

**(1) Despite 50/50 ...**

defence and interior  
"The government was trying to defame me and repeated the mistakes made by previous governments. Whatever Allah blessed me with, nobody could take it away from me," said Dostum.

He lamented most rural parts of the country were being administered by Pakistan and the current Afghan government was involved in political wrangling.

He said the 'fifth column' and individuals and circles afraid of fighting and facing the Taliban in the battle-field were conspiring against him and accusing him of spreading ethnic war in the northern part of the country.

The first vice-president said he was born in the north, raised in the north and promoted to power with public vote, so he could not remain silent when the people of the north suffered from cruelty of Taliban and Daesh.

He said the doors of peace talks were open for Afghan Taliban but puppets and ISI contractors would be expelled from the country and would be chased until the border.

He said during the just concluded offensive, Taliban's shadow district chief Mullah Mer Dad and tens of others were killed and several others arrested and their weapons captured. (Pajhwok)

**(2) CEO Renews...**

decrease on election reforms.

The government has launched clandestine efforts to convince lawmakers into endorsing the legislative decree. Other legal ways of implementing the reforms are also being discussed. (Pajhwok)

**(3) Government...**

Abdullah added: "We have good commitments of future support from our partners. This is a good sign as we progress towards peace and stability in the country."

The Warsaw Summit will focus on three main objectives:

- Continued funding the ANDSF.
- There would be about 10,000 U.S. troops in the country and NATO is expected to contribute another 6,000.
- NATO and Afghanistan will issue a joint statement, reiterating the organization's commitment to the country without giving any deadlines. (Tolnews)

**(4) Afghanistan ...**

have said Kabul welcomes Russia's support to the Afghan armed forces, insisting on a regional and international cooperation to fight the menace of international terrorism.

The Afghan officials are optimistic regarding Russia's support to Afghanistan to help equip the Afghan forces who are having well experience with the use of Russian military equipment.

The defense officials are saying that the Afghan Air Force is still using the Russian made Mi-15 and Mi-17 helicopters which have been purchased by the United States from Russia. (KP)

**(5) Zardari Slams**

Samiul Haq to negotiate on their behalf, the senator recalled.

"Now a privately owned pro-Taliban madrassa has been given Rs300 million. Though the National Action Plan calls for disallowing banned outfits from resurrecting, yet they are openly promoting their militant agenda with impunity," he remarked. (Pajhwok)

**(6) Around 40...**

about their security and pay hike in the face of the Taliban suicide blast that killed 13 Nepali workers last week.

Stating that he has already raised the issue of Nepali workers with the concerned bodies, Aryal said the employer company assured him that it would facilitate the return of Nepali workers if they wanted to leave the job and return home.

He said that the issue of providing compensation and insurance to the families of the victims of the suicide blast with the employer company and concerned bodies was also taken.

"The employer company and the mission where the victims were working have forwarded our concerns to higher authorities," he added.

Meanwhile, Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bharat Raj Paudyal said that the ministry would be able to know the exact number of people returning from Afghanistan only after they return home. (ANI)

**(7) Iranian Schools ...**

children with the opportunity to receive education on Imam Khomeini's orders.

According to reports, at least two million Afghan refugees are living in Iran. (Tolnews)

**(8) BHEL Commissions...**

Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharati. This project has been funded under Government of India's grant to Afghanistan. (Agencies)

**(9) ACCI Leadership...**

community provided a long list of issues and challenges it faced. The issues ranged from transit issues from seaports to high and unaffordable taxes and duties, bribery and corruption at the customs department.

They raised concern at kidnapping of businessmen, procurement issues and challenges, low quality of services especially in large projects, lack of electronic payment systems, failure to attract foreign direct investment, WTO representation, low employment and brain drain challenges, lack of support mechanisms and programs for Afghan businesses especially for women-owned businesses, misuse of ACCI resources by those in authority, capital flight etc.

"These issues are further magnified by the lack of intellectual, professional and globalised leadership experience in ACCI to communicate, coordinate and facilitate international trade, investment and economic exchange efforts with stakeholders in global financial, business and political capitals such as Beijing, Singapore, Dubai, London and New York."

They said the chamber had failed to properly represent its members domestically and represent Afghanistan internationally.

"Failure of the ACCI to address the challenges its membership and the Afghan industries face makes ACCI irrelevant to the Afghan market," said Omar Mansoor Ansari, Chairman of National ICT Alliance of Afghanistan (NICTAA). "This undermines the interests of the members that it claims to represent in Afghanistan," he added.

The participants demanded ACCI and other responsible bodies play its role in supporting the private sector, holding elections through a transparent process to ensure it is a representative body of the private sector and can contribute to the economic growth and development of already fragile Afghan economy.

They warned if their demands were not listened to they would continue protesting in larger groups throughout the country. (Pajhwok)

**(10) 'Authorities ...**

militants, a number of areas were also retaken from them.

"Kot is a strategic district, that's why Daesh fighters targeted it. Hundreds of militants from Achin, Nazian and Haska Mena districts have come to conduct the attack in the district but they were frustrated."

Kunduzi said the new-launched offensive was advancing successfully, inflicting many casualties on Daesh fighters.

Kunduzi answering a question said the enemy was spending much money on negative propaganda in Nangarhar and some other circles were also doing the same on social media. The governor denied claim that Daesh militants had abducted women in Nangarhar and called it enemy propaganda.

He confirmed the IS fighters had torched hundreds of houses in Kot district and said the houses would be reconstructed.

The NDS head also confirmed some circles were spreading a negative propaganda against the Nangarhar security situation.

According to the two senior officials, the Kot district would be soon cleared of Daesh militants and the displaced families would return to their homes. (Pajhwok)

**(11) Turn Kot...**

would be remembered in the history of preserving Afghanistan's independence.

Hanif Atmar many times repeated the president's directives: "Turn Kot into a graveyard for Daesh and take a historic revenge for the martyred countrymen."

Hundreds of Daesh gunmen stormed various parts of Kot district on Thursday night, causing casualties to security forces and civilians besides torching dozens of civilian homes.

Dozens of Daesh fighters were killed and wounded after security forces

launched an operation against them in the troubled district. (Pajhwok)

**(12) Fighting...**

"We have provided emergency assistance to 100 families so far," he said. Faqiri said a survey had been launched to identify the exact number of the displaced people and the result of the survey would be shared with the media.

According to him, some people have sought refuge in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, Samarkhel, Kabul Ada and Surkh Rud district.

Samad, a resident of Syedkheil locality in Kot district, said: "There is war in Kot, and I want to shift to Samakheil locality."

Another resident, Wakeel, said: "People from Janjal Ghondai, Sei Pai and Syedkheil areas have been displaced the most."

Provincial Council Secretary Zabihullah Zmarai said some people from Kot district might be displaced but he had no information.

"Some people surly be displaced due to the fighting, but it is worth mentioning that our security forces had retaken some areas from IS and would capture the remaining areas soon," said Zmarai.

Attallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, said they held a meeting with charity organizations and the number of displaced persons had been identified and would be provided with assistance.

He said some displaced families received financial assistance today and others would get it soon. "Homes of some people would be rehabilitated after being torched by IS militants in Kot," he said. (Pajhwok)

**(13) Pakistan Mulls...**

Chief of Army Staff Gen. Raheel Sharif, will finalise terms of the new policy next month."

He hinted that as part of the fresh policy, the institutions concerned would be handed a road map for sending the Afghan refugees back to their homeland at all costs.

On the prime minister's return from the UK, his government will give finishing touches to the new policy. "But we want to send them back with respect," the minister said. At a series of meetings this month, all stakeholders agreed to review the existing policy.

Qadir said the tougher measures have been prompted by the situation resulting from the death of Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour in a US drone strike at the Torkham border. (Pajhwok)

**(14) Apex Court ...**

1,800 grams.

Supreme Court's Fatwa Department head Maulvi Sadiqullah Muslim told Pajhwok Afghan News most of religious scholars had unanimously put the amount at 1,800 grams of wheat. Under the Sharia law, dates, raisins, wheat and barley can be given in Sadqa-i-Fitr to the poor, he said, adding wheat was the most common food in Afghanistan; therefore each person should give 1,800 grams of it to the poor and needy people.

Based on current wheat prices in Kabul, each member of a family should pay 50 to 60 afghanis in Sadqa-i-Fitr, Muslim said. But he recommended 60 afghanis to be paid.

He stressed wealthy people must give about 3,800 grams of raisin or dates per head to the needy people before Eidul Fitr prayers. Given today's raisin prices, each person should pay 70 afghanis and based on dates price, 50 afghanis.

Muslim said that poor relatives came first and have a greater right to zakat and Sadqa-i-Fitr. Reminded that most people give Sadqa-i-Fitr to prayer leaders, he replied if an imam is poor, he should be paid.

The earlier on Eid day the charity is paid, the more rewards the person receives, he said, adding Sadqa-i-Fitr is paid by those who are not under debt and have enough food for one day and night.

But some ulema say charity is mandatory for those who have 96 grams of gold or its money or commercial property equivalent.

Religious scholar Mulafi Wasiq Ahmad said: "The Sadqa-i-Fitr is mandatory for all Muslim men, women, elders, young, adult, child and babies, who are alive until the last sunset of Ramadan, and have enough food to be used in their family for more than one day." (Pajhwok)

**(15) Afghanistan Cricketers.**

has gone viral, two Afghan cricketers are captured chasing a boy who was trying to run away from the dosage.

The action by the cricketers indicates their commitment towards their countrymen and social cause. (Agencies)

**(16) Taliban Leader ...**

and Afghan officials frequently claim their forces are inflicting high death tolls on the insurgents. But those casualties have not yet had significant effect on the guerrillas' ability to wage the war or on their recruitment efforts.

Earlier this month, President Barack Obama allowed U.S. commanders to expand the use of American air power for offensive missions against the Taliban and to send troops to fight alongside regular Afghan forces. In the past they provided support only to Afghan special forces.

The change came after worrying Taliban advances across the country. The Pentagon confirmed that the first airstrikes under the new rule were conducted on Friday, which hit Taliban targets in southern Afghanistan. Further details were not given.

Meanwhile in eastern Afghanistan, Islamic State fighters were killed in clashes with government troops, said Attallah Khogyani, spokesman for Nangarhar province's governor.

A "massive operation" has been underway in Kot district, where Islamic State militants last week attacked homes and local police posts, abducting at least 30 people. Local officials said the militants killed civilians, including children.

The U.S. military has been carrying out airstrikes against Islamic State fighters in remote parts of Nangarhar as part of its counterterrorism operation in Afghanistan.

In March, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani declared Islamic State defeated in eastern Afghanistan. But Khogyani said while the government remains committed to eliminating Islamic State, its fighters "are still a threat in Nangarhar." (Agencies)

**(17) Erdogan Apologizes...**

I say I'm sorry," the Kremlin said on its website quoting Erdogan. "I share their pain with all my heart."

Peskov also quoted Erdogan as saying he was willing and ready to cooperate with Russia in fighting terrorism and resolving regional crises. Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim earlier Monday said there were "beautiful developments" concerning Russia but did not provide details. (Agencies)

**(18) China Has...**

backfires."

China shared \$598 billion in trade with the EU last year, second only to the United States, and slowing growth and capital outflows make the nation vulnerable to the effects of the Brexit vote, according to Bloomberg Intelligence economists Fielding Chen and Tom Orlik. If Brexit does trigger a significant adverse impact on European demand and global investor sentiment, China could be among the Asian economies least well-placed to respond, they say.

In the immediate future, they say, the UK vote to exit the EU could deal a blow to China's exports and capital flows and increases the chance of yuan weakness and interest-rate cuts. More fundamentally, the rising tide of insular nationalism represents a threat to the international conditions that have supported China's rise, they said.

In the interview, Jin said the UK remains an important founding member of the AIIB, and will continue to work closely with it. At the same time, setting up an AIIB office in London may hinge on whether the city can maintain its role as an international financial center, he said.

While it will take years to deal with the effects of the exit from the EU, the British will want to "see how they can maintain the international financial status," he said.

Known for his love of Shakespeare, Jin previously worked at the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank on China's behalf, and was a former monetary policy committee member and supervisory chairman of China's sovereign wealth fund.

The development bank with 57 founding members is central to Chinese President Xi Jinping's ambition to seek a bigger voice in global affairs and deeper economic integration with China's neighbors.

For the near future, Jin said his task is to build a corporate culture with integrity to become a world-class multilateral development bank.

more cost-effective, more efficient, more responsive, and delivering support to the borrowing countries in a fast manner," Jin said.

The bank is looking at selling bonds in China and is preparing for new European and Latin American members, Jin said. Cofinancing projects with lenders including the World Bank and Asian Development Bank should become the norm because it's not a good idea for one institution to lend a large amount to one project, he said.

AIIB approved its first batch of loans totaling \$509 million on Friday to fund projects in Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Tajikistan. The bank has been in operation since January, with registered capital of \$100 billion.

An additional 20 countries are "firmly committed" to join AIIB, Jin said. During the annual meeting, the board of AIIB announced that it is starting to enroll new members and is expected to discuss the first batch of new memberships early next year. (Monitoring Desk)

**(19) Kazakh Professor...**

Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Since the SCO was established 15 years ago, the organization has advocated and put into practice the pioneering Shanghai Spirit, which features mutual trust, mutual benefits, equality, consultation, respect for diverse civilizations and pursuit of common development.

Devoted to establishing a democratic and just new international economic order, the SCO has actively combated extremism, separatism and terrorism, and has deepened cooperation in politics, economy, national defense, energy and transportation, Musataev said.

The SCO has also carried out many cooperative projects to ensure human rights, combat transnational crimes such as illegal migration and drug and arms trafficking, he said.

Besides its effective work in fighting transnational crimes, investment from SCO member states has also created a great number of joint ventures providing new jobs, the expert said.

Mustaev stressed the importance of economic cooperation among the SCO member states, using the Silk Road Economic Belt that links China with Europe through Central and Western Asia by inland routes to illustrate his point.

"Building the Silk Road Economic Belt has exerted positive influence on the economic development of countries along the belt," he said.

In Kazakhstan, Mustaev said, transportation infrastructure has improved with new schools, hospitals and shopping malls established near the traffic lines.

"Kazakhstan's particular geopolitical environment determines that joining the SCO conforms to its national interest, which helps fight extremism and terrorism," he said.

The SCO should actively develop and upgrade cooperation with other regional and international organizations, Mustaev said, adding that China, as an important driving force of the organization, has made unremitting efforts to push forward the SCO's development. (Xinhua)

**(20) China-Russia ...**

are applied consistently, in a manner that does not violate the rights and legitimate interests of contracting parties and does not compromise the integrity of the legal regime established by the convention, the declaration said. (Xinhua)

**(21) Former Top ...**

going to be used as a state witness. Last month Sajin Vass Gunawardena said that he was being forced to remain silent on some baseless allegations raised against him.

He claimed the police had not filed a new complaint on him and yet the public were being misled through false reports.

Sajin Vass Gunawardena felt at the time there was an organized campaign launched against him by individuals with vested interests.

He said he was ready to face any investigation and, if found guilty, be imprisoned. (Xinhua)

**(22) First new ...**

marched in silent with photos and names of every victim killed.

Presumptive Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has joined New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio later in the march near the iconic Stonewall inn,

the center for the gay rights movement in 1960s which has just been declared a national monument by U.S. President Barack Obama on Friday.

Gun control had become one of the central themes in the parade, as many group of marchers carrying banners and signs with "End Gun Violence," "NRA Stay Away" and urging stricter gun control legislative measures. Some marchers had carried out sitting protests to demand stricter gun control.

"I think the stricter the better," said Henry Sherwood who was watching the parade alongside Bleeker Street.

"I think we need to make sure it's like the rest of the world."

"It's just terrible, nobody should be able to go into a nightclub and kill people like that," said an onlooker named Lisa.

"Those kind of rifles are not meant for regular people," she added.

On June 12, a lone gunman armed with an assault rifle and a handgun opened fire at a gay club in the south-eastern U.S. city of Orlando, killing 49 people and wounding another 53. The incident was considered a hate crime against the LGBT community and sparked controversy for the country's lax gun laws. (Xinhua)

**(23) 6 Missing after ...**

favorite transport mean in Indonesia, an archipelago country with 17,500 islands, but lacking of safety standards has often triggered sea accident. (Xinhua)

**(24) Iran's Top ...**

The US and some of its Arab allies have been conducting airstrikes against alleged Daesh position in Syria since September 2014.

Russia launched its air campaign against Daesh and other terrorist groups upon a request by Damascus the next year. Russian military planes and helicopters are providing support to the Syrian army's ground operations against terrorists.

UN special envoy for Syria Stefan de Mistura estimates that over 400,000 people have been killed in the conflict, which has also displaced over half of the Arab country's pre-war population of about 23 million. (Presstv)

**(25) Pakistani Clerics...**

sexuals having been charged under anti-sodomy laws in the past.

Sunday's fatwa declared marriage with any individual possessing both male and female "indications" to be against Islamic principles.

Shunned by mainstream society, transgender individuals in the country of 190 million are often forced into begging, prostitution or dancing to earn a living.

Late last month, Alisha, a 23-year-old transgender woman, died after being shot and then refused treatment at the largest public sector hospital in Peshawar, in northwest Pakistan.

Her death sparked debate over the rights of transgender people, with an inquiry concluding that senior doctors at the hospital were responsible for "criminal negligence", and recommending that criminal charges be filed.

Transgender people are, however, also sometimes venerated in the South Asian tradition of according spiritual powers to eunuchs and others who fall outside traditional gender divisions.

Although the Lahore clerics' fatwa is not legally binding, it also recommended that people consider harassment of transgender people a crime under Islam.

"Making noises at transgender people, making fun of them, teasing them, or thinking of them as inferior is against sharia law, because such an act amounts to objecting to one of Allah's creations, which is not correct," it added. (Reuters)

**(26) EFSO Providing...**

local entrepreneurs and do not bring any real benefit to the country's economy," Pankin said.

Deputy Director of the Center for Strategic Studies under the President of Tajikistan, Sayfullo Safarov, considers that the provision of the loan is an initiative of the Russian Federation "in the framework of the integration process."

"Moscow wants Tajikistan to become member of the Eurasian Economic Union as soon as possible. Anyway, the provision of the US\$40 million loan is a positive gesture. Tajik authorities appreciate this and Tajikistan thinks positively about the idea of joining the Eurasian Economic Union," deputy head of Tajik think tank said. (AKIpress)