

### (1) Watchdog Warns...

However, the Attorney General's Office (AGO) rejects any notion of political interference in ACJC's activities.

"No one has interfered in our work. The AGO will never let anyone interfere in this respect," said AGO spokesman Jamshed Rasuli.

The ACJC has so far held a public hearing for two corruption cases since it was established last month.

According to officials, the center is expected to be given 15 news cases by the AGO in the near future. (Tolnews)

### (2) Kabul Attack...

disunity among different tribes and religious groups of Afghanistan, this attack clearly violates all war rules."

He asked the government to take the perpetrators to justice. Ezdyar criticized Kabul security officials and alleged the Kabul police chief always acted as a spokesman rather discharging his responsibility of preventing such attacks. Another Meshrano Jirga member, Mohammad Asif Seddiqi, was on the same view and asked the Afghans to stand united against the enemies. Enemies' brutality would continue if the Afghans did not rise against them, he said. Chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar directed the house defense and security commissions to summon the officials concerned to clarify their position.

He asked senators to press security officials to identify the perpetrators of the attack and punish them so that others could learn a lesson. (Pajhwok)

### (3) Develop Plan ...

they carried out two attacks during the Shia ceremony of Ashura on October 11 in Kabul and on October 12 in the northern province of Balkh, that altogether killed at least 32 people.

The group also claimed a July 23 attack against a demonstration by mainly Hazara Shias in Kabul, killing at least 85 and injuring 413, the deadliest attack in Afghanistan on civilians since 2002. HRW noted the security environment was worsening for all Afghans in the face of an intensifying insurgency, claiming civilian casualties as fighting increasingly happened in densely populated areas.

"However, the wave of targeted attacks on Shia Hazaras is largely attributable to the emergence of insurgent groups affiliated with ISIS, underscoring the increasing vulnerability of the Shia community beyond active battlefields and in urban areas under government control."

It added the plight of Hazara Shias in neighbouring Pakistan highlighted the dangers of unhindered escalation of sectarian violence, HRW said. Pakistan's besieged Hazara communities have faced mass attacks by Lashkar-i-Jhangvi for more than a decade.

"Insurgents who are responsible for atrocities targeting a specific ethnic or religious community as part of an attack on a civilian population are committing crimes against humanity," Gossman said. (Pajhwok)

### (4) China Increases ...

of the phases of the project must be built in another province of Afghanistan in a bid to ensure balance in implementing the development projects.

Minister Naderi said earlier this month that the foundation stone for the construction of 10,000 housing units with China's support will be laid in the near future as he informed regarding conclusion of the technical and design assessment of the project.

He informed regarding the inauguration of the construction work of the project at the opening of the 3rd Urban National Conference in Kabul on 7th November, which was organized to review the challenges achievements in housing sector of the country. (KP)

### (5) CBI Chief ...

the Group 5+1 (Russia, China, the US, Britain, France and Germany) came into force in January, some Iranian officials complain about the other parties' failure to fully implement the accord.

Back in March, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei said Americans have yet to fulfill what they were supposed to do as per the nuclear deal.

Iran still has problems in its bank-

ing transactions or in restoring its frozen assets, because Western countries and those involved in such processes are afraid of Americans, the Leader said at the time, criticizing the US for its moves to prevent Iran from taking advantage of the sanctions removal. (TNA)

### (6) 42pc of...

that caused short stature in people. Resolving these problems needed joint cooperation and the National Citizen Charter (NCC) plan of the government was aimed at overcoming the existing problems, he said. (Pajhwok)

### (7) 66 Crime...

of 22 criminal cases and 12 suspects accused of drug and alcohol smuggling had been registered with the center. (Pajhwok)

### (8) Bamyan Women...

provincial capital, has received bachelor's degree in agriculture, but said he she was rejected whenever she applied for a job in government or non-governmental offices.

"When a scale 5 or 6 job is announced, hundreds of people apply for it due to the absence of jobs," she said.

Some women, not satisfied with employment process in the government offices, say the employment process has not been transparent.

Suraya, a woman who has applied several times for many low scale positions, said she had been repeatedly rejected. She said only those were hired who had connections with ministers or their representatives.

However, Abbas Jafari, the provincial human resources director and a member of the employment committee of Bamyan, said government jobs were given to those who took part in competitive exam under supervision of eight organs that did not allow anyone to violate transparency.

On the other hand, Karima Salik, Bamyan Women's Affairs Director, said only educated people were given government positions and thousands of women who were deprived of education faced problems in finding jobs.

"When a scale 5 or 6 job is announced, in addition to men, around 300 women also apply, but only one person among them is hired," she said, adding the number of uneducated women or housewives were higher than educated women in Bamyan.

She said hundreds of women were busy in agriculture activities and labor works which did not suit women.

Calling violence against women another problem, Salik said 89 cases of violence against women were registered in the first nine months of the current year in Bamyan.

The cases included beating, divorces and underage marriages, she said. She said women who ran small businesses were also in trouble to negative traditions. Abdul Sammad Rahimi, a culturist, said poverty and joblessness would not reduce if the government launched effective plans for generating jobs. (Pajhwok)

### (9) Religious Scholars...

brother in the attack. "This pair of shoes belonged to my brother, he came to the mosque, he was 13," said Najib.

Meelad was also among those killed in the attack. After school every day he would go to the mosque for lessons in the Quran. Meelad died in the attack and now all his family have to remind them of him is his school bag.

"Meelad's head was completely burnt and stones were visible in his head," said Mohammad Husain, Meelad's uncle.

Critics have said that there appears to be an attempt by certain countries to instill sectarian violence in Afghanistan.

"There are certain countries conducting such brutal attacks and want to divide the people of Afghanistan so that they can pursue their own interests," said university lecturer Qasim Wahidi.

Monday's deadly attack on the Arbaeen ceremony marks the fourth attack on Shias in the past few months.

Daesh claimed responsibility for the bombing.

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### (10) Shiite Mosque ...

"UNAMA expresses its revulsion at this latest effort by extremists to stoke sectarian violence in Afghanistan."

Also the acting head of UNAMA, he said: "Religious and ethnic tolerance are values the Afghan people hold strong, and I urge the Afghan authorities to do everything possible to defend Afghans of all faiths."

International humanitarian law prohibits deliberate attacks against civilians and civilian property, including places of worship. The law further prohibits attacks directed against people and places of worship, which constitute the cultural or spiritual heritage of peoples. (Pajhwok)

### (11) Uruzgan Edu ...

had been held in detention by the attorney's office over his dispute with the revenue officer.

He said the education director had been accused of some other irregularities as well and the charges against him were being investigated by the attorney's office. (Pajhwok)

### (12) 3 Militants ...

Taliban group and the notorious Haqqani terrorist network are based in Quetta and Peshawar cities of Pakistan.

However, the Pakistani officials have long been rejecting the claims made by the Afghan officials although some senior Pakistani officials have confessed that they have influence on the Taliban group based in the country.

Pakistan's foreign affairs adviser Sartaj Aziz admitted earlier this year that Islamabad had influence on the Taliban group and could use certain leversages including the facilities used by the group to pursue the group to join peace process. (KP)

### (13) AAF to Get...

said Maj. Michael Lopez, TAAC-Air detachment commander.

Building an area for assembling and storing weapons is the next step in the AAF being able to maintain their ability to take the fight to the enemy.

"Afghans here build the bombs and fly the planes during combat missions," said Lopez. "Mazar-e-Sharif is the first forward operating location where the Afghan Air Force is managing the entire mission."

The construction on the weapons area will include a bomb building facility, weapons storage facilities, and a loading area for aircraft is scheduled to be complete in July. (KP)

### (14) Taliban Ban ...

telephone services, then I had to travel to the city and meet him despite serious security threats on the road," he said.

He said earlier they solved a problem by spending 6 afghanis on a telephone call, but now people in their area had to travel for hours and pay 150 afghanis in transport fare to solve their problems by visiting people.

A tribal elder, Haji Azizullah, said security situation in their area was not good and people were faced with many problems.

"Our people have to travel to the provincial capital or Kabul for making a contact with people they have work with because all telephone services are cut off by Taliban here," he said.

Residents of the district were struggling with insecurity and economic problems, he said, asking the government to pay attention to the situation.

Charkh district chief, Mohammad Hanif Hanifi, confirmed the ban on the telephone service in the district.

He said Taliban had banned all telephone services. "We are trying to resolve the problem through local tribal elders," Hanifi added.

Tribal elders had met Taliban to seek solution to the problem, but the militants had said they would not let telephone services until telephone companies pay them tax, he said.

He said the Taliban was oppressing the nation because the nation took most of advantage from the telephone services than the government.

Logar information and telecommunication director, Eng. Abdur Rahman Naseri, said Taliban were

creating problems for telephone companies in order force them into paying money.

Pajhwok tried to contact telephone companies representatives, but failed to do so.

The Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology (MCIT) had previously said they could not press telephone companies to operate in insecure areas. The Taliban have not yet commented on the issue. (Pajhwok)

### (15) Taliban's...

officials and employees.

However, in majority of such attacks, the ordinary civilians are targeted as the Taliban group is accused of causing the majority of civilian casualties.

At least 11 people were killed and 12 others including the bride were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in northern Faryab province of Afghanistan earlier this month. (KP)

### (16) Assad Hails...

contributed to alleviating the suffering of the Syrian people, which have been reeling under economic sanctions for years.

Russia has been a staunch ally for the Assad administration, shielding the Syrian government in the UN Security Council against many punitive resolutions adopted by the Western powers.

Moreover, the Russian army has also stepped into the Syrian conflict, backing the Syrian army with air power and logistic support. (Xinhua)

### (17) EU Conservative ...

means Brexit, that means leaving the European Union, that means cutting off relations ... and not cherry picking, not special relationships."

Davis told Reuters that his talks with Weber, whose group is the biggest in the parliament, and with the legislature's own Brexit negotiator Guy Verhofstadt had focused on discussing the process for negotiations and not the substance of future talks. (Reuters)

### (18) 68,000 Individuals...

around 78 percent of those recently displaced by Mosul operation are living in formal camps.

A further 16 percent have taken shelter in private settings, while 6 percent are in critical shelter arrangements and less than 1 percent are passing through screening sites.

Supported by Kurdish Peshmerga fighters, Iraqi troops kicked off operations last month to take back the city which fell into IS hands in June 2014 after government forces abandoned their weapons and fled, enabling IS militants to take control of parts of Iraq's northern and western regions.

International aircraft as well as Iraqi and U.S.-led coalition artillery units are supporting ground operations there.

According to reports, more than 5,000 IS militants were initially holed up in Mosul, though they are losing ground amid ongoing military operations.

The UN Refugee Agency had warned before the military campaign kicked off that as many as 1.2 million civilians could be displaced by fighting. (Xinhua)

### (19) Turkey Sacks ...

Gulen, who lives in Pennsylvania, has denied involvement in the coup

The government is also accused of using powers from a state of emergency declared after the coup to clamp down on other government critics. (AP)

### (20) Stability in...

receive and treat wounded Iraqi soldiers, Szijarto added.

Al-Jaafari said the war in Iraq was not a conflict of countries or religions, since the IS was threatening all peoples and all religions. ISIS, he said, was "attacking humanity."

Iraq, he said, was traditionally a home to multiple religions and ethnic groups, and its various peoples had lived together in peace and harmony before the IS stepped in to destroy it.

Al-Jaafari spoke of the fighting in and around Mosul but said that liberating the city was taking longer than anticipated because of efforts to spare the civilian population.

So far, the Iraqi minister said, Iraqi forces had killed 1,700 extremists and captured another 120. In addition, he said, the Iraqi forces had destroyed 650 vehicles that extremists had turned into explosive devices.

He also said that Iraq needs to boost its crude oil extraction to fund the fight, given that oil accounted for 90 percent of the country's budget. (Xinhua)

### (21) I'll Push Back...

"As an American citizen who cares deeply about our country, if there are issues that have less to do with the specifics of some legislative proposal or battle or go to core questions about our values and ideals, and if I think that it's necessary or helpful for me to defend those ideals, I'll examine it when it comes," Obama told reporters.

Obama, who has consistently praised Bush for the way he's handled his ex-presidency, faces a conundrum about how to handle his own. Though he's vowed to ensure a smooth handover of power, Obama is keenly aware he's being replaced by a new president who holds antithetical views on issue after issue. (AP)

### (22) Thailand to ...

said assistant government spokesman Apisit Chaivanuwat.

Tourists from any of these 18 countries, respectively Andorra, Bulgaria, Bhutan, China, Cyprus, Ethiopia, India, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, can enjoy the fee cutting policy during these three months.

The visa fee reduction was primarily aimed to attract more visitors to Thailand during the next three months and raise tourism-related earnings, he said.

Meanwhile, Thailand's long-stay visa for foreigners will be extended from a maximum of one year to a maximum of 10 years on condition that the visa holder have a minimum of three million baht in a bank account or a minimum of 100,000 baht in monthly income. (Xinhua)

### (23) Russia Deploys ...

comment on the Interfax report.

The Bastion fires supersonic Oniks cruise missiles, which have a range of up to 450 kilometers (280 miles) and can be used against ships as well as ground targets. Last week, it made its combat debut in Syria where the Russian military used it against militants.

Separately, Viktor Ozerov, the head of the defense affairs committee in the Russian parliament's upper house, told RIA Novosti news agency Monday that Russia would also deploy Iskander tactical ballistic missiles and S-400 air defense missile systems to Kaliningrad in response to the U.S. missile defense plans.

"We are facing two main tasks - to penetrate air defenses and ensure protection from possible strikes," Ozerov said.

The S-400, which Russia has used to protect its air base in Syria, is a sophisticated system that can simultaneously track and strike multiple aerial targets at ranges of up to 400 kilometers (250 miles). Based in the Kaliningrad region, the S-400s will be capable of targeting NATO aircraft and missiles over most of the Baltic region.

Iskander has a range of up to 500 kilometers (310 miles) and high precision, allowing it to target facilities in several NATO member nations neighboring Russia with pinpoint accuracy. It can be fitted with a conventional or a nuclear warhead. (AP)

### (24) China, Malaysia ...

and chief of the Joint Staff Department under the CMC, expressed the hope that the two sides can take this opportunity to make continuous joint efforts in combating terrorism and addressing maritime threats.

"We've always believed that nothing is more important than the all-round growth of the friendly relations between the two countries and the two militaries as well as jointly safeguarding peace and stability in the region including the South China Sea," said Fang. He also reiterated China's stance on the South China Sea and pointed out that China always opposes outside interference in the South China Sea issue.

Zulkifeli Bin Mohd Zin, chief of the Malaysian defense force, said multinational initiatives such as "Aman Youyi" would afford greater synchronization and stronger awareness in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

After the opening ceremony, Chinese special forces performed close quarters combat skills while commanding officers from the two

sides conducted a Table Top Exercise.

China and Malaysia have seen closer military ties in recent years. It is the third time that China and Malaysia have conducted such joint exercises. Last month, a Chinese naval fleet paid a friendly visit to the Malaysian port of Klang. (Xinhua)

### (25) Iran, EU ...

Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for the lifting of all nuclear-related sanctions against the Islamic Republic. There has been speculation that an incoming US administration may violate or unilaterally scrap it.

Elsewhere in his remarks, President Rouhani said, "The Islamic Republic attaches importance to [its] EU ties, and this meeting is a step toward invigorating relations with the EU as well as with Slovenia."

The Iranian chief executive said the visit by Pahor, the first one in 25 years, and the reopening of the Slovenian Embassy in Tehran, which has been scheduled for Wednesday, indicate the countries' "strong resolve" to develop bilateral ties.

Slovenia's Foreign Ministry announced in March 2013 that the country had decided to shrink its diplomatic network as part of general austerity measures and was closing its embassy in Tehran in response to the then-difficult financial and economic situation in Slovenia. (Presstv)

### (26) Pakistan Army...

a terrorist attack on an army school in the northwestern city of Peshawar in December 2014 for speedy trials of the terrorism-related accused.

All the convicts "admitted offenses before the magistrates and the trial courts," the army said. (Xinhua)

### (27) UN Committee ...

and assesses the government's follow-up on recommendations made by the CAT following its first review of Turkmenistan in 2011. It is based on information obtained by TIHR through its monitoring of developments in Turkmenistan with the help of an in-country network of activists, as well as analyses of national legal instruments and other relevant information. It is the only NGO report submitted for the review.

Major points highlighted in TIHR's and IPHR's report include:

The apparent failure of the Turkmenistani authorities to enforce a new criminal code provision banning torture and ill-treatment. According to the authorities, no cases have been opened or examined by the courts under this provision since it was adopted in 2012, in spite of widespread allegations of the use of torture and ill-treatment in the country.

The lack of an independent and effective national mechanism for monitoring detention facilities and the lack of unhindered access to such facilities for the International Committee of the Red Cross, even if representatives of this body have been allowed to familiarize themselves with selected detention facilities.

Over a dozen outstanding requests to visit the country by UN special rapporteurs. In its new National Human Rights Action Plan for 2016-2020, Turkmenistan's government has undertaken to initiate invitations for special rapporteurs, but to date only the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to religion or belief has been allowed to visit the country - in 2008. (AKIpress)

### (28) Tajikistan, ...

and other objects were touched upon as well.

Abdufatkh Boib at the meeting informed the Chinese delegation about the Tajik customs activities and vowed to expand relations with the Chinese customs service. (AKIpress)

### (29) Kyrgyzstan, ...

the neighboring country will be demarcated, in particular, those sections in Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken regions that were earlier undefined," said Yusupov. He told about the visit to the neighboring country. According to him, the sides determined the details on defining the state border with the length of more than 700 km out of the total length of 1,378 km. (AKIpress)