

**(1) Abide by...**

The UN called for registered voters to participate in the elections to enable the Afghan people, including women, to express their democratic will.

"All parties should be cognizant of their obligations under the law, including presidential decrees on non-interference by public officials and security forces in electoral affairs:

"All government officials are legally bound to separate their duties in government from campaigning or conducting themselves in a manner that would benefit specific candidates."

UNAMA reiterated its continued commitment to an Afghan-owned and Afghan-led election, and acknowledged the efforts made by electoral management bodies, the government and other stakeholders to hold a transparent and credible presidential vote. (Pajhwok)

**(2) Assault on ...**

condemned the deadly assault and killed candidates civilians.

"Violence has no place in Afghanistan's presidential campaign," the UN mission said. Electioneering for the ballot, scheduled for September 28, began yesterday.

US special envoy for Afghanistan reconciliation Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said: "The attack on Saleh's political party office was grotesque and a clear act of terrorism."

Khalilzad wrote in his tweet: "We condemn it in the strongest terms. The perpetrators should be brought to justice. We stand with Afghanistan in the fight against terror."

US Ambassador to Afghanistan John Bass also condemned Sunday attack.

He tweeted: "I strongly condemn Sunday's attack on candidate and his supporters. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those wounded and the families of those killed in the attack. Great work by #Afghan security forces to prevent greater loss of life."

"Attacks on candidates and campaign events are attacks on #Afghan #democracy. The US and the international community remain committed to helping Afghan institutions prepare for elections," he said.

While strongly condemning the terrorist attack, India expressed its deepest condolences with the families of the deceased.

It said the dastardly attack was aimed at undermining the constitutional and democratic processes and institutions in Afghanistan.

"India stands in solidarity with the government and the people of Afghanistan in their efforts to achieve enduring peace, security and stability," it added.

Pakistan also denounced the assault as horrific, saying it condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. "Pakistan fully supports the democratic process in Afghanistan. We stand with our Afghan brothers and sisters in their efforts to restore complete peace."

Meanwhile, the British embassy in Kabul extended condolences to the families of those killed and injured in the attack.

"We condemn all attacks on parties and candidates. They are attacks on the electoral process and people's right to have their say in the future of their country." (Pajhwok)

**(3) Mobib Pledges...**

we will disclose the findings after the investigation."

local security officials working closely with people, acquiring their support and working for the betterment of their lives is the best security strategy, he believed. (Pajhwok)

**(4) Experts Criticize ...**

About the reason behind the 11-year delay in practical work on the road, he said, that the main reason behind the delay was that people were not ready to sell their properties coming in the road's way.

Mohammad Yasin Hilal, in charge of properties acquisition in Kabul municipality, said the main reason behind the delayed ring road construction was properties with illegal documents, a problem that faced the Ministry of Urban Development and Land with trouble and land identification.

However, Hashmatullah Naseri, spokesman to the Ministry of Urban Development and Land, said that identification of properties was responsibility of the ministry since last two years. He said

He said his ministry had identified land properties in the first phase of Kabul ring road, except three properties whose owners stayed outside the country.

Fair acquisition of properties Mohammad Yasin Hilal said, "Acquisition is a just exchange, Kabul municipality is responsible to exchange land with land and pay money for the goods that could not be shifted."

Officials say people whose land was acquisitioned were given land in exchange in Padula area of Kabul and those who lost their houses to the road construction project should refer to Kabul

Acquisition is just an excuse Ghulam Mohammad Ailaqi, an economic expert, accused the government of negligence in implementing the project and said the government had no strong will for executing the project.

He said those who lost houses to the project should be provided with land in townships or proper areas. Padula area is currently not suitable for living, he said.

Taj Mohammad Akbar, economy lecturer in Kabul University, said, "We have not an accountable government, it is a matter of shame that we did not start work on even the first phase of the ring road."

He said the government used land acquisition as an excuse and all organs concerned for construction of the road had no will for work on the project.

"If the government really wants, it could complete the land acquisition process in just a year," he said. (Pajhwok)

**(5) Imran Khan ...**

had improved the ties between the two countries.

The official further added "The Prime Minister (Imran Khan) has this on his mind (visiting Afghanistan). This is likely to happen soon."

He also added that Pakistan and Afghanistan will remain in contact at the highest level for the sake of regional stability. (KP)

**(6) Afghan Conflict ...**

15-member delegation that would represent the government in talks with the Taliban.

The delegation would include some of the individuals who recently held talks with insurgents in Doha besides religious scholars, women, civil society activists and members of other walks of life.

After the government's announcement, Khalilzad in a tweet said that the Afghan government and Taliban talks would kick off after a peace agreement reached between the Taliban and the US.

He said the Taliban would talk to a grand Afghan delegation which would include government members, political figures, heads of political parties, civil society activists and women representatives.

After Khalilzad's and government's statements, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted that the Taliban would not talk with the Afghan government exclusively but as part of a grand delegation which would include other segments of Afghan society as well.

He, however, said talks with the Afghan government would happen after a timetable of US forces withdrawal was announced.

Political activist Mushtaq Rahim said unfortunately there had been no coordination between the Afghan government and the US top negotiator on matters related to the peace talks.

He added relations between the countries deteriorated after National Security Advisor Hamdullah Mohib's disappointing statements. (Pajhwok)

**(7) China Stresses ...**

can contribute to the sustainably in Afghanistan.

This comes as eight round of talks between the Taliban and the U.S. after which the probable direct talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban. (ATN)

**(8) Media Asked to ...**

a great impact on directing public opinion and encouraging people to determine the country's political fate. Sediqi added media could play crucial role in encouraging people's participation in the presidential election.

He asked media outlets to pay attention to accuracy, balance of content, impartiality, respect for human dignity. (Pajhwok)

**(9) Helmand Farmers ...**

He said efforts were underway to construct fundamental cold storages in the province in cooperation with the central capital. (Pajhwok)

**(10) Boys Remove...**

said recently a girl, who had dressed like a boy, was recovered from a police check-post and sent to a juvenile correctional centre.

Two people were arrested in connection with the incident. He asked ulema to play their role in eliminating such ills from society.

He said reforms were also being implemented at the police headquarters in Uruzgan, where he inherited dozens of problems from his predecessors. He disclosed hundreds of ghost policemen who regularly received salaries had been discovered and removed. (Pajhwok)

**(11) No One Should ...**

The CEO said with yesterday attack, terrorists had once again proven their enmity with democracy and democratic practices. (Pajhwok)

**(12) Death Toll from ...**

the September 28 vote on Sunday.

Saleh, the apparent target, was evacuated from the building and moved to a safe location. Some 85 other civilians were also rescued.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Both Taliban insurgents and the Islamic State group are active in the capital and have conducted deadly attacks in the capital. (Pajhwok)

**(13) Taliban's ...**

help advance peace and reconciliation.

Niamatullah Nangyal, a resident of Gardez City, said the Islamic world and ulema had termed the ongoing fighting in Afghanistan as illegal and there was more pressure on the Taliban to reconcile.

Mohammad Reyaz, another resident, said people were disappointed and heartbroken after blasts in public places.

"The Taliban are now more focused on political victory than military and the group is striving to resolve issues politically," he believed. (Pajhwok)

**(14) Construction...**

Haji Abdul Raouf Akhondzadah, a resident of the area, told Pajhwok that the people of his area were thankful to the government over construction of the canal which would help them irrigate their fields easily in future. (Pajhwok)

**(15) Russian Opposition...**

has been the Kremlin's most formidable foe since 2011 when he led a massive wave of protests against President Vladimir Putin and his party. He has since been convicted on two sets of criminal charges, largely regarded as

politically motivated, and spent numerous stints in jail for disturbing public order and leading unsanctioned protests.

Baton-wielding police on Saturday wrestled with protesters in arguably the largest unsanctioned protest in Russia in a decade. Opposition activists as well as ordinary Muscovites took to the street to vent their anger over officials' decision to exclude a dozen independent candidates from the ballot for the upcoming vote for the Moscow city legislature. (Fox News)

**(16) Talks Only...**

official said Iran "sees no sincerity" in Pompeo's suggestion and pointed out that Zarif travels to New York only to attend UN events, not for bilateral talks with the US.

Amid the standoff with Iran, US officials maintain that Washington is open and ready for dialogue, but not until the Islamic Republic fulfills a laundry list of demands. Tehran has also been saying that it is ready to negotiate, but only on an equal footing and without threats and ultimatums by the US. (RT)

**(17) Parched Manufacturing...**

As with other fast-growing cities in the developing world, Chennai's water woes were years in the making.

Chennai's population has more than tripled in three decades, with people arriving to take jobs at pharmaceutical research and development labs, auto plants and high-tech industries. The runaway growth — combined with poor maintenance of its four reservoirs, ineffective sewage systems and, more recently, delayed monsoon rains — has left India's sixth-largest city high and dry. Or nearly so. (AP)

**(18) Israel Invests...**

or family visits.

Among Palestinians, the heavily fortified crossing is seen as a symbol of Israeli occupation and has long been notorious as a human logjam, where workers would wait for as much as two hours in order to pass into Israeli-controlled Jerusalem.

Palestinian laborers from around the West Bank who had permits to work in Israel would wake up in the middle of the night to arrive at the crossing before daybreak. Metal fenced entryways were often packed with people before dawn, waiting for the gates to open. Human rights groups deplored the conditions at Qalandia.

Israel's Defense Ministry poured over \$85 million into upgrading Qalandia and several other major checkpoints between Israel and the West Bank in recent years — part of a strategy it says is meant to maintain calm by improving conditions for Palestinians. Thanks to the upgrades, crossing through Qalandia takes roughly 10 minutes, even during the early morning rush hour, and has the feel of an airport terminal. While much of the rest of Jerusalem is still asleep, hundreds of Palestinian laborers stream through each morning on foot or riding bikes, buses and cars into Israel for work.

Jamal Osta, a 60-year-old from the northern West Bank city of Nablus, works as a blacksmith in an industrial park in east Jerusalem not far from Qalandia.

The new system is substantially better but is another indication that Israel's occupation has no end in sight, he said. The Palestinians seek the West Bank as the heartland of a future state, with east Jerusalem as their capital. (AP)

**(19) Japan's Abe...**

worsening diplomatic row that has spurred boycotts of Japanese goods and services, from beer to travel. Relations between the Asian neighbours are arguably at their lowest ebb since they normalised ties in 1965.

Japan tightened restrictions on exports to South Korea of key high-tech materials in making memory chips and display panels, accusing its neighbour of inadequate management of sensitive items.

But the curbs were also seen as retaliation against last year's ruling by the South Korean Supreme Court for Japanese companies to compensate Korean wartime forced labour.

Japan says the court's decisions violate international law because compensation was settled under the 1965 treaty. At a briefing on Monday after returning from a U.S. trip, South Korean Trade Minister Yoo Myung-hee said she told American officials that Japan's moves set a very dangerous precedent for using trade measures as a tool to resolve political issues. (Reuters)

**(20) China Defends...**

the affairs of the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

The protests in Hong Kong began in early June as a call to withdraw an extradition bill that would have allowed people in the former British colony to be sent to stand trial in mainland China, where critics say their legal rights would be threatened. Since the government indefinitely suspended the legislation, demonstrators have broadened their scope to demand greater democracy and government accountability.

Police on Sunday repeatedly fired tear gas and rubber bullets to drive back protesters blocking Hong Kong streets with road signs and umbrellas.

The protesters have demanded an independent inquiry into police conduct at the protests, which they say has been abusive.

At least one woman was knocked down when police used rods Saturday to disperse crowds in Hong Kong's Yuen Long area, where officers later charged into a train station swinging batons. Protesters were "holding iron poles, self-made shields and even removing fences from roads," police said in a statement that accused demonstrators of putting officers' lives in danger by surrounding an occupied police vehicle.

Yang said the Chinese government firmly supports the police in Hong Kong. "We understand the huge pressure facing the Hong Kong police and their families," he said, "and would like to salute the Hong Kong police who have been fearlessly sticking to their posts and fulfilling their duties against all odds."

Hong Kong's government and police force have said the protests have placed considerable strain on their officers, who are dispatched in large numbers for the protests, which occur at least once a week and generally go late into the night despite repeated appeals to disband. Hong Kong authorities said these pressures made it difficult for police to act immediately when a band of white-clad assailants beat people inside the Yuen Long train station on July 21.

Protesters said the slow police response to that attack indicated that officers were colluding with the attackers — an allegation that authorities have refuted. Last Monday, police arrested six men in connection with the attack, including some linked to triad gangs. Pro-Beijing lawmakers in Hong Kong said the "general wishes" of the city's residents are for the violence to stop immediately. (AP)

**(21) Britain Hosts...**

Australia and New Zealand - will attend the conference sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

The Five Eyes alliance evolved from a secret World War Two alliance between British and U.S. cypher and code breaking teams.

On Wednesday, top law enforcement officials from the Five Eyes countries, including U.S. Attorney General William Barr and his top national security enforcer, John Demers, will attend a related London meeting.

Recently Barr sparked controversy by suggesting that spy agencies may need new powers to monitor social media activity. (Reuters)