

(1) Unemployment ...

of them has eight children on average, and they find work for a day in a week. This cannot meet their household needs.

Tariq, hailing from Kama district, comes to the provincial capital early in the morning in quest of work. One man hired him for 500 Pakistani rupees a day, an amount far from enough for him. Tariq demanded Rs. 700, but his demand was rejected and the labourer relieved.

A resident of Haska Mena district, Mohammad Karim, was forced by increasing Daesh attacks to take refuge in Jalalabad. But he has not yet found work in the city to support his family.

He complained of the government's failure to provide job opportunities for the people. He also assailed the authorities for not paying any attention to the rights of labourers. Syed Mohammad, a resident of Kunar who has come to Jalalabad in search of work, said he could not find any job despite hectic efforts over the past week. As a result, he asks restaurant owners for food. At times, he goes begging on streets.

On the other hand, the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News efforts had been launched to control unemployment in Nangarhar. Joblessness was a common issue across the country and its immediate resolution was difficult, he argued.

He said payments in the Pakistani currency to workers were based on compromise between the two sides. Stopping the continued circulation of the rupee was beyond the local administration's authority. (Pajhwok)

(2) 'There is no ...

we get to trust out legal and judicial system," said Ghani. Meanwhile, Afghan chief justice Yousuf Halim confirmed that corruption exists in the country's judicial system and said that the illegal practice takes root when the law is not implemented and acted upon. "We have undertaken all-out efforts to eliminate corruption. As part of our campaign against corruption, our oversight and control department has arrested some judges, employees, registrars, agents, attorneys, defense lawyers and ordinary individuals," said Halim.

"We have a lawful culture, but the sovereignty of law is quite weak. The lawful culture is improved when the head of supreme court can tell the president that this part of your job is illegal. This is called sovereignty of law. The law is not sovereign when officials consider themselves above the law and everyone thinks they can violate the law with the power of a gun," Ghani added.

After assuming office as president, Ghani pledged to bring about systematic reforms in the nation's legal and judicial system, however critics argue that the government has failed to act in the two years since.

Ghani said that within four years, the people will celebrate the sovereignty of law. (Tolonews)

(3) 650,000 ...

measuring up to 50,000 acres, he added.

Rahmani said the public land had been encroached upon in 30 provinces while there were no records of land-grabbing in four provinces.

On the other hand, Kabul municipality spokesman Jalil Sultani said more than 70 percent of buildings in capital Kabul had been illegally constructed.

He said the illegal buildings were being demolished and 150 of such structures had so far destroyed or their construction suspended by the municipality.

"The municipality is working together with international organizations on a new mechanism to legalize the buildings because destroying them all is impossible," Sultani

said.

He said online issuance of permits for properties had been activated and people were now able to obtain licenses through the internet. (Pajhwok)

(4) Afghanistan ...

bringing in the important target of the Afghan government to bring peace and stability. Russia's Foreign Ministry called on Taliban group lay down arms, cut links with the terrorist groups, and participate in peace talks in a bid to ensure a lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan.

The Afghan government reiterated that cooperation on government level and enhancing contacts is key to ensure peace and stability in the region, eradication of opium, and elimination of terror groups.

This comes as reports emerged recently suggesting the growing contacts between the Taliban group and the regional countries, sparking concerns among the Afghan officials. The commander of the US forces in Afghanistan and the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission commander General John Nicholson expressed concerns last month regarding the growing interferences by the regional countries in Afghanistan, including Pakistan, Iran and Russia. (KP)

(5) IEC Chief's ...

the matter. There was a need for an assessment of the allegations against this person for us to reach a conclusion about the credibility of the claims," said IEC commissioner Mazullah Dawlati.

But, IEC spokesman says that the IEC chief has the authority to reshuffle provincial chiefs of the election commission.

"After the appointment as chairman of the secretariat, his appointment again came under discussion and a decision was made to move him from Paktika to Nangarhar for certain reasons. Because the post in Nangarhar had been vacant for two years, there was a need for someone to be hired," said IEC spokesman Abdul Badi Sayyad. Meanwhile, some election monitoring groups have raised concerns over such actions in the IEC.

"Such appointments not only bring distrust, but create even more mistrust among the people. Finally, such actions cause harm to the election process," said Jandad Spinghar, head of Afghan Civil Society Election Network. TOLONews report not succeeded in obtaining comment from Wagarai about the allegations. (Tolonews)

(6) Media Role ...

called for a debate on what would have happened if the Soviets had succeeded in Afghanistan. He underlined the need for cooperative bilateral relations.

For their part, Afghan journalists urged the media to explore why relations between the two countries continued to nosedive despite attempts to remove misperceptions.

They recalled President Ashraf Ghani, declining an invitation from India, visited Pakistan. But the situation did not change, they said, suggesting the media should promote commonalities. (Pajhwok)

(7) Saudi Reaffirms...

Minister Dr. Hamd Bin Suliman Albazei who hailed the successful conduct of Silk Road exhibition in Riyadh and offered hosting of more such joint shows in other cities of the kingdom.

Saudi will be hosting finance ministers from Afghanistan's friendly countries - a follow up meeting of last year's Brussels conference to assess Afghanistan's financial support.

Saudi Arabia last year pledged \$200 million in aid for Afghanistan's development. Saudi officials at the meeting in Riyadh promised financial support to Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

(8) Wolesi Jirga ...

officials on March 27.

Under Article 92 of the Constitution, the lower house, on the proposal of 20 percent of all its members, shall make inquiries from each minister. If the explanations given are not satisfactory, the house shall consider a no-confidence vote.

President Ashraf Ghani during a meeting with Ibrahim on Tuesday said he would soon introduce candidates for ministries currently run by acting officials.

On November 2, the lower house summoned 16 ministers and impeached the ministers of foreign affairs, labour, public works, education, transport, communication and higher education in absentia.

The impeachments prompted the Cabinet to hold an extraordinary meeting and move the Supreme Court. The Cabinet instructed the unseated ministers to continue in their work in acting capacity until a ruling from the apex court.

Ministries of information and culture, border and tribal affairs and mines and petroleum are also headed by acting ministers.

Abdul Bari Jahani and Daud Shah Saba, who served as information and culture and mines and petroleum ministers, have resigned. The border and tribal affairs minister, Mohammad Gulab Mangal, has been appointed as the governor of Nangarhar province. (Pajhwok)

(9) 200 Afghan ...

(August 22-September 21).

Afghanistan is Iran's eastern neighbor. About seven million of Afghan people have moved to different world countries living there as refugees. Near three million of them are in Pakistan, and about 2.5 million in Iran. The rest are living in the European countries. (IRNA)

(10) Kandahar ...

plot compromising the security and stability of their country," said Abdul Malik Sediqi, deputy head of the Independent Directorate of Local Governance.

The attack on the guesthouse in Kandahar left at least 11 dead, including five UAE diplomats and the UAE ambassador who later succumbed to his injuries. (Tolonews)

(11) Taliban ...

said, adding the rebel was making and planting bombs on roads.

Some reports say Jandullah is part of the Jumbish-i-Islami Uzbekistan, operating in northern parts of the country under the leadership of Taliban. (Pajhwok)

(12) Afghanistan ...

Islamic government. He said the militant groups have paved the way for the other terrorist groups to come to Afghanistan and conduct insurgency in the country. Abdulal further added that investigations are underway regarding the attack on Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan Hospital.

According to Adullah, at least 49 people were killed and more than one hundred people were wounded in the attack. (KP)

(13) Afghanistan Holds

such as the feared Haqqani network.

The Taliban, the biggest insurgent group, denied any involvement but the attack underlined the growing insecurity in Afghanistan ahead of the warmer spring weather, when fighting often increases in intensity.

Gunmen armed with automatic weapons and hand grenades infiltrated the 400-bed hospital and went through the wards, shooting and stabbing patients, medical staff, security personnel and visitors.

Although Helal refused to confirm that the attackers had entered the grounds before the attack began, several officials have said that they were helped by staff, who were able to use their knowledge of

the site to guide the attackers. "Without inside help, this would not have been possible," said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media. He said one staff member in particular was the focus of attention.

"He had a badge to access all hospital wards and could bring his car inside the compound without check," the official said. "Doctors and the head of the hospital know him very well."

Around an hour after the attack began, a car packed with explosives blew up in the hospital grounds, where it appeared to have been parked for several days.

Helal declined to say who the government believes was behind the attack, saying only that the attackers had been able to exploit lapses in security. (Reuters)

(14) 'Shah Waliullah's

Waliullah Institute with support from Afghanistan-India Foundation & Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) and was attended by religious scholars from India, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Iran, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The 3-day seminar aims at delving into the works, life and personality of the Shah Waliullah. (Pajhwok)

(15) Afghanistan..

swing and Dawlat is an experienced bowler capable of reversing it. That's why the game opened up," said Asghar Stanikzai, the National Cricket Team's captain.

Ireland had already been whitewashed 3-0 in a Twenty20 series between the sides in India.

The teams will play four further one-day internationals, before meeting in an Intercontinental Cup match at the end of the month. (Tolonews)

(16) Census: Afghans ..

Party. The ruling came on the eve of the largest-ever census in Pakistan's 63 districts.

In his petition, Marri argued holding a transparent census was next to impossible in the presence of Afghan refugees in Balochistan, where hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced from their homes.

Justice Mohammad Hashim Kakar and Justice Abdullah Baloch handed down the judgment on the constitutional petition, which claims thousands of Afghan refugees in Balochistan had obtained Pakistani identity cards and passports.

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics official assured the court neither the Afghans nor other refugees would be counted in the census. A plan had already been devised for counting IDPs, they said. (Pajhwok)

(17) Afghan War...

the games on behalf of other Afghan service members with their 14 family members.

The aim of the program was to respect and appreciate the soldiers, he said. "Participation of Afghan soldiers in the games is appreciate then for not only the security they provided to Afghans but to the whole of world," he added.

Seddiqi hoped the injured soldiers would be able shine in the games and bring home laurels. (Pajhwok)

(18) Afghan Forces...

\$110,000 cash, four large sets of communication devices, thousands of rounds of ammunition.

The Afghan security forces also confiscated three video cameras, and several other types of military kits from the cache.

NDS said at least two suspects have been arrested in connection to the storage of the weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

Nangarhar is among the relatively calm provinces but the anti-government armed militant groups have recently increased to their insurgency activities in this province, including the militants affiliated with the Islamic State of

Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group. (KP)

(19) Afghan ...

German Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, the actress Angelina Jolie, and artist Salvador Dali and also the Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic.

Nouri recently met U.S. actor Mandy Patinkin, who works with refugees with the International Rescue Committee, and who has urged President Donald Trump to be more welcoming to people displaced from war-torn countries.

Nouri and his family and his family are stuck in Serbia with thousands of other migrants who hoping to reach Western Europe.

"Merkel can maybe do something to open the border," Nouri said.

Nouri and his family would like to go to Switzerland or the United States, but they have formally applied for asylum in Serbia. (Tolonews)

(20) Kidnapped...

after further investigations.

"An Australian woman kidnapped in Afghanistan has been released," Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said in a statement. "Her family welcomes her safe return and asks that the media respect their privacy at this time."

The woman was abducted at gunpoint in the Qala-i-Fatullah area in the centre of the city, Afghan media reported at the time.

Kidnapping is a major problem in Afghanistan, where security has deteriorated as Taliban insurgents step up attacks and criminal groups look to exploit weak law enforcement.

Abductions of Afghans are more common than of foreigners, with ransom often the motive.

There have been several abductions of foreigners, however, including at least two Australian aid workers last year.

Kerry Jane Wilson, who was abducted in the eastern city of Jalalabad in April, was freed in August.

Another Australian, working as a teacher at the American University in Kabul, was kidnapped in August with an American colleague near their campus.

The Afghan Taliban released a video in January showing the two hostages pleading with the U.S. government to negotiate with their captors. (Reuters)

(21) Lashkargah-Nad ..

the highway during overnight operation.

He said "Operation code-named Maiwand 17 has been kicked off one week ago to reopen the road".

Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman confirmed the reopening of the highway and said only security forces could move at the time being but after one or two days civilians would be also able to travel.

Separate operations were underway in some areas of third municipality district of Lashkargah, the provincial capital, Zazai said.

He said, two Taliban were killed and another wounded during overnight clash with security force in Gereshk district. Security personnel captured two vehicles from the militants.

Two security personnel were also wounded in Gereshk clash, he added.

Taliban have not made comments over highway reopening and Gereshk clash. (Pajhwok)

(22) National...

Sayed Hashimi, Farzad Atae, Mujib Jamali, Sharif Mohammad, Arash Atifi, Binjamin Najm, Husain Alizada, Omid Entezar and Rohullah Ebalzada as defenders;

· Kanishka Tahir, Abasin Alikhail, Faisal Shayista, Farshad Noor, Noorullah Amiri, Omid Popalzai, Milad Salim, Zubair Amiri, Mustafa Azadzi and Fardin Hakimi as

center players;

· Khairbar Amani, Jabbar Sharza and Amruddin Sharif will play in defend line.

The match against Singapore will be played next week on Thursday.

The national football team will travel to Tajikistan to play against Vietnam on March 28 after their match against Singapore. (Tolonews)

(23) China, U.S....

the United States over issues such as jobs, the exchange rate, and security, "it is important for both countries to uphold strategic interests, sit down to talk to each other, so as to enhance mutual understanding and trust," he said. For those differences that cannot be resolved for the time being and any time soon, they can be shelved and the two countries can continue to focus on expanding their common interests, he said.

"(And) as we do so, the percentage of differences in overall China-U.S. relations will continuously come down," Li said. (Xinhua)

(24) European Council..

changes that would loosen intra-EU ties and strengthen the role of nations in relation to the community. Others, quite the opposite, are looking for new, deeper dimensions of integration, even if they would apply only to some member states," said the EU Council president.

Tusk also remarked on agreements among EU leaders on making progress on migration issues ahead of what he predicted would be "a challenging summer," with large numbers of refugees expected to seek home on the continent for the third consecutive year. (Xinhua)

(25) Russia to ...

large-scale drills are being held on the Telemba training range in the Republic of Buryatia.

The Eastern Military District is one of the four operational strategic commands of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. Headquartered at Khabarovsk, it absorbed the territories of the former Far East Military District and part of the former Siberian Military District. (Xinhua)

(26) G20 Finance...

clues on whether the world's biggest economy fully intends to abandon its long-standing support of open markets and free trade.

Germany adopted a conciliatory tone ahead of the meeting, shrugging off Trump's attacks against Berlin over its massive trade surplus. (AFP)

(27) Suicide Bombing...

detonating a bomb vest he was wearing.

The report said the bombing was happened at the time of rush hour in the courthouse, causing the largest possible deaths.

The blast is the latest in a series of bombings that have sparked recently, following a long time of lull.

On Saturday, the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front carried a suicide bombing in Damascus, killing 74 people, including Iraqi Shiite visitors, who were in Damascus on a pilgrim visit. (Xinhua)

(28) EU-Turkey...

refugees, asylum seekers and migrants paying smugglers to cross from Turkey to Greece by returning the majority to Turkey.

A year later, according to official figures, arrivals to Greece have been dramatically reduced to a few dozen per day on average compared to the more than one million people who landed on the Greek shores in a year until the launch of the agreement. (Xinhua)

(29) Uzbekistan...

readiness of the Turkish side to develop the cooperation on the bilateral, regional and international platforms for the welfare of the Turkish and Uzbek people on the basis of mutual trust. (Trend)