

**(1) Brexit Vote ...**

over Europe," said Trump. "You're going to have many other cases where they want to take their borders back." UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said he expects the UK and EU to remain solid partners for the United Nations. (TASS)

**(2) Red Cross...**

sixteen Afghan families have been able to find their loved ones through the website. According to ICRC, names and photographs of 1251 migrants who have gone missing have been put on the website. Of them 722 are Afghan nationals. "We created this website where people can make contact with their relatives within their destination countries and their country of origin. They can post their pictures on the website," said Celine Doutré, deputy protection coordinator of ICRC. "We receive requests from hundreds of families every year that have lost contact with their relatives on their way migrating to Europe. They might have lost contacts on the way or they might have lost contacts with family back home," she said. (Tolnews)

**(3) China Offers ...**

capital city of Uzbekistan," Uzbek President Islam Karimov said in his welcoming remarks. "The peace process in Afghanistan should move forward under the leadership of the Afghan people," Xi said. In addition, Tajikistan's President Imam Ali Rahman also laid strong emphasis on the establishment of long-standing peace and stability in Afghanistan, saying that stability in Afghanistan was in the interests of the entire region and the world. He said Shanghai member nations are able to cooperate with Afghanistan's fight against terrorism and drug smuggling. Joining other leaders, Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev also pledged his country's support to Afghanistan and said that they will undertake the renovation of Afghan forces' helicopters. Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov invited Ghani to visit Turkmenistan in the near future so that the countries besides inaugurating the Aqina railway link also sign the Lajward transit route agreement. (Tolnews)

**(4) Sartaj Aziz...**

in Torkham. The two sides also took this opportunity to review other aspects of bilateral relations. They reaffirmed respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity and adherence to the principle of non-interference into each other's internal affairs. Adviser Aziz and Foreign Minister Rabbani reiterated the mutual desire for strengthening bilateral relations for promoting peace, stability, counter terrorism and economic progress of both the countries. Towards this end, it was agreed to enhance mutual engagement in diverse areas to deepen cooperation. The two sides specifically expressed their firm commitment to continue serious efforts towards eliminating the scourge of terrorism which poses a grave threat to the peace and security of the two countries, and the region. In this regard, they emphasized the need for close cooperation and coordination between the two countries at all levels. While discussing bilateral relations, the two sides stressed the need for continuing joint efforts to promote peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan through timely and concrete actions resulting in tangible outcomes, including in the framework of the Quadrilateral Coordination Group process. (PR)

**(5) Peace Jirga' ...**

India, said former minister of interior Mohammad Omar Dawoudzai. He adding that Pakistan's intention was also to have the Durand Line recognized as international border between the two countries. Dawoudzai who also serves as the executive member of the Council for the Protection and Stability in Afghanistan and Peace Jirga, reiterated that searching for peace in Afghanistan through Pakistan was a big mistake. At a gathering on Thursday, members of the Peace Jirga stressed the need for an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process, pledging their full support to nurturing the peace process with the Taliban. "Taking into consideration the current situation, I am not optimistic about Pakistan's support of the process, but I am optimistic that we can negotiate with the Taliban directly as two Afghan nationals should," Dawoudzai said. Participants at the gathering insisted that the Taliban's ongoing war in Afghanistan was unnecessary and unlawful. "Pakistan says that we must tone down our relations with India according to will of Islamabad. Secondly, Pakistan wants us to recognize the Durand Line as the border between or two countries," he added. "In my view the government has the will to strive for peace with the Taliban. The international community also wants peace in Afghanistan," head of Jhaba-e-Naween Milli party Anwarul Haq Ahadi said. While the HPC casts doubts over Pakistan's intentions, still it believes that Pakistan has an influence on the peace process in Afghanistan. "Pakistan has

influence. Taliban's hideouts exist there and Taliban take decisions in Pakistan, these things have given Pakistan an opportunity to play role in the peace process in Afghanistan," Salim said. (Tolnews)

**(6) US Awards...**

multi-year foreign military sales contract (Afghanistan) to procure Harris family of radios, ancillaries, spare parts and services," DoD said. The Defense Department further added that the bids were solicited via the Internet with one received. According to DoD, the estimated completion date is June 15, 2021 and the funding and work location will be determined with each order. The announcement for the award of the new contract comes as the US officials earlier said that the United States will provide \$3 billion to the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDS) from 2018 to 2020. (KP)

**(7) Stability ...**

strengthening of the modern political system and the provision of stability and security in fraternal Afghanistan. Stability in Afghanistan is guarantee of stability in Tajikistan, Tajik leader said. Both presidents expressed satisfaction with the current level of bilateral cooperation between their countries and stressed that an efficient activity of the joint commission for trade and economic cooperation could play an important role in promoting the achievement of mutually beneficial goals. (Asia-Plus)

**(8) Afghanistan has...**

Yasmin, said: "When I go to school my grandma stays at the shop. When I return from school, she goes to home and I run the shop." Bibi Ko's son is a soldier who was wounded six months ago. He now he lays at home. "We don't have anything, we are just passing our lives," said Bibi Ko. Based on statistics of the Labor, Social Affairs Ministry, 500 000 widows live in Afghanistan. Among them are 70 000 who are their family's breadwinner. About 50 percent do handicraft and 37 percent working in offices. "We have proper programs for widows. In offices these women are being paid less and have fewer privileges because they are widows. We are now trying to increase privileges of widows," said a Ministry adviser. War and violence are one of the main reasons for increase of widowed women in Afghanistan. (Tolnews)

**(9) Ghani Dismissed ...**

for more than 5 years in the airport should continue to his work and should be replaced with the new comers who should go through a transparent recruitment process besides going through biometric process and registration of assets. This comes as President Ghani reviewed the report prepared a commission established to conduct a comprehensive review of Hamid Karzai International Airport affairs. The head of the commission Sardar Mohammad Roshan presented the report to President Ghani and said the current condition of the airport as well as the vulnerable sections have been reviewed. He said the security of the airport faces challenges due to the numerous security institutions involvement which causes a conflict among them and paves the way for the smuggling of drugs from the airport. Roshan also expressed concerns regarding the presence of fuel storages and monopoly of fuel supply by three companies. (KP)

**(10) Afghanistan Ready...**

project and Ghani said his country was ready for its implementation. The Turkmen leader said his country would increase the supply of imported electricity to Herat province and in response the Afghan leader said it would help establish more factories in the western province. At the meeting, the two sides agreed that delegations of the two countries would deeply and thoroughly discuss better security arrangements along the TAPI route in Afghanistan. The Turkmen president also said his country planned to construct a mosque in Aqina and a school in Andkhoi district. The two sides also stressed increased cooperation and expertise exchanges in area of carpet industry. President Ghani also met his Tajikistan counterpart Emomali Rahmon and discussed with him bilateral relations in various fields and joint fight against terrorism. Rahmon said the Afghanistan route was appropriate for trade and urged increased cooperation from Kabul in this regard. The two presidents also agreed on enhanced cooperation in areas of transit and bilateral trade. Similarly, President Ghani also met his Kazakh counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev and discussed with him bilateral relations and a joint anti-terrorism fight. (Pajhwok)

**(11) US Rules ...**

some of the most internally involved players. Once we have the negotiations

going, that would be the time to talk with other countries," Olson said.

"The United States and other members of the quartet would be prepared to enter into negotiations without any preconditions. That offer is sincerely extended," he said.

Cautious about internal dynamics of the Taliban, Olson said it appears that the Taliban have consolidated its leadership quickly under Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada.

To another question on including Central Asian countries, Olson reiterated that there were other forums like the Heart of Asia process that could address questions of reconciliation. "Why are they not involved in the process," he was asked.

"For the moment the challenge is to get the negotiations going. Once we have the negotiations going that would be the time to talk about other global supporters," he said. (Pajhwok)

**(12) Accountability ...**

to counter corruption. Qaderi said officials should be held accountable under an organized system for the sake of bringing reforms to public entities.

Paktia officials say 20 officials of several departments accused of corruption were introduced to the judicial organs last year. (Pajhwok)

**(13) Nepal Bans ...**

on Wednesday. Official figures show 3,300 Nepalis are currently working in Afghanistan as security guards, but that does not include those who travel via Gulf countries and the true figure is thought to be higher.

Nepal already bans its citizens from travelling to Syria, Iraq and Libya for work.

But labour rights advocates said such bans did little to prevent Nepalis desperate for work from travelling to such countries. (Agencies)

**(14) Afghan Refugees...**

camp has become "safe havens for terrorists."

On Wednesday, Pakistani federal minister Abdul Qadir Baloch warned that Pakistan was not willing to host Afghan refugees indefinitely. (Pajhwok)

**(15) Afghanistan...**

engaged religious leaders to talk about the acceptability of polio drops. "I am sure with these efforts, we would not only be able to contain polio, but also eradicate it," the minister said. The event at Wilson Center was held to release results of the first-ever Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), the international "gold standard" assessment tool used by over 90 countries to evaluate a population's health and disseminate nationally representative data on fertility, family planning, maternal and child health, gender, HIV/AIDS, and nutrition.

Referring to the survey results, Feroz said there has been considerable progress in the health sector and significant improvement in various health parameters including child and women mortality. At the same time, he acknowledged there is a long way to go. Afghanistan's health sector, he said, is heavily dependent on donor countries and out of pocket payment by Afghan population. (Pajhwok)

**(16) Afghanistan to...**

goods' exports to Russia and other international markets.

"There are some main issues, including transit, process and marketing for Afghan products. If government pays attention to these issues and work through a professional process, we can export our goods to Russia and from Russian markets to other countries," said Nabi Sadat, economic affairs analyst.

According to figures, Afghanistan exported 5,700 tons of fresh fruits and vegetables to India and Pakistan over the past few months. (Tolnews)

**(17) Ghani's Foreign...**

was common routine and that the president has no obligation to assign a caretaker while he is away.

"In the legal perspective, the president is not obligated to assign a caretaker while he is on foreign trips and it is a common practice, because in the past there was no access to the president, but the president has access to ongoing situations in the country from anywhere and also the entire government has access to the president whenever they need," deputy presidential spokesman Sayed Zafar Hashemi said. Ghani is currently in Uzbekistan to attend the 16th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

"The National Unity Government so far has not succeeded to share the power properly between the president and the Chief Executive, because of this, the issue has been sidelined and no order is issued, but according to the principle, the first vice president must take charge and it has been approved in the constitution as well," political analyst Khalil Roman said. "The president should formally inform all institutions and bodies about the routine governance process and acceleration of work and affairs so that they know who is going to issue orders as acting

president," law expert Ainuddin Bahaduri said. There is a perception that the president does not assign his deputies due to certain reservations as the national unity government is a power sharing entity in terms of its structure. However, some others argue that the president has no trust in his VPs. (Tolnews)

**(18) Pakistani ...**

to be found in refugee camps and more likely to be found in well-protected luxury compounds in Quetta - and elsewhere - holding Pakistani identity and travel documents.

"In utter frustration and in a kneejerk reaction we have resorted to unilateral border controls and are demanding repatriation of Afghan refugees. It is neither feasible nor advisable to throw out the refugees overnight. We have not been able to register all the refugees as yet - a task that must have been completed long ago," he argued.

He said border management is a long term process requiring a long term and patient resolution with mutual consultation. It should not be seen as punishing Afghanistan for refusing to be subservient.

The remarks by Babar comes as the Afghan officials have long been criticizing Pakistan for failing to take actions against the groups using the Pakistani soil to carry out attacks in Afghanistan. The Afghan officials believe the notorious Haqqani terrorist network and the Taliban group leaderships are based in Quetta and Peshawar cities of Pakistan. (KP)

**(19) Casualties...**

nothing so far about the clash. But the Taliban on their website claimed attacking and capturing three security posts in Shinkot district of Ghor.

Pasaband district borders southern Helmand province's Baghran district where the Taliban have been in control over the past 10 years. (Pajhwok)

**(20) Ex-Drug...**

Zia Faizi, also a former addict."

"We don't give medicines to the addicts, we read from books about the injurious effects of drugs use on health. We put the addicts in a pool of cold water when they are intoxicated. This way we treat them and it has given results."

He said the centre was supervised by former addicts. "We can better understand these individuals more than a doctor and we can better treat them."

He said the under-treatment addicts were provided food, accommodation and other needed facilities at the centre. He claimed those discharged from the centre after treatment had not returned to their drug habit. (Pajhwok)

**(21) 5.4 Magnitude...**

United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported that the magnitude of the earthquake was 5.0 with the epicenter recorded in Jurm district having a location of 36.097°N 70.301°E and depth of 43 km.

This comes as a powerful earthquake jolted Afghanistan including capital Kabul in the month of October with Richter scale recorded at 7.5 magnitude.

At least 115 people lost their lives and over 500 others were reported to have sustain injuries with damages reported to at least 4,000 houses. (KP)

**(22) 3 Civilians...**

slain civilians included a child and another three children were among the 12 others injured. He said security forces and Daesh militants had also suffered casualties but exact figures were not yet known.

The militant outfit has so far said nothing in this regard. (Pajhwok)

**(23) 7 Taliban ...**

to the rebels, he said, adding the dead militants belonged to the "Tehreek-i-Taliban" group.

He did not explain if he meant Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan from 'Tehreek-i-Taliban'. (Pajhwok)

**(24) Xi, Putin...**

TASHKENT - China and Uzbekistan agreed on Wednesday to focus on jointly promoting the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative.

During the talks between visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Uzbek counterpart, Islam Karimov, the two sides pledged to seek synergy between their respective development strategies and fully tap into the potential of their economic and trade cooperation on the principles of consultation, joint development and sharing.

The two leaders said they will actively boost industrial capacity cooperation and build the Jizzakh Industrial Park into an important platform in this regard. Cooperation in infrastructure construction and energy will be expanded and deepened, and new high-lights will be created in agricultural cooperation. (Xinhua)

**(25) No Obstacles...**

Iran has long sought membership in the SCO but the group kept the country waiting until it reached an agreement with the US, Europe and other

key international players on its nuclear program.

With the addition of Iran, the group would control around a fifth of the world's oil and represent nearly a half of the global population.

Russian Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping are attending the Tashkent summit as is Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The organization is expected to get India and Pakistan on its roster even as the two atomic archrivals would have to wait until the 2017 summit for a formal seat among its members. (Presstv)

**(26) India Says...**

Reserve Bank of India Raghuram Rajan said the central bank is continuously maintaining a close vigil on market developments, both domestically and internationally.

"(It) will take all steps, including providing liquidity support (both dollar and rupee), to ensure orderly conditions in financial markets," Rajan said. All the 30 Sensex scripts at the Mumbai stock exchange were in the red at one point Friday. (Xinhua)

**(27) G7 Countries...**

ensure adequate liquidity and to support the functioning of markets, said the statement.

At a referendum held on Thursday, the majority of British people voted to leave the EU. (Xinhua)

**(28) Democratic Decision...**

its summer plenary session.

"However, sometimes it is necessary to take a step backwards in order to take a step forward. It will be necessary to find the means to give a new momentum to the inter-parliamentary dialogue in Europe, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in which the United Kingdom remains a major player, will need to intensify its efforts to achieve European ideals and affirm our shared European heritage," he continued. (Xinhua)

**(29) Putin Lauds...**

as well as infrastructure construction, Putin added, noting that security and drugs have also been covered.

"The SCO has become a popular and attractive organization in the region. Many countries around the world have expressed willingness to join it," he said. (Xinhua)

**(30) Second Independence...**

constitution, and an option was now "on the table" since many people who voted against Scottish independence in 2014 would be reassessing their decision, said Sturgeon. The Scottish government would begin preparing legislation to enable another independence vote, she added. (Xinhua)

**(31) At Least 20 ...**

country's southeastern province of Kilis, as rocket attacks from IS-held regions across the border in northern Syria have killed over 21 in Kilis this year. (Xinhua)

**(32) U.S. Says ...**

(Obama) and President Kenyatta agreed that the United States and Kenya would work closely together on this issue, to better ensure that the needs of refugees and host communities are met," said a statement released by the White House.

According to the statement, the two leaders discussed the ongoing repatriation of the refugees, and the challenges Kenya had been facing in hosting hundreds of thousands of refugees for more than two decades. (Xinhua)

**(33) Peace Deal ...**

political party or movement, although the disarmament process will not begin until a definitive peace treaty is signed. Ban Ki-moon congratulated all the participants and invited all Colombians to make the agreement a reality in order to preserve peace in the country and the region. "Let us work together to make the promise of peace sealed today in Havana a reality," said Ban. (Xinhua)

**(34) Terrorists Arrested...**

in Tehran and three border and central provinces. Alavi said the militants were planning remote-controlled explosions, suicide bombings, and car bombings at crowded areas. (Presstv)

**(35) Chinese, Tajik...**

China's long-term support for Tajikistan's efforts in defending its sovereignty and independence, and stressed that the Tajik side will firmly adhere to the one-China policy. (Xinhua)

**(36) China, Uzbekistan...**

Cooperation Organization (SCO). During the talks, the two leaders agreed to elevate the bilateral ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership so as to cement traditional friendship and deepen mutually beneficial cooperation. They decided to continue to strengthen mutual support on issues concerning their core interests such as territory, sovereignty and security, render strong support to each other in their choices of development paths, and enhance communication and coordination on major international and regional issues. (Xinhua)