

### (1) Council Warns...

Afghan people, they will not let the situation be shattered," said Mohammad Karim Khalili, a member of the council's leadership. "The things that are ongoing in the Middle East should not be brought to Afghanistan," he added. Meanwhile, reports indicate that the Council of Protection and Stability of Afghanistan has recently assigned a delegation to visit all government leaders within a week in order to find a way for bringing an end to the rift between the NUG leaders.

"The rift is not because of national interests; they are because of other benefits that are interpreted by them [leaders]. The first meeting will happen today [Tuesday]. The council has given a one week deadline for the delegation," said Massoud Treshwal, spokesman for the council.

"Our demand is that the two houses of parliament [Wolesi Jirga and Meshra-no Jirga] should assign a delegation and work to end the rift between government leaders," said Mohammad Asif Sediqi, a lawmaker. The rift between the NUG leaders was made public after a number of senior government officials including the first VP Dostum and the president's special envoy for reforms and good governance criticized Ghani for what they called the monopolization of power by the Presidential Palace. (Tolnews)

### (2) Senators Denounce...

through meddling in Afghanistan's internal issues.

The senators noted that Pakistan has always pursued a hostile policy toward Afghanistan and Islamabad has never endorsed a peaceful and stable Afghanistan.

"Daesh has not infiltrated here from Syria or Iraq, Pakistan fabricated Daesh for Afghanistan," one senator Abdul Hai Akhundzada said.

"United Nations must take the issue seriously and isolate Pakistan, because Pakistan has been supporting terrorism for long," said senator Nadir Baloch.

"The president of Afghanistan had committed that no peace negotiation will take place without seeking consultation from the people of Afghanistan and their representatives," said senator Mohammad Alam Eizidiyar.

The comments come just days after reports surfaced in international media that a secret peace negotiation process had taken place between the Afghan government and the Taliban delegation in Qatar. But senators hit out over the secret talks between the two sides, saying that Pakistan had managed to take control of the talks in Doha.

"Pakistan has categorically announced that anyone who enters peace negotiation talks with the Afghan government either will be put into prison or killed," said senator Juma Din Gianwal.

"Pakistan once again wants to impose its hostile designs against the people of Afghanistan," said senator Nisar Haris.

### (3) Minister Urges ...

as it is expected and as they vowed, be sure that this problem will extend to the countries that create problems for us in any way," she said.

Present at the event, the hajj and religious affairs minister Faiz Mohammad Osmani said poppy cultivation and the use of drugs are un-Islamic acts and are the main reasons behind the insecurity in the country.

"When we send the subject for Friday sermons at mosques, sometimes we add drugs and other social problems in it," Osmani said.

"Cultivation of poppy, its production and use of it is forbidden. Even if you want to give as a gift to someone," said Qiyamuddin Kashaf, head of Afghanistan's Ulema Council.

Meanwhile, a number of lawmakers from the counter-narcotics commission of Meshra-no Jirga (Upper House of Parliament) said government has failed in its campaign against drugs.

"Unfortunately, we are the victims of drugs and also we are blamed for it," said Khalil Ahmad Shaheedzada, a member of the commission.

According to the counter-narcotics ministry, nearly 200,000 hectares of land was cultivated with poppies this year and there are around three million drug addicts in the country. (Tolnews)

### (4) Nangarhar ...

Tuesday. The anti-corruption regional office head, Ahmad Shah Nabi Momand, said the accused had been using different pretexts to delay a legal case of a person at the justice department for one and a half years.

Momand said his department had sent twice letters to the justice department for addressing the legal matter, which remained unresolved.

On Monday, the justice department official was arrested while taking 100,000 rupees in bribe along with some utility bills.

Momand said the said official had been arrested three years ago on similar charges. Several officials had been arrested over corruption charges and referred to the judicial organs, he said. (Pajhwok)

### (5) Iran, Afghanistan ...

Khorasan Razavi and Herat will be put on display at the exhibition.

Rashidian at the head of an economic delegation arrived in Herat, the third-largest city in Afghanistan, on October 30. (IRNA)

### (6) Zakhilwal Confirms...

would yield positive results for Afghanistan, Pakistan and the region.

In response to a question, he said Pakistan had always played a positive role in trying to help restore peace in Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

### (7) Jawzjan Women ...

picked up weapons in Darzab district to fight against Taliban and Daesh insurgents and the security forces have praised their courage," a spokesman for Provincial Governor, Mohammad Reza Ghafoori said.

Meanwhile, Darzab District Governor Ramatullah Hashar said the insurgents have killed family members of the women and they want to take the revenge.

A number of women in Sheberghan, the capital city of the province, meanwhile praised their move and said they believe that the move shows that women are also ready to defend the country.

"We are praising this move by the women in Darzab and it is a sign of their preparation for protecting their country," Mitra, a resident of Sheberghan said.

Shahla, another resident of Sheberghan said: "We ask the security forces to ensure the safety of the families of the women who have picked up arms against militants."

This comes after a number of women in Faryab said they are ready to pick up arms, fight insurgents and defend their country. (Tolnews)

### (8) Afghan Refugees ...

Nations has warned of a humanitarian crisis and has launched a flash appeal for additional funding to deal with it. VOA's Aysha Tanzeem reports from the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. (VoA)

### (9) 61 Individuals...

had been slow.

A local tribal elder, Mohammad Mir, also called for stepping up the war on the militants. The ongoing operation would be unproductive without the participation of commandoes, he believed.

But Maj. Sherin Aqa Faqiri, spokesman for the 201st Selab Military Corps in the east, insisted the operation in Pachiragam -- codenamed Shahin 20 -- was a success.

"It is a policy of the government to be careful in operations so as to prevent civilian casualties," he argued.

About two weeks ago, Daesh militants launched coordinated attacks on Pachiragam district and the fighting is still raging. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Ghazni IDPs ...

have received many complaints from civilians. Some say their houses have been hit by mortar shells. We have discussed the issue with authorities concerned," he said.

Governor Abdul Karim Matin acknowledged some families had been displaced. He, however, did not have exact figures for the displaced people saying only 138 families had been relocated from Giro district.

Matin pledged the Internally Displaced People (IDPs) would be provided assistance under a proper programme. Security forces had launched an offensive to purge the areas of rebels, he said.

Mohammad Akram, a resident of the Nani area of Giro district, claimed fighting had been going on in village over the past three months.

He said people living near the district centre had to shift to other places; they were faced with huge economic problems. He added the Taliban had forced some families to leave because of possible civilian casualties. Akram deplored no government organisation or NGO had provided them with assistance. Lal Mohammad, hailing from the Kodlo locality of Zankhan district, said: "I am living in a rented house in the Ali Lala area of Ghazni City, the provincial capital, after migrating from my own village because of fighting and economic problems."

He said schools were closed and many homes targeted by mortar shells. Sub-

sequently, he added, people were in a state of insecurity and had to leave their homes. Most areas of the district are under Taliban's control.

Ramin Ayaz Ahmad, spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Kabul, said his organisation had information about the problems faced by the IDPs in Ghazni's Giro district.

He said ICRC distributed necessary food items, blankets and tents among the displaced people.

Besides Ghazni, people from Helmand, Uruzgan, Nangarhar and some other province have also been displaced due to the ongoing conflict. (Pajhwok)

### (11) Official Advises ...

disharmony.

Currently, governors do not have the executive authorities to appoint district governors or fire them.

"There is no explanation about the authorities of the governors and this poses implications for local governance and increases corruption," said former governor of Laghman Iqbal Azizi.

"Individuals and entities in government have monopolized the power, they have created a centralized and ineffective government to rule, this has undermined the works of government and increased corruption," said Sediqi Patman, former deputy minister of education.

But, the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) has said that governors have the authority to spend provincial budget and implement development programs in their respective provinces.

IDLG said that individuals were appointed on the basis of merit.

"Governors will be granted more authorities in the near future, governors will have a bigger role in the budget spending in their provinces," said spokesperson for IDLG Muneera Yousufzada. (Tolnews)

### (12) Sherzad's...

the north."

The statement said Sherzad had been busy doing his research on Afghanistan-Pakistan relations. Professionalism, knowledge, bravery and patriotism were special characteristics of Sherzad, contained the newsletter.

The senior presidential advisor extended deep condolences to the family of Sherzad and his colleagues over the painful incident.

Afghanistan National Union of Journalists has also expressed sadness and grief over the death of Sherzad will be laid to rest today. (Pajhwok)

### (13) Operation Launched.

deployed in Dehrawood and Charchenoi districts of Uruzgan have warned over a possible siege of their military units. They have also complained about the lack of ammunition.

"Problems exist, there are attacks by the enemy, but our forces are continuing their mission over there," a defense ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said.

"Chora district is now under siege, Trenkot center of Uruzgan is also under siege, our humble request from the ministry of defense is that do you want the Taliban to capture Chora ...

so act now before they infiltrate into the area," said senator Hanif Hanafi. In addition to this, members of parliament from Uruzgan have said that the scale of threats in the province is much bigger than the statistics presented by the security officials.

"Fatalities among our soldiers in Kandahar, Nangarhar and Uruzgan is a very concerning issue to the entire people of Afghanistan," said first deputy of senate Farhad Sakhi.

Similar reports surfaced in the media in the past about the surrendering of army officers to the Taliban. But one of the complaints lodged against government regarding these issues is that the government, despite making commitments to investigate the issues, never shared the outcome of these investigations with the people. (Tolnews)

### (14) Taliban Key...

in Dangam, Watapor and Sarkano districts as well as outside provincial capital Assadabad on Monday morning, but have fled away after suffering huge casualties including Shir Malang. More than 40 militants have been killed, 12 others injured and two more have been captured alive, the official added.

However, he admitted that sporadic fighting has been continuing in parts of the said district.

The death of Shir Malang, according to the official, is a major setback to the Taliban militants in Kunar and adjoining Nangarhar and Nuristan provinces. However, the official did not say if there were casualties on security personnel. Taliban militants have yet to make comment on the situation. (Xinhua)

### (15) Suffering...

the plight of millions of refugees, was arrested during a raid on a house in the Nauthia neighbourhood of Peshawar on Wednesday for fraudulently acquiring Pakistani identity papers.

District and Sessions Judge Ms. Farah Jamshed was informed by the defence counsel that her client, who was suffering from hepatitis-C. During a bail hearing, the lawyer said the ailing woman was the sole breadwinner for her family.

Asked if she wanted to record her confession, the accused replied in the negative and refused confessing to the charges brought against her. The court sent her to the Peshawar central prison on judicial remand for 14 days.

The bail hearing was adjourned to Nov 2 (Wednesday), when she is expected to be bailed out. Her lawyers filed a fresh application duly signed and approved by the defendant. Advocates Mubashir Nazar and Rafiullah Baba represented her on behalf of the Afghan Embassy.

On the eve of the case hearing, Councilor Muhammad Nasim Kakar and Abdul Hameed Jalili -- representing the Afghan Embassy -- visited Gula in Peshawar Central Jail. Ambassador Dr. Omar Zakhilwal instructed the diplomats to visit Gula.

Gula hails from the Tora Bora area of Pachiragam district in eastern Nangarhar province. She lost her parents during the Soviet invasion and migrated to Pakistan in 1984 along with her brother, three sisters and grandmother. (Pajhwok)

### (16) Govt. Leaders' ...

to Pajhwok Afghan News said the growing insecurity in the country and recent differences among government leaders had undermined the government and the situation had created problems for making decisions of national importance.

Considering the current sensitive situation of the country, the APSC plans to hold a leadership level meeting to sort out the differences.

A qualified APSC team under leadership of Mohammad Omar Daudzai has been tasked to assess the current differences among government leaders and find proper and advantageous solutions to them, the statement said.

The delegation would meet and share problems of the nation with all the disputing sides including the president, first vice-president, the CEO and the presidential palace's special representative, the statement added.

APSC appreciated Afghan forces' courage and performance for protecting the country and standing ground against enemies in every part of Afghanistan.

The APSC asked government leaders to avoid differences and further disappointing the nation because it would facilitate Afghans' enemies.

The council hoped all sides would come up with a clear explanation of national interests, unity and national enemy.

APSC assured the people it was always with them and would not allow the enemies to damage stability and independence of the country. (Pajhwok)

### (17)7 Civilians ...

people were on their way to Kapisa province to attend a wedding ceremony when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb near their village.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

### (18)5 Insurgents ...

districts. In the overnight operations in Khogyani, the police spokesman said, four rebels including a group leader named Qari Shakir were killed and three others wounded.

He said one Daesh militant was killed in the Chaparhar operation. Civilian and security forces were not harmed, Col. Mashriqiwal added.

In Behsud district, one policeman was wounded in an early morning explosion. The governor's spokesman said the blast happened at around 9:00am.

Attallah Khogyani added the magnetic bomb had been attached to a police vehicle. The injured policeman was shifted to hospital and is said to be in stable condition. (Pajhwok)

### (19)21 Insurgents ...

operation was launched after insurgents increased their activities in Ghormach, Qaisar, Pashtoonkot and Khwaja Sabzposh districts of the province. (AFP)

### (20) Foreign...

way to Pamir border from Ashkasham, there are 24 hotels serving tourists established by local people and the Agha Khan Foundation.

The hotels have facilities of electricity, shower and food. Each tourist is charged \$20 and \$25 for three times food. The hotel owners called a lack of security in Warduj district a major issue tourists faced on their way to

Wakhan through Warduj currently under Taliban control.

Wali Jan, a hotel owner, said if insecurity was overcome, the number of travelers and tourists to Pamir would increase by ten-fold and people's and the government's revenue would increase. According to Lalzad, it took four days for foreign tourists going through Dushanbe, the Tajik capital to cross into Kharraq city of Tajikistan and reach Ashkasham port and then reach Pamir through Ashkasham. He said this itself was a big barrier to tourists crossing such a long path.

He said if Wardooj district was cleared of insurgents and the highway reopened for traffic, the journey to Pamir would be shortened. (Pajhwok)

### (21) In Jawzjan,...

a Taliban leader who joined the peace process, alleged the authorities failed to honour the promises held out to the men.

"I joined the peace process with 200 of my men two years back, but the government has yet not kept the promises made to us," he claimed.

Niamatullah warned other ex-militants, who had joined the peace process, would also return to the insurgency if the current situation persisted.

Head of Jawzjan peace committee, Mohammad Ikram, confirmed the government's failure to keep the promises made to former militants.

"We don't have sufficient funds to pay these people. No decision has been taken so far on how to compensate the Taliban," he added.

Ikram explained six salaries had been paid to the group members, but unemployment was not a matter related to the peace committee.

Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said 11 policemen in Mangoti village had surrendered themselves to the fighters. He claimed the policemen had turned in their weapons and motorcycles. (Pajhwok)

### (22) 1 Police Officer...

A security official, who wished to go unnamed, said the officers were walking through a street when the device went off.

Clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban have been going on in the area for the past several days. As a result, both sides and civilians have suffered casualties. (Pajhwok)

### (23) Ghani Condemns...

in the statement said the insurgents will not succeed in their nefarious plans. No militant group including Taliban has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolnews)

### (24) 47 Militants...

said 18 civilians were injured after the Taliban attacked Asadabad and the four districts. The injured civilians were currently under treatment.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, confirmed the killing of only three fighters and injuring of seven more during the clashes.

He claimed three government tanks were destroyed, several security posts captured and a number of Afghan forces inflicted casualties during the attacks. (Pajhwok)

### (25) Kandahar City...

unknown gunmen.

He named the kidnapped men as Niamatullah and Mohammad Daud and said, "One of them was kidnapped in a tinted windows car and the other by four individuals in police uniforms."

Relatives of the missing shopkeepers had been searching for the two whose whereabouts remained unknown, he said.

Another protestor, Abdul Wahid, said their shops would remain shut until their colleagues were recovered.

"It is no longer tolerable that armed individuals in private clothes come and kidnap people," he said.

He said the police headquarters and the intelligence office were unaware about the incident. "We are forced to gather in front of the governor's house and share our complaint through protest," Wahid said.

Governor's spokesman, Samim Khalpalwak, confirmed such incidents had concerned local residents, but said the deputy governor had promised investigation.

Provincial police spokesman, Zia Durani, was unaware about the incident and said the issue would be shared with the police chief for investigation.

Several residents of Kandahar have recently complained about people going missing. (Pajhwok)

### (26) Canada Sets...

Syrian refugee crisis.

There has been much debate over the targeted immigration number at a time when Canada struggles with high unemployment. (Xinhua)

### (27) US Justice...

existence of emails that appear to be pertinent to the investigation," said Comey.

"I agreed that the FBI should take appropriate investigative steps designed to allow investigators to review these emails to determine whether they contain classified information, as well as to assess their importance to our investigation," added Comey. (Xinhua)

### (28) Donald Trump...

officials say they are encouraged by the progress being made.

"The campaign is on track and moving forward according to plan," Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook told reporters Monday.

"There's no question that counter-ISIL forces continue to have the momentum in this fight," he added, using the government's preferred acronym for the terror organization, also known as Daesh. (CNN)

### (29) Top Nuke ...

to Seoul's foreign ministry.

Seoul and Washington believe that stronger pressure and sanctions will lead Pyongyang to realize that there would be no choice but to denuclearize, the ministry said. (Xinhua)

### (30) UNHCR Aims...

people." Refugees know best what they need and cash-based assistance enables them to decide how to manage their family's budget, he said.

The UN high commissioner also noted that cash-based programs often prove to be an efficient way to help those fleeing conflict and persecution, in a context of growing urbanization and the search for alternatives to camps. (Xinhua)

### (31) UK to Open...

of which construction started one years ago, will be used to help fight extremists in the region and protect ships transporting oil and gas through the Strait of Hormuz.

The MOD spokesman said a maximum of 600 military personnel will be housed up in the base but normal operation personnel number will be around 250. He called the new base a "gift" from the Bahrain but confirmed that Britain will also pay for part of the facility.

The latest move is part of Britain's push to enhance its economic and military ties with the Middle East region where it was joining repeated air raids in Syria. (Xinhua)

### (32) UN Chief ...

and social inclusion.

The idea of World Cities Day was proposed by the Shanghai Declaration issued at the Shanghai World Expo in 2010, to advocate the idea of better city, better life. (Xinhua)

### (33) Turkey Rejects...

about the move in Turkey, a NATO ally which aspires to EU membership. European Parliament President Martin Schulz wrote on Twitter that the detentions marked the crossing of 'yet another red-line' against freedom of expression in the country.

"Brother, we don't care about your red line. It's the people who draw the red line. What importance does your line have," Prime Minister Binali Yildirim told members of his ruling AK Party in a speech in parliament.

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### (34) 1,792 Killed ...

its terrorist tactics using civilians as human shields and executing those that resist," Kubis said.

He also said that the United Nations emphasizes that "all actions necessary must be undertaken to ensure the protection of the civilian inhabitants from the effects of armed conflict and violence," according to the statement.

UNAMI statement came as the Iraqi security forces backed by anti-IS international coalition are carrying out a major offensive to drive out the IS militants from its last major stronghold in the city of Mosul in northern Iraq. (Xinhua)

### (35) Pakistan's ...

corruption. Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan welcomed Khan's announcement. Police over the past several days used batons and tear gas to prevent Khan's supporters from defying a ban on rallies in Islamabad.

Authorities also detained 1,500 Khan supporters to foil his rally. The arrests followed intermittent clashes between Khan's followers and riot police in Islamabad and elsewhere in Pakistan. (AP)