

### (1) Some Institutions ...

should accept this fact," he added. Abdullah believed the acknowledgment of failure would not detract from the prestige of his leadership. The unity government had been unable to provide security to the masses and it was their right to express their anger, he admitted.

The CEO expressed concern over the yawning gap between government leaders and the masses, asking for immediate steps to reduce that was not so pronounced during the past 15 years.

Abdullah alleged some ministers, including the finance minister, considered themselves answerable only to the Presidential Palace and ignored orders from CEO office.

"Those attending cabinet meetings are expected to explain progress they have made on national issues and programmes of the national unity government. I don't have any personal demands from them," he noted.

Abdullah slammed the finance minister for his absence from the cabinet meeting and said: "Today, the deputy finance minister has come to the meeting. I welcome him but ministers present in Kabul will have to attend future sessions."

The CEO ruled out any negligence in the investigation of deadly terrorist attacks in the capital. Strict action would be taken against the officials who committed negligence, he warned. (Pajhwok)

### (2) MPs Reject ..

commissions show the contract was signed between government and Alokozay Company in violation of the country's law and national interests.

A number of MPs sharply criticized President Ashraf Ghani over the issue. "This has been done in violation of the law and against principals and it is not logical," Qais Hassan, an MP said.

"143 acres of land has been given without an auction or bids," Sahira Sharif, another MP said.

Meanwhile, other MPs said the contract was in the interests of the country and that its rejection would be a big loss in investments and economy for the country.

"The agreement is not illegal. "Cancelling the agreement" is oppression against businessmen and investors. Political killings already happened and now you do economic killings," second deputy speaker of parliament, Mohammad Nazir Ahmadzai said.

Parliament members believe the land was sold to Alokozay Company way below market value and without the sale being open to the general public. (Tolonews)

### (3) Rise in

rely on their children to earn an income. Their average wage is between 50 and 100 AFs a day.

Save the Children warns if government does not take serious steps to help improve the livelihoods of Afghan families, especially those who are forced to send their children out to work, the number will increase unprecedentedly.

The organization said these children are not only subjected to mental, sexual and psychological harassment but most of them are also deprived of an education.

"Last year 600,000 refugee families returned from Pakistan and Iran of which 200,000 working children were among them. These children used to work on the streets of Iran and Pakistan.

"If the Afghan government and other responsible organizations do not pay attention to the child worker situation in the country, the number will increase," spokesperson of the Save the Children, Mariam Attai said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs says that the situation of children is improving.

"The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has plans to address child labor problems," Abdul Fatah Ahmadzai, spokesman of the ministry said.

One Afghan child, Bahram, who polishes peoples shoes on the streets of Kabul, says his family needs the money he earns.

"I have to work. I leave home at 8am and work until 12pm and earn 50 to 100 AFs (a day)," said Bahram. Bahram's family said they do not want him to work, but they have to send him out on to the streets to earn some money.

### (4) Junbish, Jamiat ...

have emphasized on boosting political ties besides holding talks on the current situation of the country as well as the situation of the Northern provinces.

The meetings between the Junbish Millie and Jamiat Islami parties takes place despite major rivalries existed between the two parties in the past and in some cases some deadly clashes have also taken place between the commanders of the two parties, particularly in northern provinces of the country.

Noor who is also the provincial governor of the northern Balkh province announced his support to Jamiat Islami's call for the removal of the top security officials after the deadly attacks in Kabul city.

Hundreds of people had taken to the streets of Kabul after the May 31st bombing near the embassy of Germany that left over 150 people dead.

However, the a deadlock ensued between the government, protesters, and Jamiat Islami after the funeral of Salim Izadyar, the son of the Deputy House Speaker of the Afghan Senate House was killed during the protests earlier this month.

Noor had claimed that the attack on the funeral was a cowardly and direct attack on a specific political movement and emphasized on the need to take immediate actions to protect the people from the brutal killings. (KP)

### (5) Jamiat Insists ...

This comes a week after acting foreign affairs minister Salahuddin Rabbani, who is also the leader of Jamiat-e-Islami party, said his party was calling for the immediate dismissal of heads of all security institutions including the national security advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar.

"(CEO Abdullah) Abdullah is the main partner of power in the national unity government, he has a responsibility with regards to the incidents and will not remain unaware of it, he is the official representative of Jamiat, exchange of views will continue, we are confident that Mr. Abdullah will not keep silent towards the issues," said Jamiat spokesman Waqif Hakim. Meanwhile, the presidential palace has called on political parties to show restraint.

The presidential palace insists that government is committed to bringing reforms to the security institutions.

"Bringing reforms is the top priority of government, reforms which are acceptable to the people, however we want the political segments to show restraint," said presidential spokesman Shahhussain Murtazawi.

According to Jamiat, Abdullah is the official representative of the party in the national unity government and he has responsibilities regarding the situation.

In addition, Abdullah has said that the gap between the National Unity Government (NUG) and political parties is the worst it's been in the past fifteen years. However he pledged to resolve the issue.

"The gap between Afghanistan's political parties and the government are unprecedented today - compared to the past fifteen years; we cannot blame the political segments which are out of the government, now lets see what can we do," said Abdullah.

Abdullah said that the ministers are supposed to be answerable only to the government. (Tolonews)

### (6) UNAMA Welcomes

range of meetings with national and international stakeholders. In the current two-day visit, he is scheduled to follow up with those stakeholders, in particular President Ashraf Ghani.

The strategic review is scheduled to be submitted to the Security Council in early July 2017. In Resolution 2344 (2017), the UN Security Council requested the strategic review to examine UNAMA's mandated tasks, priorities and related resources, and to assess the Mission's efficiency and effectiveness.

UNAMA's vision is for a stable and prosperous Afghanistan that lives at peace with itself and its neighbours, where the Afghan peoples' human rights are upheld and basic services are available to all.

The Mission supports efforts to achieve peace and stability in Afghanistan, as well as work to guarantee the rule of law and accountable governance. It also leads and coordinates the international community's support of the Government's priorities to advance peace, governance and development. (PR)

### (7) Disabled Afghan ...

the 50m butterfly. He now qualifies for both events at the Mexico championships.

Karimi has in the past also taken gold at a disabled swimming championships in Turkey in 2013.

Karimi become a national team member five years ago but has been training in the U.S for the past six months.

The Mexico championships will commence on September 30 and run through to October 7 this year. (Tolonews)

### (8) Govt. Approves...

approved during the meeting includes modification of the design and planning project for the Kabul city and procurement of smart systems for the custom houses of the ministry of finance.

The meeting conditionally approved the construction of the first phase of road having a length of 41 to 51 kilometers in Ishkamish district of Takhar and the first phase construction of road having a length of 20 kilometer from Mehtarlam city to Badpakh district.

The recommendations for the cancellation of the supply of two food items for the hostels of belonging to the ministry of higher education were cancelled after the supply firm failed to supply standard food items in accordance with the terms of the contract and it was decided that the firm will have to pay fines and reimburse for the losses incurred to the hostels due to the late and low standard supply of the food items. (KP)

### (9) WJ Approves ...

absence of an effective security strategy and some other important issues. The first article of the plan says: "The government is responsible to take action for security improvement and national sovereignty, identifying the perpetrators of recent incidents, launching an in-depth investigation and bringing to justice the officials who neglected duty to prevent such deadly attacks."

Another article of the plan says the government is responsible to identify the perpetrators and factors behind Friday's protest incidents, in which several people were killed and scores of others injured.

The perpetrators of Friday incident should be taken to justice and demands of the protestors should be responded in accordance with the law, the article said.

The draft plan also asked the government to suspend security officials over duty negligence and introduce them to the attorney general office.

"The government should present its strategic plan for security of the country to the Wolesi Jirga for approval as soon as possible, it should also take urgent action for clearing security organs from suspected individuals and infiltrators in line with strategic co-operation contracts with the US and NATO," it said.

The plan added the government was responsible to take decisive action for making effective programs, bringing about reforms and preventing security organs from being politicized in accordance with the country's laws.

The fourth article of the draft plan says that the government is also responsible to prevent creation of illegal departments and dissolve or cancel parallel organs. The government should avoid power monopolization and respect legal authorities and responsibilities of ministries, it added.

The government should implement the national unity agreement and promises mentioned in it should be executed for resolving the current political tensions, the Wolesi Jirga plan added.

Other part of the plan urged the government to formally complain to the UN's Security Council, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), human rights organizations and Inter-Parliamentary Union to add Pakistan to the list of states sponsor of terrorism.

The plan also asked the OIC to prevent religion Islam from being misused in killing of innocent people and committing suicide attacks.

The plan was approved with a majority of votes from lawmakers. Speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahim said that the Wolesi Jirga delegation would also meet with representatives of Kabul protestors to resolve problems created as a result of the protest in Kabul city. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Iran Invites ...

understanding," he added. Qassemi also underscored the necessity for Afghan groups not to allow foreign states to interfere in their internal affairs.

In relevant remarks on Friday, Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani renewed his country's backing for the Afghan government and nation in the ongoing fight against terrorist and extremist groups.

"Iran will continue support for Afghan people and government in fighting terrorism and establishing security and peace there," Larijani said in his message.

In separate messages to Afghan Parliament Speaker Abdolraouf Ebrahimi and the country's Senate Speaker Fazl Hadi Moslemyari, the Iranian speaker condemned the attack, adding that Iran will spare no effort help the Afghan nation.

"Terrorism and extremism are big threats to peace and stability in the globe," Larijani added.

The speaker also expressed solidarity with people and government of Afghanistan as well as the bereaved families of the victims.

A huge explosion rocked Kabul's diplomatic area late last month, killing at least 100 and injuring 400 others. The blast took place near one of the national security offices and close to foreign embassies. (FNA)

### (11) 3rd Party ...

(third parties) in Afghanistan. In late 2016, when some commercial banks faced with problems in transferring customer dollars abroad, Pashtany Bank cooperated with three private banks and performed their transactions without approval from Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) and its shareholders.

A list of transactions suggests the Pashtany Bank sent abroad more than \$9.5 million of Azizi Bank customers, around \$13 million of Afghan United Bank customers and more than \$4.5 of Ghazanfar Bank customers.

Before delisting it, the BTMU wrote the Pashtany Bank a letter, saying: "We are dissatisfied with you transfer of a huge amount of dollars through your vostro account; we don't accept transactions of sources that are not our customers and don't have valid information."

"We have information that most of these lenders living in Afghanistan are on the black list of Britain and European Union," the letter reads. "In consideration of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 (AML/CFT Act), we want you not to process such transactions."

In response, a letter from the compliance section of the Pashtany Bank said on March 23, 2017 the individuals, whose transfers were processed through the vostro account, were not on the sanction lists and the customers had valid documents, businesses and real locations.

The Pashtany Bank insisted it transferred customers' money in line with accurate procedure. "That is the reason why we reject transactions of 70 percent of our customer transfers as a result of our assessment," it reasoned. However, the BTMU has closed the Pashtany Bank account and returned its \$5 million guarantee. The BTMU was the only bank that the Pashtany Bank used for foreign transactions of customers.

Meanwhile, a letter from the Afghan United Bank (AUB) on April 12 expressed concern over restrictions on its customer transfers. It said the AUB identified its customers based on its internal policy. The AUB customers introduced to the Pashtany Bank had real businesses and their transactions were performed based on imports, the letter continued.

A copy of the letter obtained by Pajhwok asked the Pashtany Bank to at least perform transactions of three major customers of AUB - AWCC, Etisalat and Aryana Airlines on a daily basis.

However, the acting head of operations of Pashtany Bank, Ahmad Khisraw, said his bank with BTMU had not been severed. Only the dollar transactions of the Pashtany Bank had been closed, he explained.

The main financial service of BTMU was not based on the dollar, but on the Japanese yuan. Pajhwok also shared the issue with BTMU on May 10, but it has not obtained any response as of Sunday. Khisraw confirmed BTMU had returned the Pashtany Bank's guarantee.

"The BTMU told us we should perform dollar transactions of banks it has links with. It means that the Japanese bank has no ties with any bank in China," he maintained. Khisraw said With regard to illegal transactions, he said there was not a single customer of Pashtany Bank or the private sector was on the sanctions list. An entity on the sanctions list did not have the right to even create a bank account, much less transfer cash to a foreign country, he said. About the approval of transactions from third parties, Khisraw said DAB's consent was not necessary for transferring the money of third parties. "The DAB has no responsibility for telling us which banks we should or should not have commercial relations with. It can only supervise us."

But DAB spokesman Aimal Hashwar said the central bank did not interfere in establishing or cutting relations with foreign institutions. He was unaware of the closure of Pashtany Bank's dollar account in BTMU. He said no one had so far reported to DAB on the issue.

"We have a section named Afghanistan Financial Transactions Central Unit, which is responsible for ordering all banks to perform transactions worth \$20,000 or more through the banking system," he elaborated.

He did not comment on money laundering by the Pashtany Bank but said a suspect deal would be immediately assessed without customer interfer-

ence. (Pajhwok)

### (12) Abdullah Pledges...

AGO spokesman Jamshid Rasuli. But government has gone a step further by saying all those who are accused of negligence and those who ordered the shooting on protestors would be punished.

"There will no negligence in the investigation of the three incidents, legal action will be taken against any official on any level who was either involved or committed negligence which led to casualties," said Abdullah.

The protestors, who are now calling themselves the Uprising for Change, have cautiously welcomed the move by the AGO, but insist all their demands should be met.

"We welcome the suspension of the job of these two officials, but we want the prosecution of all those who played a role in the killing of people, they should be punished," said a member of Uprising for Change Fahim Fitrat.

On Friday, protestors also called on President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah to step down from their posts.

At least five protestors were killed and several others wounded on Friday after security forces opened fire on them in Kabul just two days after a deadly truck bombing in Kabul left over 150 people dead and hundreds more wounded. (Tolonews)

### (13) 6,000 Acres ...

According to him, the commission had also settled many tribal and family disputes in villages and rural areas of the province.

Meanwhile, Paktika land department head, Mohammad Hashim Alikhel, said a campaign aimed at recovering government's land was underway in the province.

He said since the campaign's launch about 180 acres of land had been so far reclaimed from usurpers in capital Sharana and districts of the province.

Land Disputes Settlement Commission of Paktika is constituted of members from the provincial administration, the attorney's office, judicial department, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and civil societies. (Pajhwok)

### (14) Haqqani Network ..

suicide bombers detonated their explosives at the funeral of one of the demonstrators. And in the western city of Herat on June 6, at least seven people were killed in a bombing near a mosque.

No group has claimed responsibility for the bombings, but Afghan officials blamed the Haqqani network for the massive Kabul blast.

In his audio message, Haqqani condemned the three attacks but also warned that the group will continue to wage war until foreign forces have withdrawn from Afghanistan.

Also on June 11, the Afghan presidential palace confirmed that two top security officials - Kabul Police Chief General Shah Hassan Frogh and Kabul Garrison Commander General Gul Nabi Ahmadzai - were suspended in the wake of the violence in the capital. (RFE/RL)

### (15) Civilians Killed ...

the command said in a statement. There had been no official report of civilian casualties filed, but the military was investigating the incident, the U.S. military said in a statement.

"We take civilian casualties very seriously and all allegations are thoroughly investigated," it said.

Civilian casualties have run at near record highs as fighting spreads to more areas of Afghanistan, according to the United Nations.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani generally has been less vocal than his predecessor, Hamid Karzai, in publicly criticising the U.S. military when troops are involved in incidents where civilians are killed. On Saturday, three American soldiers were killed and one wounded when an Afghan soldier opened fire on them in Nangarhar, where elite U.S. troops have been helping Afghan forces battle Islamic State militants.

Also over the weekend, an American air strike in southern Afghanistan killed at least three Afghan policemen and wounded several during a joint operation by Afghan and U.S. special forces.

U.S. and Afghan troops have been battling militants in Nangarhar province for months.

Islamic State, or Daesh as it is known in Afghanistan, has established a stronghold in the region, which borders Pakistan. U.S. military officials estimate there are about 600 to 800 Islamic State fighters in Afghanistan, mostly in Nangarhar, but also in the neighbouring province of Kunar.

The increase in involvement by U.S. troops and warplanes comes as U.S. President Donald Trump's administration weighs whether to deploy

more troops in the war-torn country.

Reuters reported in late April that the U.S. administration was carrying out a review of Afghanistan and there were conversations over whether to send between 3,000 and 5,000 U.S. and coalition troops to Afghanistan.

Deliberations include giving more authority to forces on the ground and taking more aggressive action against Taliban fighters. This could allow U.S. advisers to work with Afghan troops below the corps level, potentially putting them closer to fighting, a U.S. official said. (Reuters)

### (16) ACAA's New ...

chief, adding that plans were also in the pipeline to build a five star hotel at the airport.

Speaking at his welcoming ceremony as new chief of the ACAA, Mohammad Shah Habibi said he will fight corruption and will also strengthen the airport's role in the country's economic growth.

"In the past 14 years, all of Afghanistan's airports have been used as military bases but after this we will try to change our airports to economic engines," said Habibi.

Former ACAA chief Hamid Zahir said that the ACAA needs more financial resources to further improve its accountability and increase its capacity.

"Farah, Nimroz, Khost, Zabul and Kunduz are the new airports - some of them have been inaugurated and some others are under construction," said Zahir.

Based on ACAA statistics, there are 27 airports across the country but they are not in line with international standards. (Tolonews)

### (17) Hope Guides ...

Powell to nick a googly to the slip, and went around the wicket in his third over to trap Lewis leg before wicket. This was high-quality bowling, and the West Indian batsmen, unsure of which way the ball would turn, were stabbing nervously at him with leaden feet.

Despite some aggressive bowling from Afghans, Lewis scored 33, Hope 48 and Powell 12 to chase down the target and win the match by four wickets, with 64 balls remaining.

Rashid Khan bowled well and took 3/18, Gulbadin grabbed two and Nabi one wicket. (Pajhwok)

### (18) Taliban's Military ...

leading the military committee of the group in Helmand.

Helmand is among the volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency activities.

The Afghan forces are busy conducting counter-insurgency operations in the restive parts of the province as they are receiving support by the foreign forces, mainly involving airstrikes.

The operations have been increased after the Taliban insurgents carried out numerous large attacks to capture the key districts of Helmand including the provincial capital of Lashkargah city during the recent months. (KP)

### (19) U.S. Identifies ...

Province, Afghanistan, of gunshot wounds. The shooting is under investigation.

The Afghan army said one of its soldiers turned his gun on the Americans before he was shot dead. The Taliban claimed the gunman was one of their own. (AP)

### (20) Sar-I-Pul Man ...

the slain woman had received intense and strongly hits through a sharp instrument and had died of severe bleeding.

Arzo said the case was being investigated by police and the accused had fled the area before joining the Taliban. (Pajhwok)

### (21) Tirinkot Airstrikes ..

belonging to insurgents were destroyed during the raids.

He said security personnel had so far suffered no casualties during the ongoing offensive in Uruggan and the Afghan forces were closing in on rebels' hideouts, while advancing one kilometer. There has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard.

However, a Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf, in a tweet claimed the fighters killed seven soldiers and destroyed three tanks about two days back in Landatweeti Kochi area of Tirinkot. (Pajhwok)

### (22) Rocket Attack ...

network was also arrested earlier by the security forces in central Maidan Wardak province before he manage to carry out an attack in Kabul city.

The provincial police commandment said a suicide bomber identified as Qari Ehsanullah was arrested from the vicinity of Jalrez district by the security forces before he manage to enter Kabul city for the attack. (KP)