

**(1) Trump's Afghanistan...**

"When Afghanistan existed on the planet, the US was not even discovered. The world is not Trump's business lab where he could make experiments, but there are regulations by which the world is run," he said.

A number of lawmakers held similar views and strongly condemned President Trump's remarks. (Pajhwok)

**(2) Taliban Can...**

the Taliban and I will try my best to get them to talk to the Afghan government and so that the elections in Afghanistan must be an inclusive election where the Taliban also participate in it," said Khan in his lecture to the US Institute of Peace.

The Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, also urged Pakistan to help the Afghan peace process.

"Stability in the region is important to the whole globe, reconciling efforts between Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Taliban. Thank you for your leadership in that regard Mr. prime minister to advance enduring peace in the region,"

But, a former Taliban member Sayed Akbar Agha said the group will never participate in the elections in the presence of foreign forces in the country.

"Even if there is an election, the demand of the public is very important. Currently, it is a public demand to delay the elections and bring the peace issue on the priority," Agha said. (Tolo news)

**(3) 3-Phase Security ...**

election bodies and representatives of international organization were also in attendance.

According to the source, the security plan is comprised of three parts -- before election, during election and after election. The safety and security of presidential candidates is also part of the security plan.

Government officials said based experience learnt from past elections this time the ballot would be fair and free. If the president election went to a second round, the same security plan would be repeated.

Pajhwok tried to contact the Independent Election Commission and the Defence Ministry but they were unavailable for comment. (Pajhwok)

**(4) Will Meet Taliban...**

Ashraf Ghani about his possible meeting with representatives of the militant movement.

Taking to Twitter, the premier wrote: "I want to assure President Trump Pakistan will do everything within its power to facilitate the Afghan peace process."

The world owed it to the people of Afghanistan to bring about peace after four decades of conflict, he tweeted. (Pajhwok)

**(5) EU Endeavoring to ...**

Imran Khan at the White House. Trump said he had plans for a quick end to the Afghan conflict, but which would wipe the country "off the face of the Earth".

Afghanistan "would be gone. It would be over in literally, in 10 days," Trump said, adding, "I don't want to go that route" and that he didn't want to kill millions. (Pajhwok)

**(6) Social Media...**

with the world, particularly with the US, is grounded in common interests and mutual respect," it added. (Pajhwok)

**(7) Reasons for ...**

"We believe that the reasons for the Afghan situation are manifold. The internal situation with-

in Pakistan plays a great role in their regional situation," he said. "Furthermore, we kept saying and now the world has seen that Pakistan has made huge efforts on our side of the border and cleansed our own areas."

"We have restored peace there and started reconstruction there, because of which, a number of people that had to repatriate from there have started returning to their homes," he added.

In the meantime, Pakistan's Khan who visited United State and met with Trump said that he will meet with the Taliban after returning to Islamabad and that he will get the group to the negotiation table with the Afghan government.

"Taliban delegation wanted to meet me few months back... It is because I always maintained that there was no military solution [to the war in Afghanistan]," Khan said at the US Institute of Peace.

He said that the Taliban "wanted to meet him but the Afghan government at that point did not want him to meet the group.

Khan's comments come as the US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad arrived in Kabul on Tuesday. (Tolo news)

**(8) Police Chief ...**

Zabul tribal elders welcomed the move by the police chief.

"Ghost soldiers were one of the main reasons for insecurity in Zabul because they were replacing Zabul police and the province was faced with lack of soldiers," said Jalaluddin, a tribal elder.

"The problems of police structure will be resolved by identifying of ghost soldiers and it will help improve security in Zabul," a tribal elder from Zabul, Ismail Zabuli, said.

Last year, Ghazni Police Chief Farid Mashall reported that up to 1,100 ghost soldiers exist in the structure of the National Police in the province. (Tolo news)

**(9) Pakistan-Funded ...**

highlighted Pakistan's contribution in providing quality health services to their Afghan brethren and noted that Pakistani projects worth US\$ 1 billion have been completed and are playing a pivotal role in socio economic development of Afghanistan.

The Minister SAFRON conveyed that Prime Minister of Pakistan was extremely keen to extend all possible assistance to the people of Afghanistan to facilitate their travel to Pakistan as well as to promote trade between the two countries.

"In this regard work is in progress on Prime Minister's instructions for providing 24/7 services at Torkham border and very soon this facility will be in place."

Afridi also announced to accept the Afghan request for training of 440 doctors and allied medical staff in Pakistan, the training will commence soon after conclusion of relevant MoU.

Sheryar Afridi underscored the importance of mutually beneficial and of longstanding, friendly bilateral relations between the two counties.

Speaking earlier, Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz thanked Government and People of Pakistan for their continued support in socio economic uplift of Afghanistan.

He stated that Nayeb Aminullah hospital was a special gift of people of Pakistan for which Afghans were grateful. (Pajhwok)

**(10) 3 Croatian Troops ...**

Earlier, the Resolute Support (RS) mission said: "A Coalition vehicle was hit by an explosive device this morning in Kabul. No Coalition

members were killed."

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the suicide blast and said the suicide bomber detonated his explosives-laden vehicle near foreign forces in Kabul.

The Taliban claimed the CIA personnel on board two vehicles were killed and injured in the incident. (Pajhwok)

**(11) Herat: Working ...**

"They are not safe and have not health coverage. No attention is paid to their plight either by the government or women's institutions."

Muniza Hassanzada, social affairs officer, said there were rules for workers and employers. Unfortunately, she said, employers were either unaware of the rules or did not enforce them.

Abdul Qayyum, director of labor and social affairs, said: "We have monitoring teams, which manage to resolve the problems but workers who spend their day cleaning raisin and almond are paid lip-service."" (Pajhwok)

**(12) Plots Distribution to ...**

but the process would take time, he added.

Education Department head Nasir Ahmad Rokhan told the gathering that it was a 2006 project which had to be postponed due to some technical issues.

He said after cooperation of the governor's house, they were able to start the distribution of land plots among 249 teachers in the province. (Pajhwok)

**(13) China to Build...**

Nevertheless, the white paper calls for a rapid change in China's own military strategy. It admits that the People's Liberation Army "still lags far behind the world's leading militaries" and risks getting caught by surprise due to a "growing technological generation gap."

To cope with that, China should upgrade its military by 2035, fully transforming it into "world-class forces by the mid-21st century."

The publication comes on the back of similar US papers that flag China as the number one adversary. The Pentagon warns that Beijing - along with Russia - is about to beat the US in cyberspace, air defense and military tech, habitually advocating pouring more money into the military.

Meanwhile, the US itself has the largest and the most powerful military in the world which eclipses the Chinese one. Washington is estimated to have as many as 800 bases in more than 70 countries and territories, compared to one Chinese logistical facility in Djibouti. (RT)

**(14) Turkey Not...**

with his Nicaraguan counterpart, Cavusoglu said the U.S. delegation had arrived with new proposals concerning the safe zone, including possible joint patrols and "who would be in it and who would enter." He did not provide further details.

The two sides remain divided on the size of the zone, who would control it and the "total removal" of the main Kurdish militia from the zone. Turkey has said that the safe zone should be controlled by the Turkish troops.

"The United States must come with proposals that are satisfactory to us or are close to our proposals," Cavusoglu said, adding that Turkey's patience "has run out." "Our wish is for a safe zone to be established soon ... otherwise we will do whatever is necessary ourselves," he said. (AP)

**(15) Russia Opposition...**

Moscow comes as President Vlad-

imir Putin grapples with plunging popular support amid a prolonged economic malaise that's driven down real incomes for the past five years. Scattered protests have broken out across the country over issues ranging from state workers' wages to plans to expand trash dumps.

In rare about-faces, the authorities backed down earlier this year after major unrest provoked by plans to build a cathedral in a popular downtown park in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg. In June they halted the prosecution of a Moscow investigative reporter on drug charges that were later dropped.

**'Serious Risk'**

Putin, 66, has been in power for two decades, longer than any other Russian leader since Soviet dictator Josef Stalin. He must step down in 2024 according to a constitutional ban on more than two consecutive mandates. Though the president has vowed to observe this term limit, he's looking for ways to keep effective control of Russia after that, according to people involved in the preparations.

The wave of unrest in Moscow is becoming "a serious risk for the Kremlin," said Tatiana Stanovaya, an independent political analyst. It "cannot be ignored politically," she said. (Bloomberg)

**(16) Australian Parliament...**

was "designed to ensure that authorities can manage these returns in a way that keeps the Australian community safe," Dutton told Parliament.

The Law Council of Australia, the nation's leading advocacy for lawyers, on Wednesday questioned whether the proposed law was constitutional and urged the Senate to refer the bill to a parliamentary committee for review.

"Protecting the safety and security of the Australian people must always be the paramount concern of government. But rushed laws at risk of constitutional challenge pose an unnecessary risk to national security," council president Arthur Moses said in a statement. "The Australian people must be able to have confidence that public safety and the work of our intelligence and law enforcement agencies is protected by laws and powers that are strong, proportional and without legal ambiguity," Moses added.

Parliament is debating the law change as aid groups estimate that at least 50 Australian women and children have been stranded in overcrowded Syrian refugee camps following the loss of Islamic State's territory in the Middle East. (AP)

**(17) IMF Downgrades...**

"Dynamism in the global economy is being weighed down by prolonged policy uncertainty as trade tensions remain heightened despite the recent US-China trade truce... and the prospects of a no-deal Brexit have increased," she said at a briefing in Santiago, Chile.

Gopinath warned that the recovery seen next year "is precarious" because "close to 70 percent of the increase relies on an improvement in the growth performance in stressed emerging market and developing economies and is therefore subject to high uncertainty." However, the United States, which is at the center of most of the trade tensions, saw one of the rare upgrades in the report, as it got a short-term boost from strong economic growth in the early part of the year.

The IMF raised the US GDP fore-

cast by three-tenths of a percentage point to 2.6 percent for 2019, but weakening demand, in part due to the trade conflicts and tariffs, points to "slowing momentum over the rest of the year."

US economic growth is expected to slow to 1.9 percent in 2020.

China, which is the main target of US trade actions, was already experiencing a slowdown. But "the negative effects of escalating tariffs and weakening external demand have added pressure," the report said. A sudden slowdown in China is a key risk to the world economy.

The report downgraded Chinese growth by a tenth of a point this year and next, to 6.2 percent and 6.0 percent. (AFP)

**(18) China, India...**

country business professionals had more optimism and markedly higher expectations for the role that technology would play in the decades to come than those in developed markets.

Respondents in Asia believed self-driving cars would be more common than individually owned automobiles by 2035.

Some 70 percent of Chinese respondents and 65 percent of Indian respondents agreed that self-driving cars would dominate the automobile market while 38 percent of the respondents in the Britain and 36 percent in the United States disagreed with the prediction.

"Developing countries in general see technology more as an opportunity while the developed world has a greater sense of technology as a threat," said Andrew Browne, editorial director of the Bloomberg New Economy Forum.

More than 70 percent of the respondents in emerging economies believed that lifelong learning could mitigate the threat posed by artificial intelligence to the job market, which was disagreed by 19 percent of the respondents in Japan and 27 percent in the Republic of Korea.

The survey is part of this year's Bloomberg New Economy Forum which will be held in Beijing on Nov. 20-22. Established in 2018, the forum aims to invite global leaders in various sectors to propose solutions to disruptions from the shift to the new economy.

Nearly 500 global influential figures including business executives, government officials and academics from over 60 countries and regions will participate in this year's forum and an open call has been launched by the forum to collect innovative solutions. (Xinhua)

**(19) Former Israeli...**

parties are consistently hovering around the electoral threshold needed to enter parliament in polls for upcoming September elections.

Ahmad Tibi, a veteran Arab lawmaker, said Tuesday on Israeli TV "those who apologize are preferred to those who do not, but it is hard to shake off the impression that this is an electoral apology that is related to the elections and him (Barak) wanting to merge with Meretz."

Barak returned to politics last month with a stated ambition to help opposition forces create a large enough bloc to defeat Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and form the next government after the Sept. 17 election.

Earlier this week, Labor, another center-left party, announced a joint run focused on social and economic issues with the small "Geshet" party. (AP)