

(1) Endemic ...

uniforms, food and vehicles. The Interior Minister Noor-ul-Haq Olomi meanwhile said these findings was a good step in their fight against corruption but that these efforts need to be dealt with in cooperation with other organizations.

"The fight against corruption is our top priority. This campaign needs the cooperation of other organizations and we should work together in this regard," the minister said.

Participants at the gathering stressed that anti-corruption measures should be reviewed and also transparency and accountability should be supported in security agencies. (Tolonews)

(2) Russia Calls...

members and the rest of the world to find answers for challenges such as how to maintain economic development in global instability, how to enhance competitiveness.

The Russian prime minister also stressed the importance of regional integration as the top priority for the region, saying Russia is in favor of preferential trade agreements in the region. He also said Russia will work with China in the latter's Belt and Road initiative and to address innovation and development issues. (Xinhua)

(3) Mohammadi ...

In handwritten notes at the bottom of the document, it states copies of the document should be sent to the clearance department of Kabul Bank and to the administrative affairs office of the Presidential Palace. This comes after Mohammadi vehemently rejected claims on Wednesday stating that he had been involved in the recent signing of a controversial housing contract between the Ministry of Urban Development and Frozi.

Mohammadi told the Senate's Complaint Commission that letters he sent to the Ministry of Urban Development do not give any instructions regarding the signing of the housing contract. But Urban Development Minister, Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi, claimed he had received several letters from Mohammadi urging him to sign the "Smart City Township" project with Frozi - who was jailed for 10 years in a court verdict last November after being found guilty of defaulting on loans that helped lead to the collapse of Kabul Bank in 2010.

While showing letters to the senators, Mohammadi asked: "In what part of this letter has the minister of urban development asked to sign a contract with Khalilullah Frozi."

Ghani on Tuesday night suspended Mohammadi, over allegations of his involvement in the signing of the controversial housing scheme project.

Mohammadi allegedly facilitated the signing of the "Smart City Township" project - worth over 900\$ USD. The deal was inked about two weeks ago. However, after mounting criticism of government, Ghani cancelled the contract within a week and ordered an investigation into the issue. (Tolo News)

(4) Obama Calls...

environment at the same time, those are outdated. We can transition to clean energy without squeezing businesses and consumers," said the president.

He said there will be always challenges and opportunities, and the use of solar power and renewable energy is not only cheaper than those of conventional power, but also can generate new jobs.

After delivering the speech, Obama led a forum during the APEC CEO Summit on Wednesday.

Obama addressed questions to Jack Ma, founder of Alibaba, a giant e-commerce firm, and Ms. Aisa Mijeno Mijeno, an engineer who founded SALT Philippines.

Jack Ma said "we have to raise public awareness of the climate

change" that affected people's life, adding, "We have to take action and join together."

Mijeno, seawater lamp technology inventor, said, "Climate change is like cancer. Right now, we are in stage two, you will feel the symptoms. You don't want to let it to reach the stage four when it is already too late."

Mijeno said her lamp uses saline solution or seawater to power up an LED, and can even charge mobile phones with a USB portal. (Xinhua)

(5) Ghani Reviews...

of Helmand province Wednesday, while sporadic fighting has been continuing in Khanshin and Sangin districts over the past months.

Notorious for growing poppy and militancy, Helmand has been regarded as Taliban's hotbed in conflict-ridden Afghanistan. (Xinhua)

(6) MoI Warns...

combat operations are among the security forces' plans in the cold season.

The ministry of interior affairs believes that the Taliban insurgents will launch their attacks from the beginning of Winter time in several parts of the country but they will not be safe from the barrage of attacks by Afghan security forces.

"The Interior Ministry considers preparing and training of Afghan troops for the next fighting season as one of its priorities," said Sidiq Sidiqi, MoI spokesman.

Military analyst emphasized that the threat of a winter offensive must be taken seriously.

This comes at a time when a top Taliban commander has pledged in a recorded interview to launch an intense winter campaign against NATO soldiers in Afghanistan. (ATN)

(7) Pakistan Police ...

of the death penalty, and proposals to register and repatriate Afghans living in Pakistan.

Human Rights Watch said: "Police abuses have prompted fearful Afghans to restrict their movements, leading to economic hardship and curtailing access to education and employment. This oppressive situation has prompted large numbers of Afghans to return to Afghanistan, where they face a widening conflict and continuing insecurity."

"Deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan have already prompted more than 80,000 Afghans to leave their country in 2015 and seek asylum in Europe. Afghans uprooted by police abuses in Pakistan, where many have lived for decades, to return to Afghanistan may well add to the numbers of those seeking refuge in Europe as conditions deteriorate in Afghanistan," the report stated.

The Afghans Human Rights Watch interviewed described how the increasingly hostile climate for Afghans in Pakistan had left them feeling trapped: fearful of returning to Afghanistan, of Pakistani police raiding their homes and workplaces, and of paying bribes to the police to avoid arrest and detention.

Muhammad Ibrahim, 25, whose father fled Afghanistan in -1979 1980, has lived in the Tajabad area of Peshawar his entire life. He told Human Rights Watch that police harassment and intimidation had become constant in the aftermath of the Peshawar school attack.

"The police harass us every day. Sometimes they arrest us for a few hours, threaten us and then let us go. I feel afraid going out of my house in this area. Five days ago, the police arrested my brother when he went out to get milk, [but] they released him after many hours," said Ibrahim.

Qayyum, 24, was born in Pakistan after his parents left Nangarhar province in the mid-1980s. He has lived there all his life. He described how police abuse has increased for Afghans.

"Police threaten us more now.

They threaten, sometimes hit us and ask for bribe money from those who can pay it. I have no money, so I cannot pay bribe money, [so] they question and curse me and then let me go.

hey don't only stop us at checkpoints, even the patrolling [police] cars stop when they see us and interrogate [us]. The police come to our shops and harass [us].... It has become very difficult to earn a living because of these factors. We are scared now," he said.

However, many Afghans told Human Rights Watch that they returned to Afghanistan because the rampant extortion meant they could no longer make ends meet in Pakistan.

Farhang, 31, originally from Parwan, went to Pakistan with his family in 1992 when he was eight years old. They settled in the Peshawar area where his father found work as a taxi driver. Farhang eventually found work driving a motorized rickshaw taxi.

He told Human Rights Watch: "The police started creating problems. They were going into people's homes. They came to our house and kicked in the door - this was after the [Peshawar] school incident. The children were very afraid. The police asked us, 'What are you doing here? - Go to your own country!' This was about a month ago [early July 2015] It was 1 a.m. ... they put all us men in the police cars and took us to the police station. We spent 11 days in jail. Then they took us to the border and told us to cross. I crossed, but then [a few days later] I returned to take my wife and child to Afghanistan. So I came to Kabul but I don't have any work here [or] a place to live."

Meanwhile, Kine said: "Pakistan's government has a responsibility to prevent and prosecute terrorist attacks." "But permitting police reprisals against the Afghan population is neither lawful nor effective in combatting terrorism," he added.

Human Rights Watch has in turn called on Pakistan's allies to press the government to end abuses by security forces against Afghan refugees and undocumented Afghans.

In addition, they urged donors to consider providing additional support to Pakistan and Afghanistan to assist with the Afghan refugee population in Pakistan and returnees in Afghanistan, including improving their access to education services, healthcare, housing, and land.

They also said UNHCR should work closely with the Pakistani government to ensure that all undocumented Afghans seeking protection in Pakistan are able to register with UNHCR.

The government of Afghanistan has the responsibility to ensure that all Afghan returnees have the freedom to settle where they wish and have access to government health, education, and land allocation services regardless of their registered status in Pakistan, said the organization.

Kine meanwhile stated: "There is a simple reason why Pakistan police abuse of Afghans continues: the government is allowing police to get away with it."

"The Pakistani government needs to develop a long-term strategy that emphasizes the protection of its Afghan population rather than pursue a vindictive punishment policy that is as unlawful as it is inhumane," he added.

Pakistan is host to one of the largest displaced populations in the world. The 1.5 million registered Afghan refugees and one million undocumented Afghans that the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates are living in Pakistan as of November 2015 include many who fled conflict and repression in Afghanistan during the late 1970s and early 1980s, and their descendants.

Some arrived as children, grew up in Pakistan, married, and had children of their own who have never lived

in Afghanistan. Others have arrived in the decades of turmoil in Afghanistan since, seeking security, employment, and a higher standard of living. (Tolonews)

(8) Human...

all the money he had on him.

"When I travelled to Iran the trafficker took my 3,000\$ USD to keep with him but when I was deported, he didn't pay back my money," he said.

According to these would-be migrants, those using human traffickers now pay money changers, who hold their cash. Once in Europe the migrants call these operators and give them the go-ahead to pay the money to the traffickers.

Following government calls to money changers to abstain from working as middle-men, they continue to take guarantees of thousands of dollars a day.

"All money changers have been told that helping smugglers is a crime but still a few of them are secretly doing the business," Haji Zeerak, spokesman for the Money Changers Union said.

He said a minimum of 400\$ million USD leaves the country each month due to human traffickers. He also linked the dip in the Afghani against the U.S dollar to this problem.

People have however, raised questions as to why government has not clamped down on this practice and tracked and arrested the human traffickers. The Interior Ministry said on Tuesday, however that a senior-level commission comprised of 10 different government organizations has started work to track down the traffickers and curb the problem.

"Many individuals and groups were arrested last week for deceiving people and trafficking them illegally to foreign countries," MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqi said. "They are being interrogated."

Meanwhile, speculation suggests that officials within the government and at foreign embassies also help the human traffickers get visas for would-be migrants.

According to them, the lack of action by government to crack down on these traffickers has led them to continue their illegal business without any fear. (Tolonews)

(9) Weapons...

and was responsible for making mines and IEDs.

In addition he said they have arrested two people for the recent theft of three million Afs from the owner of a private company. The two accused had also allegedly threatened to kill the company owner.

Rahimi said: "These two men attacked the owner of a private company when he was leaving a bank. They stole his money and tried to kidnap him." (Tolonews)

(10) Germany...

come due to floods. Until a few centuries ago, evergreen forests covered a wide area of our province. Nowadays, illegal logging and overgrazing are the main factors in the decline and disappearance of forests," said Khawahan District Governor Ghafran Zaki.

Addressing the challenges of major natural disasters in Badakhshan province including flooding, avalanches and earthquakes, Germany and Afghanistan agreed to run the BNDPA programme in four districts.

The districts were chosen by their vulnerability based on a newly developed risk map which identifies the most exposed places in Badakhshan. Based on these findings, suitable prevention measures are designed including small infrastructure and also capacity development projects.

BNDPA is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. (KP)

(11)Some US ...

phobia. Alfonso Aguilar, a Republican who leads the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, says "a refugee is someone who has a credible fear that they're going to be killed." Aguilar says moderate voters could view Republican opposition to helping refugees as extreme and intolerant and that could hurt Republican candidates in next fall's general election.

In this Tuesday, Nov. ,17 2015 photo made available Wednesday, Turkey's Prime Minister Ahmet Dav ...

Spain's coast guard says at least one person died when a boat capsized off the western coast of Africa while trying to take sub-Saharan Africans to the Canary Islands and that a search is underway to try to find at least 17 missing people.

A coast guard spokeswoman says the search Wednesday was taking place after 22 men from the boat were rescued Tuesday evening after it capsized near Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony.

Searchers found the body about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Western Sahara and 237 kilometers (147 miles) from the Canary Islands. (AP)

(12)Indian PM ...

Indian Prime Minister had last week raised the issue at the G20 summit in Turkey that took place immediately after the Paris terror attacks in which over 130 people were killed. (Xinhua)

(13)Okinawa ...

other prefectures. Around 76.1 percent of the Okinawa residents are opposed to the central government's plan of constructing a new U.S. military base in Nago as replacement for the Futenma U.S. military base, according to an earlier survey conducted by one of the prefecture's two largest newspapers. (Xinhua)

(14)Obama Ups ...

new islands close to the Philippines.

"We discussed the impact of China's land reclamation and construction activities on regional stability," Obama told reporters after meeting Philippine President Benigno Aquino.

"We agree on the need for bold steps to lower tensions, including pledging to halt further reclamation, new construction, and militarisation of disputed areas in the South China Sea."

On Tuesday, Obama also announced more than 250\$ million in maritime aid to Washington's Southeast Asian allies -- including a warship for the Philippines. (AFP)

(15)200 Syrian ...

humanitarian purpose. The Justice Ministry is examining whether to let them continue to stay in South Korea.

The remaining 65 have been standing by at the airport under the thorough supervision of the authorities.

The National Intelligence Service (NIS) reported it during an emergency meeting of the parliamentary intelligence committee that was held to discuss countermeasures against possible terrorist attacks, local media said citing the two lawmakers briefed on it. The meeting was held amid rising concerns here about terrorism following a series of terrorist attacks in Paris that killed more than a hundred and wounded several hundred others.

The NIS said that the Islamic State (IS) has included South Korea in the list of the so-called crusaders alliance as targets of terrorist attacks. The spy agency said that IS followers have been found among some of young South Koreans and Muslim workers here.

Ten South Koreans have publicly supported the IS militant group via the Internet, but the NIS had yet to confirm their identity due to lack of legislations allowing the intelligence agency to identify such followers.

In the past five years, the NIS

has deported 48 foreigners, classified as dangerous figures due to their links to the terrorist groups or possibility for terrorist attacks. (Xinhua)

(16)Indonesia...

on 46 nationals who returned from Syria. Tito said that Indonesian nationals allegedly planned to join the IS in Syria seemed increasing this year than that of last year. Citing to intelligence data, Tito said that 384 Indonesians have been confirmed to travel to Syria at present.

"But the actual number of people planning to fly there could be more than that," he added.

Tito said that even though Indonesia does not join the coalition of countries conducting air strikes against IS stronghold areas in Syria, Indonesia remains vigilant in improving its security.

"Even as of now we are yet to join the coalition, we cannot neglect the possibility of their attacks here. They have their own ideology, which is different from us," Tito added.

He said that Indonesia saw several attacks and foiled the attempts to assassinate the country's senior officials planned by radical groups in their efforts to establish an Islamic State in Indonesia. (Xinhua)

(17)UN, DPRK...

Monday and will arrive at Sunan International Airport while his itinerary is yet to be confirmed.

According to the state-run media, Ban's upcoming Pyongyang visit was also confirmed by another UN official residing in the DPRK who spoke on condition of anonymity.

However, a UN spokesman said Tuesday night that the secretary-general will not visit the DPRK next week.

"The secretary-general will not be traveling to the DPRK next week," the spokesman said in an email message to the press. "He will be in New York most of next week and then travel to Malta for the Commonwealth Summit."

"From there, he will go directly to Paris to attend COP21," also known as the 2015 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the spokesman added.

The COP21 opens at Le Bourget, north Paris, on Nov. 30. More than 40,000 representatives from 195 countries will participate. (Xinhua)

Daesh Attacks Aimed at Inciting Islamophobia: Rouhani

TEHRAN - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said that the latest terrorist attacks carried out by Daesh Takfiris are aimed at creating a wave of Islamophobia around the world.

Rouhani made the remarks while attending a meeting of Iran's Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution in Tehran on Tuesday.

"Islam is the religion of mercy and peace," Rouhani said, adding that it should not be permitted that such terrorist attacks, "especially in Europe and the United States where many Muslims live," promote Islamophobia.

He noted that Iran condemns terrorist activities in all its forms, and called for global unity and determination to counter such terrorist acts, which claim the lives of innocent women, children, and civilians.

The Iranian president also stressed the importance of identifying the sources from which Daesh terrorists receive funding and resources to carry out their attacks. (PressTV)