

### (1) 30 Terrorist...

the president of this country, it is my responsibility to convince the world and attract attention of world leaders towards Afghanistan. It were sacrifices of our security forces that our international allies once again renewed their commitments," the statement quoted the president as saying.

All the Afghans now knew their security forces were the only source of stability and law enforcement in the country, he said. The president also said Afghanistan would strengthen its relations with regional countries in future.

The ongoing war in Afghanistan has foreign factors as 30 terrorist organizations operated in the country, he said, adding the war in Afghanistan had several dimensions.

Ghani thanked the United States (US) as a partner in the fight against terrorism and said the terror war had many international aspects and needed a clear international policy and strategy to be controlled.

"Terrorism is a midterm threat and we have commitments with the world to curb it because Afghan forces are fighting on the frontline of terrorism," he said. Ghani also said Afghanistan did not want peace from Pakistan, but it wanted peace with Pakistan.

"The Afghan forces have protected the dignity of their people with the price of their blood, it is a permanent agreement and the people of this country respect it, I defend and support you everywhere and every moment," he said.

Ghani said no one could blame Afghan generals for fleeing from their responsibilities because Afghan generals were the country's pride.

"Once you wear uniform then you are united Afghans and no small politics can affect you, because our forces are national and professional," he added.

Afghan forces had proved their worth in fighting international terrorism that they were powerful and professional, the president said.

Ghani thanked military organs' leaders for successfully conducting the security conference and asked the officials concerned to clearly describe all technical and military requirements so they could be turned into practical plans. (Pajhwok)

### (2) CEO Underlines ...

and the issues would be resolved soon. Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabani during his address also stressed the need for the implementation of unity government agreement.

The distribution of computerised Identity Cards (ID), conduct of district council and Wolesi Jirga election, and arrangement of Loya Jirga were the main components of unity government agreement which needed implementation. (Pajhwok)

### (3) CEO Holds ...

pipeline projects. Kazakhstan is also providing technical and humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan in bilateral and multilateral formats. Presently, 994 Afghan students are studying in Kazakh educational institutes. Kazakhstan has allocated \$2.3 million for the construction of schools, hospitals and roads in Afghanistan, in addition to humanitarian aid of more than \$17 million. (Pajhwok)

### (4) Centralized

"Part of our recent concerns relate to the implementation of the political agreement. The agreement, that took days to draw up, will be the salvation of the Afghan people. It should be implemented," Abdullah said.

In First Vice President General Abdul Rashid Dostum's message that was read out at the ceremony, he also insisted that the current political system should be changed.

"Holding parliament and district councils elections and holding the constitutional amendment Loya Jirga to change the current system with a more balanced system would be a step forward," Dostum's message stated.

Other guests attending the ceremony also warned that the rifts between Abdullah and President Ashraf Ghani will have negative consequences.

"Rifts between NUG leaders

and publicizing it will weaken the management of the country, make people anxious, make the state fragile and finally have negative effects on peace talks," said Nematullah Ghafari, second deputy speaker of parliament. Meanwhile, Sayed Ali Kazimi, an MP and brother of the late Sayed Mustafa Kazimi said his brother had been someone who had tried to help the country reach economic self-reliance.

"Shahid Kazimi wanted that the next generation should not inherit a poor country with debt. But, unfortunately, the new generation is astonished," he said. (Tolnews)

### (5) Ahadi Calls f...

council is now trying to enter the fray in a mediator role between NUG leaders in a bid to persuade them to end their dispute.

In recent months, government leaders have been under mounting pressure from the Afghan political elite and parties over what they call a lack of interest by leaders to implement their commitments made to the people.

"President and CEO almost every day meet and have discussed how to solve their disagreements," said Omid Maisam, deputy spokesman of CEO.

The new development comes just a day after Ghani predicted tough weeks ahead for Afghan security forces on the battlefields. (Tolnews)

### (6) UN and...

Union's focus is on strengthening democracy, the rule of law, government and capacity building, security sector reform, economic prosperity and protecting human rights," said George Cunningham, deputy ambassador of the European Union (EU) to Afghanistan.

Young people also participated in the meeting, acting as diplomats of countries, as members of human rights committees, women's rights, Security Council and United Nations' General Assembly and shared their views.

A number of youths said they want to bring positive changes to the country and that government should pay special attention to them.

"All the youths and volunteers, who organized the meeting today, want changes in the country. They should be given an opportunity to speak and shape their future," said Mohammad Yahya Qane, an organizer of the MUNC.

They said they can take part in important discussions such as war and insecurity, food security, climate change, human rights and other important topics.

"Nearly 50 percent of the participants were girls, who before were deprived of attending such events," said Arzo Rahimi, a student.

"We want the program to be held in the 34 provinces of the country so that the youths, especially the girls, will have an opportunity to build their capacity," said Habib, another student.

The MUNC has been held in many countries. For the Afghan youths that make up more than 65 percent of the total population of the country, this program is new. (Tolnews)

### (7) Afghanistan ...

of refugees to other countries in search of safety and economic prospects lessen.

"We welcome the support shown by the international community at the Brussels conference and UNHCR's mandate in finding a comprehensive solution to the situation of refugees worldwide."

At the outset, Saikal thank the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for his report and comprehensive briefing. He supported the UNHCR's mandate and commended its dedicated staff for their endeavors to address the global crisis of refugees. (Pajhwok)

### (8) 2 US Troops, ...

operation launched in an area known as Bohd Qandahari, said Sayed Mahmood Danish, a Kunduz provincial spokesman.

He told CNN the operation is the same one in which the American service members were killed.

Four members of Afghan special forces were also killed and six others injured, Danish said. Twenty-six insurgents were killed and 10 others were wounded, he added.

US Defense Secretary Ash Cart-

er said he was saddened by the casualties.

"Our service members were doing their part to help the Afghans secure their own country while protecting our homeland from those who would do us harm," he said in a statement. "We will honor their sacrifice by finishing our important mission in Afghanistan."

Also Thursday a Taliban mortar attack killed at least seven people attending a wedding party in Faryab province in northern Afghanistan, provincial police spokesman Kareem Youresh said. (CNN)

### (9) Efforts to ....

translated into a reality. Afghanistan attached great importance to SCO as a regional platform for addressing international terrorism, violent extremism, separatism and narcotics through confidence-building and enhanced economic and security cooperation.

Afghanistan's request for full-fledged membership of SCO was indicative of its firm resolve to participate in and contribute to discussions and policy lines adopted by the forum. He urged members to support Afghanistan's attempt.

With regional cooperation, he hoped Afghanistan would emerge as a regional hub and economic roundabout for trade, transit, energy transfer and connectivity in the heart of Asia. He also noted progress on TAPL, CASA-1000 and the Chabahar projects.

"We are all fully aware that terrorism and extremism, which involves ISIL or Daesh, are major threats to our shared peace and stability. Terrorism is the enemy of all humanity and terrorists belong to no particular ethnicity, region or religion, as they do not recognise borders. There is no good and bad terrorist. We need to fight them together," he continued.

Abdullah hoped SCO would continue to make progress with its win-win agenda, play a more active and constructive role in furthering regional economic cooperation and addressing regional security challenges. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Kunduz ...

justice soon. Twenty Four civilians, most of them women and children, have been killed and 30 others wounded during Wednesday night airstrikes in northern Kunduz province, according to officials.

Deputy Police Chief Col. Masoum Hashami told Pajhwok Afghan News the residents of localities brought 22 bodies as they wanted to protest the killing of innocent people in the foreign forces bombardment.

Dr. Marzia, senior doctor at the civil hospital, said two bodies and 30 injured had been evacuated to the hospital, adding 17 wounded people were women and children. (Pajhwok)

(11) Flimsy Evidence ...

of whom were never charged with a crime during their time in detention.

The report examined the men's case files and said the documents used the U.S. military numerous errors involving dates, geography and factions. It said the U.S. documents mix up groups that laid down their weapons long ago or never fought with jihadists.

'Full of mistakes' The Afghan case files are "full of mistakes, bad translations and fanatical allegations, and evidence made up of hearsay, double hearsay, unsubstantiated intelligence reports and testimony from those who were tortured," asserted Kate Clark, the report author and a senior researcher at AAN.

When asked about the report, U.S. Defense Department spokeswoman Lt. Col. Valerie Henderson said, "The Department of Defense is committed to treating all detainees humanely, and in accordance with all applicable domestic law and policy and international obligations, including Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions."

The Pentagon also cited its plan to eventually close the Guantanamo Bay facility, in part by transferring detainees who are not considered threats. "Of the nearly 800 detainees at one time held at Guantanamo Bay, more

than 85 percent have been transferred," the document says. A media adviser for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani told VOA that the Afghan government is confident the eight men are not a threat.

"It has been 12 years and they haven't been put on trial yet; because there is not such a crime committed by them that American administration or judiciary system could investigate," Nabi Misdaq said.

U.S. officials have long argued that the detainees held at Guantanamo Bay were dangerous terrorists. However researchers found that none of the eight detainees they studied were captured on the battlefield. The group says U.S. documents show six of them were handed over to the U.S. military by Afghan forces or neighboring Pakistan and two were detained after tip-offs from unknown sources.

The mother of former Guantanamo detainee Obiadullah holds pictures of her son, in Haiderkheil, Khost province, Afghanistan, Aug. 16, 2016. The case files of Afghan detainees at Guantanamo were "full of mistakes," a researcher with the Afghanistan Analysts Network says.

"Viewing the U.S. detention regime through the lens of the Afghan experience in Guantanamo raises broader questions about the effectiveness of U.S. intelligence and justice," the report lamented. A former plastic flower seller, a private gatekeeper and grocer are among the detainees who were accused of links with the al-Qaida network or the Taliban, according to the AAN report. (VoA)

ly suffering from jaundice. She has four children and is the sole breadwinner after her husband reportedly died. (Tolnews)

(15) Ghani Appoints ...

statement said the president was deeply saddened over the incident and directed the Afghan forces to be very careful in their operations and avoid civilian casualties.

Ghani appointed a delegation to investigate the incident and find those involved so they could be brought to justice. However, the statement has no further details about the delegation.

The president also ordered all civil and military officials of Kunduz to assist the affected families and use all emergency resources for treatment of those wounded in the incident. (Pajhwok)

(16) Roadside Bomb...

murdered. Many cases have not been investigated. The AJSC has demanded that the Afghan government end the culture of impunity surrounding journalist deaths. The committee warned that otherwise the country will lose its vibrant local media, one of Afghanistan's greatest achievements since the 2001 fall of the Taliban.

Since the beginning of this year's fighting season, the Taliban have expanded their footprint across Helmand. The province is also strategically important for the Taliban as the main source of the country's opium output, worth an estimated \$4 billion a year, much of which funds the insurgency. (VoA)

(17) Aryana TV ...

worked in hard situations in restive Helmand and bravely reported the situation to the people. The president said government put in place all available resources for the protection of journalists and would take more effective measures for the security of reporters.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah also denounced the killing of Afghan journalist in Helmand. He said with the killing of a reporter the enemy could not shut the voices of people of that particular locality.

A statement from the Afghanistan Journalists Safety Committee (AJSC) termed the ongoing year deadliest for Afghan journalist. The organisation demanded security institution to take more effective measures for the safety of journalists.

Helmand Governor Hayatullah Hayat also condemned the killing of Niamatullah Zaheer and termed him a brave journalist. A statement from the Afghanistan Journalists Centre (AJC) also denounced the killing of Zaheer and demanded the punishment for people behind the incident. (Pajhwok)

(18) Khost Farmers...

must refer for that to cooperative centers," he said. Habibi said he would accelerate efforts for agriculture development and seek cooperation from the central government in this regard.

"The distribution of these items to farmers is an important step in agriculture improvement, I would remain committed to continuing my efforts for development of agriculture sector," he said. Meanwhile, the provincial agriculture and livestock director, Eng. Samiullah Nasrat, told Pajhwok that the improved quality wheat seeds and fertilizers had been donated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

He said China also donated four tractors to the Khost agriculture and livestock department on Thursday. "We would use the tractors for agriculture department related farmlands," he said.

Khost farmers, who received the agriculture inputs, were happy saying the distribution began at a proper time this year. "If the seeds we received are improved, it would yield positive result. Fertilizers distribution besides the seeds would help farmers grow their crops with better results," a farmer said. (Pajhwok)

(19) U.N. Says...

fighting by all sides so it can evacuate the wounded and get aid in. Syria's political opposition has said Russia has repeatedly duped the international community by making peaceful noises while reinforcing and strengthening its military efforts. (Reuters)

(20) May's Brexit...

an Act of Parliament," he said. "And the government is determined to respect the result of the referendum," said the spokesman. (Xinhua)

(21) 600,000 Children...

Grand'Anse and South, further complicating efforts to contain the disease. Total destruction of crops and loss of food-stocks and livestock in some of the worst affected areas have left over 800,000 people in need of immediate food assistance and more than 112,000 children at risk of acute malnutrition.

An estimated 50,000 children have been left homeless and are staying in temporary shelters. Another 3,500 children living in institutions need help accessing nutrition, water and sanitation services. (Xinhua)

(22) Some 20,700 ...

is going to happen next. Some are even barefoot. UNICEF reached out to the families, checking on the condition of their children and finding out if any of them are missing.

"As the situation continues to unfold, it is important that we remain nimble and that we adapt our response to best assist children and families who have been through so much over these past years," Ironside said. (Xinhua)

(23) Iraqi Forces...

edges of the districts of Intisar, Karama and Samah in eastern Mosul, said Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, commander of the Iraqi counter-terrorism forces.

"The Iraqi army artillery and mortars are shelling the IS positions in three districts, and the troops could start storming the three districts in the coming hours," Saadi said. (Xinhua)

(24) Trump Gets ...

of information between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin of mutual benefit" and that the FBI is investigating connections between Trump campaign staff and Russian oligarchs.

Trump has consistently played dumb about Russia. Despite reportedly being briefed by intelligence officials about Russia's involvement in hacks on Democratic targets, Trump has repeatedly expressed skepticism about whether Russians are really involved. Yet he's signaled support for policy positions that would benefit Russia—such as reevaluating and possibly lessening the United States' commitment to NATO—and has praised Putin, calling him "a leader, far more than our President has been a leader." (AP)

(25) Yemen's Former...

encouraged Hadi to deal with it. The ongoing conflict in Yemen has killed at least 10,000 people and unleashed one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. (Reuters)

(26) FBI Fiasco...

could jeopardize U.S. national security, as it could be easier to hack by foreign powers. Experts said the FBI announcement will hurt Clinton, who just weeks ago held a significant 7-point lead over her Republican rival Donald Trump.

Indeed, it has already diminished that lead significantly in the past days, putting the candidates in a tight race. Clinton's lead has now narrowed to around 1.7 points in the RealClearPolitics average. The FBI investigation may not spur non-Trump supporters to suddenly change their minds and cast their ballots in favor of the brash New York billionaire. But it may solidify Trump's base and dampen enthusiasm among Clinton supporters, causing some of them to stay home on the Nov. 8 Election Day, experts said. (Xinhua)

(27) Chinese Diplomat...

Although China has rejected the possibility of engaging militarily, it has consistently offered diplomatic support for Russia, an increasingly close strategic partner. China voted alongside Russia against a Western-backed United Nations cease-fire proposal last month and it has characterized Russia's bombing offensive in Aleppo — condemned by the West as a series of deadly attacks on civilians — as a legitimate campaign against terror targets. (AP)