmakers and the relevant commission was tasked again with introducing other nominees for the team's membership.

After long discussions, Wolesi Jirga speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahim announced that 10 members of the house had suggested each nominee should be voted individually.

The house finally decided to dedicate individual ballot box to each of the nominees. Ibrahim said the house would take a decision on the matter in Monday's session. (Pajhwok)

**(7) Peace can't ...**

statement of July 6, in which he directed Pakistani military commanders, intelligence and law-enforcement agencies to take concrete measures to deny any militant group safe haven or the use of Pakistani soil to launch attacks in Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

**(8) Ghani Calls...**

health. Umar Mansour, alias Khalifa Mansour, alias Umar Naray, was killed, along with another militant leader Qari

Saifullah, in the US drone attack in the Bandar area of Afghanistan's Nangarhar province on Saturday. (Dawn)

**(9) US Provides 4...**

detect suspected individuals and materials.

He said the scanners would help prevent insecurity incidents and might prevent suicide bombings as well.

He said the US government was committed to equipping Afghan security forces in different sections and would continue assisting them in future.

Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, 101 Asmaye Zone police commander, said these advanced and moveable scanning machines would prevent the transfer of explosives into Kabul and outside of Kabul.

He added one of the special features of the devices was their easy movement from one place to another. The scanners could be shifted easily to areas where they were needed, he said.

A few days back, China also provided 400 military equipment including four security scanners to the Ministry of Interior.

Officials say installing the scanning machines would be very useful in preventing explosives from being brought to Kabul city. (Pajhwok)

**(10) Major Operation ...**

terror group with the Afghan people, President Ghani ordered the 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan National Army to completely root out the terrorists from Nangarhar.

President Ghani further added that the difficult days in the country have gone but he cautioned that the enemies of Afghanistan are still plotting destructive activities.

He also visited the residents of Kot district and hailed for their resistance and fight against the loyalists of ISIS terrorist group. The remarks by President Ghani comes as ISIS loyalists have been attempting to expand foothold in the country, an attempt that has forced the Afghan and US forces to step up strikes against them.

The US forces are regularly conducting drone strikes against the loyalists of the terror group in the restive parts of Nangarhar besides the Afghan forces conduct air and ground raids. (KP)

**(11) Ireland Vs ...**

series, failed to carry on the momentum putting up an insipid display with the bat, scoring only 236 runs in their innings. Keeper-batsman Mohammad Shahzad once again saved the team's blushes, scoring 81 runs, this in fact was his third consecutive fifty in ODIs.

Besides Shahzad, Mohammad Nabi has been the only player who has contributed to Afghanistan's cause in the series so far, which will be a concern for the team management. New coach Lalchand Rajput will need to ensure that the players standards don't dip and that they keep on improving as they push for a place in Test cricket. (Agencies)

**(12) Kandahar...**

and equipment prevents them from providing a good service to their patients. They called on the relevant government institutions and on the international community to help Kandahar's health department overcome their challenges.

"The obstetric gynecology unit of the hospital faces a lot of shortages; dozens of patients consult the hospital daily but there is not enough space for them to be treated properly, therefore the infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rate have increased. We call on the ministry of health to tackle the problem," said Dr. Farish-ta, head of the obstetric gynecology unit at Mirwais Hospital.

According to hospital officials on average between 70 an 80 babies are born at the hospital every day.

"I want the government to tackle the problem so that the infant death rate and maternal death rates are decreased," local resident Gul Makai said. Meanwhile, the acting head of

Mirwais Hospital has strongly criticized the ministry of health for not paying enough attention to the health sector in the province.

"We ask the local officials and ministry of public health to equip the hospital according to international standards so that the doctors are able to provide better help to the patients," said Ali Ahmad Qane, head of Mirwais Hospital.

Mirwais Zonal Hospital is one of the biggest health centers in the southern region of Afghanistan - and deals with hundreds of patients daily despite its challenges.

According to a UN survey, decades of grinding conflict and repressive attitudes towards women had led to enormous maternal and infant death rates in Afghanistan.

By 2002, Afghanistan's maternal mortality rate was one of the highest in the world. For every 100,000 live births, some 1,600 women died from causes related to pregnancy or childbirth. (Tolonews)

**(13) Civilian Casualty ...**

Kabul on Thursday that many of those affected were farmers who were missing critical sowing and harvest times.

Statistics show that the ongoing conflict has displaced up to 10,000 families only in the southern province of Helmand.

"Until now more than 10,000 families have been displaced, we have brought them under our relief and rescue program," said Omar Zuwak, spokesman to the Helmand governor.

"The government has more responsibility than any other organ for protecting civilians as it is the duty of the government to provide security to each national of the country," AIHRC member Abdul Rahman Hotak said.

In 2015, civilian casualties unprecedentedly increased in Afghanistan. A UN report says that between the month of August and October of 2015, up to 6,000 cases of violence were recorded in Afghanistan in which 3,600 civilians were wounded. (Tolonews)

**(14) 4 Kidnappers ...**

and said they kidnapped his son on his way to school before the month of Ramadan. He said the government should continue punishing such criminals in order others learn a lesson.

A resident of Mazar-Sharif, Mohammad Rafique, who attended the trial, appeared convinced with the verdict.

He said if the government kept silence over crimes and took wrong decisions, it would deny justice to the victims. He said keeping silence against injustice fueled crimes. (Pajhwok)

**(15) Sherpao Calls ...**

former chief minister noted, saying Pakhtun political leadership should be taken into confidence on the process of overcoming the trust deficit between the two countries.

He called for the governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan to adopt concrete steps to evolve a strategy for bringing lasting peace to the region. Acrimony between the neighbours did not serve the interest of either nation, he concluded. (Pajhwok)

**(16) Call to End**

Ghaffar said his 27 years old brother Gul Mohammad was a member of the intelligence service in Tanai district. In the second year of his service, he was killed.

"It was the month of Ramadan. A few minutes before Ifar, Gul Mohammad was on his way home. But he fell victim to the car bomb attack that targeted the Champion Airport of US forces," he recalled.

In the final of Ramadan, they were making preparations to celebrate the Eid, but their joy turned into tragedy. "My brother leaves behind two sons and two daughters. His elder daughter is 10 and son eight, a second grade student."

Apparently distraught, Ghaffar said: "The small orphans still don't know their father is dead and ask daily when their father will return. But we have been using evasive tactics." A printing press worker, he has

a reasonable salary, supporting his family and that of his brother.

While asking the government to punish the killers, he urged the warring parties to stop shedding the blood of civilians. The man called for the insurgents to join the peace process and work for the reconstruction of their country.

He said the government had provided his familysome aid, but that could not meet the needs of the orphans.

Provincial council secretary Qadim Afghan acknowledged war victims often did not receive assistances in time due to the negligence of government officials. Humanitarian organisations could not reach the areas to help needy families, he said. "Information about victim families is not shared with the government or donor agencies in time. The government has no access to scene of the incidents," he added.

A civil society activist, Abdul Jabbar Jabbarkhel asked the authorities to create an effective mechanism to assist the war victims promptly. "It would boost the morale of the people if the victims are assisted through a transparent process," he explained.

Pajhwok tried to approach security officials on the investigation of the car bombing, but they did not answer calls.

Meanwhile, the governor's spokesman, Mubarez Mohammad Zadran, said the local administration remained committed to helping the victim families.

Governor Hukam Khan Habibi has instructed the Afghanistan Red Crescent Society (ARCS), the Department of Rehabilitation and Rural Development and the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) to assist the victims.

"The governor has also asked the UNHCR and other organisations to assist war victims in addition to helping the displaced people," the spokesman concluded. (Pajhwok)

**(17) Anti-Polio...**

teams have been constituted to administer polio drops to the target children of KP, where a considerable decline has been seen in polio cases. The campaign will be conducted in Peshawar, Bannu, DI Khan, Tank, Karak, Kohat, Hangu and Lakki Marwat.

Stringent security arrangements will be made for the teams in the targeted areas while international agencies like WHO and UNICEF will utilise their resources to make the campaign a success. (Pajhwok)

**(18) Experts Call...**

United States over its backing of the Taliban and other militant groups that wage war in Afghanistan.

It appears that growing international pressure has been pushing Pakistan into a corner. "If we fail to take advantage of the opportunity, certainly Pakistan knows how to deceive the international community," law expert Nasrullah Stanekzai said.

The statement comes a few days after President Ashraf Ghani in his speech to NATO leaders in Warsaw strongly criticized its counter-terrorism policy.

"Afghanistan must submit all evidences it has to the world countries and declare Pakistan as a state-sponsor of terrorism that trains and funds terrorism," MP Dawoud Kalakani said.

"An effective policy of Afghanistan is helpful to motivate the international community to put pressure on Pakistan to enter an effective counter-terrorism fight," political analyst Sediq Patman said.

Two days ago, Rahmatullah Nabil, former chief of Afghan Spy Agency - the National Directorate of Security (NDS) - released some documents that shows that money provided by the U.S government to the Pakistani military for fighting terrorism is in fact spent by Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) on promoting and supporting terrorism. (Tolonews)

**(19) Increasing Highway...**

road near security posts.

"They are apparently security officials because a few days ago robbers forced passengers to disembark from vehicles and looted them near the Wir military base in the presence of security officials, including foreigners."

Driver Abdul Bari said: "Most of the times these robbers loot passengers and if they don't find money with passengers, they threaten them with death and sexual attack on their females."

He said if the robbers were not prevented, the people of Khan-shin would be unable to visit Lashkargah.

Other residents of the district held similar views and urged the government to take action against the robbers.

Helmand police chief Brig. Gen. Aqa Noor Kentoz also did not rule out robberies on the Khan-shin-Lashkargah highway but said often militants committed such actions in order to defame security forces.

He said the people of Khan-shin had so far not formally registered any complaint, but they had sent a delegation to the area to investigate the issue.

Khan-shin is located 200km south of Lashkargah. (Pajhwok)

**(20) Uruzgan's...**

from the scene.

He said the dead included an eight-year-old boy and a 20-year-old youth. He said the injured were being treated at the hospital and their condition was out of danger. (Pajhwok)

**(21) Aerial Bomb...**

northern countryside of Aleppo into the city's rebel-held eastern part.

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**(22) Japanese...**

spokesperson to comment on remarks by the United Nations on its official microblog that it has nothing to do with the arbitration tribunal that handled the South China Sea disputes. The spokesperson said "I need to clarify on this," but did not answer the question. (Xinhua)

**(23) Greece Supports...**

Kotzias, who was in the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator for the 11th Asia-Europe Meeting Summit, cut short his visit to the country and flew back to Athens.

The Greek Foreign Ministry said so far no Greek nationals have been reported among the casualties. (Xinhua)

**(24) Iran, Turkey ...**

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Binali Yildirim were no more in charge.

A group calling itself the "Council for Peace in the Homeland" declared martial law and a curfew in the statement.

The Turkish president ended uncertainty over his whereabouts, flying into Istanbul airport in the early hours on Saturday after news emerged that the most serious challenge to his 13 years of rule had been thwarted. (Presstv)

**(25) Israel Says...**

Death toll has risen to 161, with 1,440 wounded, according to Turkey's Prime Minister Binali Yildirim in Ankara on Saturday.

At least 700 unarmed soldiers at the Turkish military headquarters have surrendered, the report said.

On June 27, Israel and Turkey announced an agreement to normalize relations between them, nearly six years after an Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound Turkish flotilla killed 10 Turkish pro-Palestinian activists in 2010. (Xinhua)