

### (1) 14 Nepalese ...

efforts to provide peace," said Brig. Gen. Charles Cleveland, Resolute Support Deputy Chief of Staff, Communication.

"Horrific attacks like these show that, despite the Taliban's promises, they have a complete disregard for the lives of innocent civilians," Cleveland said.

Resolute Support expressed its deepest condolences to those affected by these terrorist acts. "We are steadfast in our commitment to train, advise, and assist our Afghan partners in achieving a sustainable peace, as well as, security for the people of Afghanistan."

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi also condemned the terror attack in Kabul in which at least 14 Nepalese security guards were killed and pledged all assistance to Nepal government.

"We strongly condemn the horrible tragedy in Kabul. Our deep condolences to people & Govts of Afghanistan & Nepal on loss of innocent lives," he said in a tweet. (Pajhwok)

### (2) Mps Approve ...

nominees, Danish said security is a top priority for the Afghan government and that considering the current situation, Afghanistan needs unity more than ever in order to succeed in its efforts for achieving a lasting peace and stability in the country.

Stanikzai, 58, has served in senior positions in government. Recently, he was appointed as acting defense minister and later as acting NDS chief.

He served as Minister of Telecommunications and Information Technology from 2002 to 2004 and later as a security advisor for former president Hamid Karzai.

He also worked as the CEO of the joint secretariat of Afghanistan Peace and Reintegration Program in 2009.

In 2011, he was seriously wounded in a suicide attack that targeted the former High Peace Council (HPC) chairman, Burhanuddin Rabbani. Stanekzai has two bachelor degrees from Cambridge and Bristol universities in the United Kingdom.

He served as the secretary general of the HPC, besides serving in other government positions.

Abdullah Khan Habibi has worked as the chief of army staff in the Defense Ministry before he was appointed as acting minister of defense.

Habibi, 64, has a master degree in military affairs. He served as commander of 201 Selab Army Corps and later as the first deputy head of education and training department of the Defense Ministry. (Tolonews)

### (3) Kabul,...

posts inside the Afghan territory in Angoor Ada, Ghulam Khan and Khoja Kheder Mountain. Moreover, he strongly protested against Pakistan's ongoing unprovoked artillery-shelling of Afghan villages.

To prevent such incidents from happening again, both sides agreed to establish an effective mechanism for consultation and coordination of issues of mutual concern and interest. In the meeting, respect for the mutual sovereignty and commitment to the principles of non-interference, non-aggression, and good neighborly relations were stressed.

They acknowledged that the stability, security, and prosperity of Afghanistan depend on those of Pakistan and vice versa.

Moreover, the Afghan side noted that in the fight against terrorism no distinction be made between good and bad terrorists and that Afghanistan and Pakistan should cooperate to defeat terrorism and end regional support for extremism.

In Islamabad, Foreign Office Spokesman Nafees Zakaria said the Afghan delegation was warmly received and talks started in a cordial atmosphere.

Both sides are to review all aspects of border issues and will evolve a mechanism for better border management. "Pakistan... looks forward to meaningful deliberations through a constructive engagement between the two sides with a view to promoting bilateral relations as well as peace and stability of our two countries, and the region," the FO said.

Torkham is one of the busiest of the eight established crossing points on the 2,500-kilometre-long porous border between the two countries, which is used by some 25,000 travellers every day. A diplomatic push to end the

Pak-Afghan row over the construction of the border gate bore fruit on Saturday when Pakistan reopened the Torkham border crossing for traffic a week after skirmishes forced the closure. (Pajhwok)

### (4) 1.8m Tonnes ...

been rejected. However, he did not say when the laboratories were activated.

"Even one liter of low quality fuel was not allowed to enter Afghanistan since I took office as ANSA head four months ago. I always stand against mafia and powerful individuals," he said.

However, Faiq said 50 percent of fuel imports arrived through smuggling involving powerful individuals. He said ANSA was not responsible to control the smuggling.

He said 700,000 liters of low quality fuel imports had been rejected by ANSA laboratories during the past four months. "The fuel mafia is one of the greatest challenge ANSA is faced with," Faik added.

He said annual tax of fuel illegally trafficked into Afghanistan could be estimated at \$500 million. (Pajhwok)

### (5) UNHCR ...

suitable ways for resolving the migration issue.

President Ghani expressed his gratitude to Grandi and his team for their efforts to help refugees worldwide and especially supporting Afghan refugees in critical conditions.

The statement said Fillipo Grandi once again announced UNHCR support to Afghan refugees worldwide and assured President Ghani of timely providing the refugees with their assistance.

Grandi thanked Ghani for paying attention to Afghan refugees' issues and said UNHCR would continue its assistance to Afghanistan and would support refugees' rights. (Pajhwok)

### (6) 10 Cases...

information, he noted.

"Provincial police chiefs don't share information with journalists. Whenever contracted, they say they are not allowed to talk to media and refer journalists to the spokesman for the Ministry of Interior," Tawhidi said.

He also mentioned the government's recent announcement that foreign workers should not travel from one area to another without security clearance. The decision had created problems for foreign journalists, he said.

It was impossible for a foreign journalist having a guard while filing a report or collecting information, the Nai head argued. He asked the government to ensure security for journalists in the line of duty. (Pajhwok)

### (7) Rabbani, Aziz ...

at defusing the tension stemming from recent clashes across the Torkham border crossing and finding a way of better border management.

Talks between the two delegations were held in a cordial atmosphere, marked by a mutual desire to amicably resolve border-related tiffs, FO said. Both sides decided to work in the spirit of good neighbourly relations and cooperation.

"The two sides agreed that the ideas generated in today's deliberations will be shared with leadership and will be further refined during a meeting between the adviser and the foreign minister in Tashkent."

During the discussions, both sides stressed the need for creating a suitable mechanism for consultation on border management issues.

"Effective border management is vital for promoting peace, countering terrorism and strengthening relations..." (Pajhwok)

### (8) Violence ...

illiteracy. Abida said a number of men were addicted to drugs in the poppy-rich province, thus forcing women to work and earn money to support their families.

"It is very hard for a woman to work inside and outside of home in the presence of husband, it brings pressure on women."

Abida expressed her concern that still some families in a number of areas agreed to giving their underage daughters into marriage to older and drug addicts in return for money.

AIHRC head for Helmand Bilal Ahmad Sediqi also told Pajhwok that violence against women in Helmand had lately increased. "Many women face numerous problems but they at least cannot share their problems with us." He identified insecurity, drug ad-

dition, local customs, unawareness and illiteracy as key factors behind the increasing violence against women. "We need to travel to many areas to work for women's rights but insecurity and other reasons don't allow us to do so."

Sediqi said girls in many areas of Helmand were deprived of education and these girls would face many challenges in future.

Women's Affairs Director Jamila Niazi told Pajhwok that women continued to face violence and other problems in the province.

"In some districts still women are intimidated in various ways like divorce, beating, early marriages and forced marriages. All these keep the level of violence high," she said.

The director did not disclose this year's figures on incidents of violence against women, but said she had forwarded some cases to judicial organs and other to the human rights commission in order to be solved.

"We don't have women shelter and therefore we have sent some women to the children's rehab centre."

Niazi said government departments, religious scholars, tribal elders and common people should assist her department in reducing incidents of violence against women.

In this regard, a 30-year-old woman, Bibi Zara, a mother of seven children, told Pajhwok that her husband was addicted to heroin. She said her spouse was using drugs over the past eight years. "He used to beat me every day. He sold everything we had at home."

She said her husband has been missing over the past one year and she alone was taking care of her children.

"Now I have come to the human rights office to get my two sons enrolled at the children training centre because all my children cannot go to school."

To a question, Bibi Zara said she was living in a ruined home and used to sew people's clothes against wages to run the life cycle. She said no government department had ever helped her.

Civil society activist Hadia Helmandi said gender was yet to be implemented in government departments.

"Once I shared the problem with the president. If women are given participation in government like men, violence against them can be prevented."

Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, said violence against women was committed in Helmand.

He said the provincial administration had long been trying to reduce the level of violence against women by carrying out different programmes.

According to the attorney general's office (AGO), 9,600 incidents of violence against women have been registered in Afghanistan over the past six years. (Pajhwok)

### (9) 200 Poor...

one of the children who received the aid, said she sold paper-handkerchiefs every day and earned 50 to 100 afghanis.

The 4th grade student at Char Qala School in Wazirabad area of Kabul said her father was no more and she was selling facial tissues to support her mother and two sisters and also went to school.

Mariam asked the government to support her family and enable her to continue her and her two sisters' education.

"I want to become a police officer in future and ensure security in our country because if war exists we can't work, we can't live a comfortable life and children are deprived of education, thus their future is ruined." (Pajhwok)

### (10) MPs Endorse...

enough judicial knowledge and experience.

Sangari was nominated for the slot by President Ashraf Ghani in March 2016. The MPs also approved Abdullah Habibi as defence minister and Masoom Stanikzai as intelligence chief. (Pajhwok)

### (11) Nepal Laments...

killed in the incident. Our embassy in Pakistan is constantly in touch with the Kabul authorities," Bharat Raj Paudyal told the Chinese media outlet. (Pajhwok)

### (12) Taliban won't ...

Jangalbagh. He added all units of security forces had developed coordination in defending their motherland even at the cost of their lives. The police

chief asked local residents to ignore Taliban's propaganda and repose trust in their security forces.

Abdullah, a policeman manning the Khanabad port check-post, said the enemy had been propagating that they would seize Kunduz City again.

"I want to tell the people the Taliban are trying to create confusion among the locals through their propaganda campaign. But the fact is the group will not be able to capture the provincial capital again," he remarked.

In addition to having a strong presence in districts, the Taliban are said to be active on the outskirts of Kunduz City, but security officials claim several villages have been cleared of the insurgents as a result of Operation Shafaq.

A couple of weeks earlier, the Taliban stopped buses and kidnapped more than 200 passengers in the province. Ten of the hostages were killed and 20 are still in Taliban captivity. The group released most of them soon after their abduction. (Pajhwok)

### (13) New Milestone ...

Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission were present on the occasion.

The Ministry of Public Works, in collaboration with the Road Sector Sustainability Program of United States Agency for International Development (USAID), designed a sectoral reform aimed at improving the management, financing, and efficiency of road operations and maintenance, the USAID said in a statement.

"This is a major step forward in creating a sustainable system to fund and maintain Afghanistan's roads," said USAID Mission Director Herbert Smith. "We are happy to partner today with the Ministry of Public Works in this significant achievement."

Once established, these new institutions -- a Road Authority, a Road Fund, and a Transportation Institute -- will improve the accountability and efficiency of road-user fees in order to better fund and manage road operations and maintenance.

Based on international best practices, the objective is to shift road maintenance in Afghanistan from public sector management and financing to a self-supporting commercialized system.

USAID has invested more than \$2 billion in the construction and rehabilitation of more than 2,000 kilometers of roads. This new initiative by USAID will ensure sustainability through knowledge building, good management, assured financing, and accountability in the future of the transportation sector in Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

### (14) Nearly 99% ...

reasons behind their departure include religious discrimination and the government's neglect of the minority group, during Taliban era in particular.

Awtar Singh, 57, of Paktia and head of Hindu Council in Afghanistan, said he lost 10 members of his family in the Afghan conflict. Two of his brothers, who were army soldiers, were killed during the last three decades of fighting.

"The discrimination against us surfaced in 1992 when people started counting who were Hindu or Muslim and Tajik, Uzbek or Hazara," he said.

The TOLONews report indicates that where Hindus and Sikhs were once very active in business within the country, they are now faced with increasing poverty. (Tolonews)

### (15) Afghanistan ...

Meanwhile, Maya Ameratunga, representative of the UNHCR country office in Kabul, said: "What we notice now is that there are so many refugee crises around the world, including newer crises like Syria and Iraq and other places around the world, that the attention of donors is really stretched. And what we see is that attention sometimes falls away (from Afghanistan)."

The UNHCR said in the report that on average, 24 people had been displaced every minute of every day last year -- or 34,000 people a day -- up from six every minute in 2005. More than half of all refugees came from three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia, the report says.

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1.1 million.

According to the report, the number of people displaced globally raised by 5.8 million through 2015. (Tolonews)

### (16) 65 Million...

"The message that they have carried is: 'If you don't solve problems, problems will come to you.'"

With stark detail, UNHCR said that on average, 24 people had been displaced every minute of every day last year -- or 34,000 people a day -- up from 6 every minute in 2005. Global displacement has roughly doubled since 1997, and risen by 50 percent since 2011 alone -- when the Syria war began.

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### (17) ISIS in...

security guards were killed after a suicide bomber targeted their vehicle in the 9th police district of Kabul city earlier this morning.

The Canadian Embassy in Kabul confirmed the attack on the employees of security company working for the Embassy in Kabul.

The attack was carried out around 6:00 am local time in Benayi area of the city in the 9th police district of Kabul.

The claim by ISIS loyalists which could not be verified indecently comes as they attempt to expand foothold in the country despite ongoing operations by the Afghan and US forces against the group in the country. (KP)

### (18) 12 Taliban...

The statement also added that the Afghan National Police detected six roadside bombs which were placed by enemies of peace and stability of Afghanistan in the main road of the Gilan District of Ghazni province.

According to Mol, the Afghan police personnel did not suffer any casualties during the operations. (KP)

### (19) Iran and ...

per year under the Taliban, according to UN statistics, since the US-led invasion, drug production has surged to 3,400 tons annually. In 2007, the opium trade reached an estimated all-time production high of 8,200 tons.

Afghan and western officials blame Washington and NATO for the change, saying that the allies have "overlooked" the drug problem. (Agencies)

### (20) NATO Condemns...

expresses its deepest condolences to those affected by these terrorist acts. We are steadfast in our commitment to train, advise, and assist our Afghan partners in achieving a sustainable peace, as well as, security for the people of Afghanistan."

At least 14 people were killed after a suicide bomber targeted a mini bus in the 9th police district of Kabul earlier today.

A second blast targeted an Afghan lawmaker few minutes earlier, leaving the MP injured along with four others.

The Taliban group claimed responsibility behind the two attacks in Kabul which comes as the group's insurgency has been rampant across the country since the group announced its spring offensive earlier in April this year. (KP)

### (21) Nepal Expresses...

for a foreign company at 05:40 a.m. local time.

"As a result, 14 foreign (Nepalese citizen) were killed and nine others were wounded including five Nepalese and four Afghans," the ministry said. (Xinhua)

### (22) Al-Shabaab...

longed to individual companies and were used for business.

Al-Shabaab militants have isolated Hudur and many other towns in Bakool from other towns in the country and have been blocking humanitarian assistance from reaching vulnerable populations there. (Xinhua)

### (23) UN Warns...

war are finding their way blocked by closed borders. Politics is gravitating against asylum in some countries," he explained.

In 2015 alone, some 12.4 million people were newly displaced as a result of conflict or persecution.

More than half were from three countries: Syria (4.9 million), Afghanistan (2.7 million) and Somalia (1.1 million).

Despite the attention given to the one million refugees and migrants who reached Europe last year, UNHCR indicated that 86 percent of refugees under its mandate were actually located in low and middle income countries in proximity to conflict areas. (Xinhua)

### (24) U.S. Senate's...

require any background check in the majority of U.S. states.

On the Republican side, GOP lawmakers are pushing forward a measure that would allow the government to delay a gun sale to a suspected terrorist for 72 hours while attorney generals have to seek a court order within the period to permanently block the sale.

Also, instead of imposing an almost universal background check, Republicans' proposal for expanding background check includes providing incentives to share mental health records.

The Senate's latest legislative effort to curb rampant gun violence comes at a time when the whole country is still reeling from the deadliest shooting massacre in U.S. history.

Forty-nine people were killed and 53 others wounded, on June 12 in a shooting spree at a popular LGBT nightclub in Orlando, Florida. It was also the deadliest terror attack in the history since the 9/11 terror attacks in 2001. (Xinhua)

### (25) Nigerian Gov't...

surgency operation," he said.

Boko Haram has killed more than 10,000 people, mostly in northeastern Nigeria, since it launched its campaign of violence in 2009. The Nigerian army and other local security agencies have made tremendous progress in the fight against the terror group in the past year, retaking most of the areas previously under insurgents' control. (Xinhua)

### (26) Six Dead...

National Coordination of Education Workers (CNTE) staged from May 15 against President Enrique Pena Nieto's education reform enacted in 2013.

The reform requires Mexican teachers to undergo performance evaluations in an effort to improve the country's poorly rated education system. It aims to remove the powers unions have over jobs and end the practice that teaching positions were inherited or sold. (Xinhua)

### (27) Algerian Troops...

army troops have managed to kill many militants.

Algerian army forces have been very active in the last five months, as they have killed as many as 73 armed militants in different operations nationwide, Defense Ministry said. (Xinhua)

### (28) IRGC Commander...

military advice to the Iraqi armed forces, the report added.

The Quds Force, also known as Qods, is a special unit of Iran's IRGC responsible for "extraterritorial" missions of the Corps.

Iran, a major regional ally of the Syrian and Iraqi governments in their fight against the militant groups, has repeatedly announced the presence of its military advisors in both countries. (Xinhua)

### (29) Over 20...

and forcing 16,000 people to relocate. In Guizhou Province, rescuers are trying to extract eight trapped miners from a mine shaft that was flooded on Sunday.

In central China's Hunan Province, rain and floods have caused the water level to rise in Liye, an ancient town where a large number of bamboo slips chronicling China's Qin Dynasty were excavated. (Xinhua)

### (30) Tajikistan's Rahmon...

life is not easy for most Tajiks.

Tajikistan is the poorest country among post-Soviet states, with more than a third of its population living below the poverty line. Many Tajiks are forced to go to countries like Russia to find work, and their remittances make up half of the country's GDP. In contrast, the president's family members and close relatives are some of the richest people in the country, running major businesses and holding top government jobs. (AKIpress)