

### (1) Time to Invest...

About Dari scholars, he said, "Dari language is one of the means to express deepest emotions, the language is the product of our history, investing in language is not less than investing in infrastructure."

Ghani said it was the time to invest in culture besides improving the country's security and economy.

He said there was a huge written work in Dari language and major poets in Afghanistan were Dari speakers. "The need is the younger generation should identify the deepness of their culture", he said.

The president said less work had been done on the history of Dari language and no efforts made for a clear continuation of the language.

"The question of the history is why and how Dari language is spoken in Iran and India? We should confidently answer that Dari is ours and we belong to it, there is no doubt in it," he said.

Ghani said more work should be done for progress of Dari language and universities, Academy of Sciences and scholars should research about it. (Pajhwok)

### (2) 45 Incidents of ...

"Our registered figures which are authentic incidents of violence against journalists show the perpetrators of these incidents still pose threat to journalists in Afghanistan," he said. (Pajhwok)

### (3) US, Pakistan ...

let any extremist group such as Daesh to stay in Afghanistan and no one should grow them here."

He said ensuring peace was possible with the unity of Afghans. "We know the US and Pakistan have important role in the Afghan peace because. They started the war in our country and they should it."

Karzai said the US and its allies should have full confidence of Afghanistan's neighbors and Iran should fully trust the peace process as well as the US and its allies should not use the Afghan land for its dispute with Iran.

"Pakistan's intelligence agencies in collusion with US intelligence created extremism in Afghanistan, the Afghans should no longer become victims of US-Pakistan deals," he said.

He was also hopeful about US, China and Russia trilateral meeting and said the Afghan peace process should not become a rivalry process between super powers.

"This process should not be a process of confrontation, but a process of cooperation of powers", he added. "We do not want the peace to turn into another page of instability in Afghanistan," Karzai said.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, who was also present in the conference, said now was the time for direct peace talks between the government and the Taliban so the Afghans on their own determine their fate. (Pajhwok)

### (4) Time for Direct ...

then we reserve no right to blame others. We must develop a responsible attitude," the CEO remarked.

He cited that there was a good opportunity for peace which must be seized. Referring to Taliban's proposal for talks, he said: "When they say they believe in peace and we are in favour of a peaceful solution. They view the presence of international forces the only problem." The CEO added: "They should honor a ceasefire agreement. If the Taliban say they want truce with NATO but not with the Afghan government, this is not possible."

According to CEO, there is a time for talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government. Serious negotiations should begin, he stressed.

About talks between the US and Taliban, Abdullah said it was time for the Afghans to decide their fate themselves. He supported the initiative to arrange such conferences about the peace process and promised to work honestly for lasting peace in the country. (Pajhwok)

### (5) President Has ...

Because the responsibility of its publication goes to our former president and the incumbent president. I delivered the report to both of them and both

were asked to publish it, but they did not want to publish it. But it is a need to provide the report to the future generation of Afghanistan which involves over 20 years history of Afghanistan which has been documented," said Samar.

"The most important thing is to take those measures which could stop the cycle of violence in Afghanistan. But we are aware that the Afghan government so far has not taken any step. Therefore the responsibility goes to the Afghan government and the international community rather than the independent human rights commission," said AIHRC commissioner Musa Mahmoudi.

TOLOnews' reporter couldn't get a message from the presidential palace and former president Karzai.

Meanwhile, the human rights commission has called both on the Afghan government and the international community to work together for giving an end to the culture of impunity, particularly against those who are accused of crimes against humanity.

The Transition Justice Report has documented events of crimes against humanity in Afghanistan between 1988 and 2001. However, in 2006, the Afghan parliament approved legislation based on which, those involved in the violation of human rights and crimes against humanity over the past three decades are granted some type of impunity.

"The commission still wants to see that serious measures are taken for accountability for justice, removing the culture of impunity. We had program and has it now too and it is a serious recommendation regarding the transitional justice; its second portion which comprises events of numerous and unprecedented crimes such as bombings, suicide attacks, attacks on mosques, health centers, educational centers, schools, inhuman tortures and these are the issues which need to be shared with the people of Afghanistan," added Mahmoudi.

"We have not lost many issues when it comes to the issue of transitional justice. You imagine when someone in parliament comes and say that person is free and they can not implement human rights on us, but today in his speech, the same person repeat the term of human rights three times in his speech, isn't it like that? Transitional justice does not mean only execution," said Samar.

With all the episodes which have out of the three decades of war, a new report by the AIHRC indicates that 98.5 percent of the Afghans are supporting the current political system and only 1.5 percent have supported the return of Taliban's Islamic Emirate system of governance. (Tolo news)

(6) UN Looks to... continue to provide the Secretary-General with advice on mediation initiatives and back specific mediation efforts around the world, as part of a "surge in diplomacy for peace" in support of the prevention and mediation efforts of the United Nations.

As mandated by the United Nations Security Council, the United Nations remains committed to strengthening human rights and supporting a truly independent national human rights institution in safeguarding fundamental freedoms in Afghanistan. As peace efforts intensify, it is vital to protect and preserve the human rights of all Afghans, including women and girls. (PR)

(7) Electoral Team ... stressed the need for a high level of vigilant in order to stop rigging and fraud. He said the conduct of election before its deadline was a red line and added without the conduct of election no other option was in the interest of the country. Amrullah Aman, head of the Noorul Haq Ulomi's election campaign, raised objection over the lack of government attention to security of candidates.

"No attention has been paid to the security of election candidates, there is no security guard and no vehicles," he said. He accused Ashraf Ghani's led team of using government machinery for election campaign. (Pajhwok)

### (8) Parwan Military ...

acceptable and would be resisted strongly. He pledged to take effective steps to eliminate existing threats in Parwan and all requirements of provincial ad-

ministration and security forces would be ensured. (Pajhwok)

### (9) Safari Wins Asian ...

Safari, 21-year-old, won the first gold medal in Ju-jitsu at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG) in Turkmenistan on September 2017. (Tolo news)

### (10) Germany Wants India ...

"I am not here to give advice, but I would wish that the Indian government come out in the open and establish their position on the peace process," said Potzel. "Germany also hopes to see India join the next round of regional talks on Afghanistan." (Tolo news)

### (11) Four Members ...

said that one of the girls had a cousin in Germany. Some members of Zohra are orphans or from poor families.

Despite the disappearance, the Zohra orchestra, named after a Persian goddess of music, played several concerts in western Slovakia this week.

They have performed at home and abroad, notably at the closing the World Economic Forum in Davos two years ago. (Tolo news)

### (12) Attack on ...

and direction from outside," the statement said.

NDS said that more details in this regard would be shared with the people soon.

But Taliban rejected the statement and said Taliban plan and execute all their operations inside the country.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said the opposition has no information from the Taliban attacks before it happens and termed government statement an attempt to mislead the masses. (Pajhwok)

### (13) Peace Marchers ...

walk from Kabul to Balkh. The activists are now in Lashkargah city in Helmand province continuing their efforts for peace.

Some members of the movement said that so far they have not received financial support from any organization or government.

"I urge national investors to support us financially," said Zmarai Zaland, a member of the movement.

Abdul Ali, a Helmand resident, said he bought a shop five months ago from the PPM member Pacha Khan Mawladad, for 900,000 Pakistani rupees (\$5,600).

"I was renting this shop for 12 to 13 years and paying the rent to Pacha Khan. Three months ago, I bought the shop," Ali said.

Head of the movement, Iqbal Khyber, said he sold his OPD clinic to fund the activities of the movement.

"This clinic was operating under the name of Spozhmay, but three months ago, we started our activities here," a doctor in Lashkargah Abdul Wali said. (Tolo news)

### (14) Iran Suggests...

interested in substance.

US President Donald Trump has repeatedly indicated that it's up to Iran to make the first step in reconciliation, saying in May that "if they call, we will negotiate." But almost in the same breath, he spouted threats of "obliteration like you've never seen before" and "strong sanctions" - and now that a way forward has been suggested by Tehran, the hopes that Washington will consider it remain slim.

In the absence of official reaction from Washington, anonymous US officials have confirmed it, telling Reuters that Iran's proposal is a ploy to secure sanctions relief while at the same time still planning to produce a nuclear weapon. On the ground, the US strategy has been more consistent than Trump's bait-and-switch rhetoric. Thousands of extra troops, a carrier strike group, a missile battery and strategic bombers have been deployed to the region, while Iran is being accused of bombing oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman, allegations that Tehran denies.

In another flare-up on Thursday, the US claimed to have shot down an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz, which, according to Trump, approached a US Navy vessel. It came a month after Iran shot down a US drone in the same waterway. (RT)

### (15) Iran Claims...

amphibious assault ship, "took defensive action" against the Iranian drone as it was "threatening the safety of the ship and the ship's crew."

"The United States reserves the right to defend our personnel, our facilities and interests and calls upon all nations to condemn Iran's attempts to disrupt freedom of navigation and global commerce," he said.

A first-hand account from a journalist aboard the Boxer suggested that Iran had been harassing the navy ship before the drone was shot down.

A Wall Street Journal reporter said that an unarmed Iranian navy Bell 212 helicopter flew alongside them, yards away from the deck, before it was chased away by a US helicopter.

The convoy of six US warships passed numerous Iranian speedboats without incident, but was then tailed by a larger Iranian warship which closed to within 500 yards of the Boxer.

An Iranian Y-12 surveillance drone then came even closer and was then brought down by electronic warfare jamming.

The apparent confrontation came as Iran defended its detention Sunday of a "foreign tanker" believed to be the Panamanian-flagged vessel Riah and its 12 crew for allegedly smuggling fuel. (The Telegraph)

### (16) Biggest Mafia...

in various cafes and extending loans to tapped-out gamblers at extortionate rates who were then threatened with harm if they didn't pay up, CTV reported.

The arrests included the reputed head of the crime family, Angelo Figliomeni, who was charged with directing a criminal organization, money laundering and fraud, police said.

Hundreds of cops participated in the raids and seized 27 homes worth \$24 million and 23 fancy vehicles, including five Ferraris, worth \$9 million. They also seized \$2 million in cash and jewelry. (Fox News)

### (17) U.S., China...

cautioning the negotiations would be a "long, involved process."

Trump this week reiterated that he could impose additional tariffs on Chinese imports if he wants, and complained again that China wasn't buying the large volumes of U.S. agricultural goods that he claims Xi promised to purchase. Another major sticking point for any resumed negotiations will be how exactly the U.S. will ease trade restrictions on Chinese technology giant Huawei Technologies Co.

The U.S. government is under pressure from Congress not to make concessions on Huawei, with a bipartisan group of U.S. Senate and House lawmakers unveiling legislation this week that would stop the removal of Huawei from the "technology blacklist" without an act of Congress. U.S. Senator Rick Scott said on Thursday in a Bloomberg Television interview that Huawei is not a trade issue, but a national security one and is non-negotiable.

Mnuchin said earlier this week that if discussions with Chinese officials by phone were productive that he and Lighthizer would travel to Beijing for more meetings. (Bloomberg)

### (18) Germany's Merkel...

on whether she feels solidarity with the congresswomen, she replied: "Yes. I distance myself firmly from this and feel solidarity with the three women who were attacked." Trump actually targeted four freshman Democratic lawmakers - Reps. Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ayanna Pressley. Merkel, a strong advocate of a multilateral approach to world affairs who took a welcoming approach to an influx of refugees and other migrants in 2015, has had a cool relationship with Trump. (AP)

### (19) Ukraine...

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### (20) Turkish Jets...

claim of responsibility for the shooting although suspicion fell on Kurdish militants.

In Irbil, a statement issued by security forces said the lead suspect in the investigation was a 27-year-old who hails from Turkey's predominantly Kurdish city of Diyarbakir.

The statement did not give further details, but said the suspect was already wanted by security agencies in Iraq's Kurdish region.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency claimed that two of the suspect's siblings were alleged PKK militants and that a third was a legislator from Turkey's pro-Kurdish party.

"The terror organization was dealt a major blow following the heinous attack in Irbil through the most extensive aerial operation conducted lately in the Qandil region," Anadolu Agency quoted Akar as saying.

He said the Turkish jets struck "weapons positions, shelters and caves" belonging to the PKK.

"Our struggle against terror will continue with growing determination until the last terrorist is neutralized and the blood of our martyrs are avenged," Akar said.

Iraq's self-governing Kurdish region is politically allied with the Turkish government, but PKK militants, who have fought a decades-long insurgency against Ankara, operate in parts of the territory. Turkey labels the group a terrorist organization.

Turkey has regularly bombed the mountainous areas where the PKK maintains bases. The group has been waging an insurgency for more than three decades. (AP)