

(1) Turkey Downs ...

space has been violated several times in recent weeks, Erdogan said that only Turkey's "cool-headedness" had prevented worse incidents in the past.

Each country summoned a diplomatic representative of the other. Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov canceled a visit to Turkey due on Wednesday and the defense ministry said it was preparing measures to respond to such incidents.

U.S. President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande, meeting in Washington, urged against an escalation, while NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the military alliance stood in solidarity with Turkey.

Footage from private Turkish broadcaster Haberturk TV showed the warplane going down in flames, a long plume of smoke trailing behind it as it crashed in a wooded part of an area the TV said was known by Turks as "Turkmen Mountain".

Separate footage from Turkey's Anadolu Agency showed two pilots parachuting out of the jet before it crashed.

A deputy commander of rebel Turkmen forces in Syria said his men shot both pilots dead as they came down. The Russian military confirmed one pilot had been shot dead from the ground and another soldier died during a rescue operation.

A senior Turkish official said at least one of the pilots could still be alive. "It's not a fact but a possibility. We're trying to verify the information and taking all necessary steps to facilitate their return," the official said. (Reuters)

(2) Leaders Agree...

the telephone talks that Turkey's right to defend its sovereignty was "supported by the United States and NATO". They also expressed their commitment to a bringing about a transitional political process for peace in Syria and joint determination to continue the fight against Daesh jihadists, the statement added. (AFP)

(3) TAPI Project ...

of this project would settle regional socio-humanitarian and economic problems. Based on the order of Turkmen leader, Turkmen Gas and Turkmen Oil Gas companies should start the TAPI project that transits gas from Turkmenistan territory in December 2015.

The 1800km long TAPI project will be constructed with an expenditure of over \$10 billion with a capacity of 33billion cubic square gas per year until the end of 2018 and would start activity. According to relevant authorities of Afghan ministry of mines and petroleum, the TAPI project would create jobs for 5000 people in Afghanistan and income of over \$300 million per year. Afghanistan shares 25pc in this great project. A number of experts and citizens emphasizing on the importance of TAPI project said TAPI is one of the biggest regional economic projects for Afghanistan and other countries and can create many facilities to local Afghans. Mohammad Iqbal an economic, political analyst believes, with the implementation of TAPI project, economic-political relations of the involved countries will be improved and better socio-economic development grounds will be available. (BNA)

(4) 190 Cases of ...

and 215 cases were registered on family violence which is a large number.

The findings also show that 15 percent of honor killing and rape were committed by Afghan police officers.

Afghanistan has been one of the worst countries in the world to be born female.

Violence against women is endemic; girls attend school for less than half the number of years of Afghan boys, and one

in every thirty-two women die from pregnancy-related causes.

Afghan women continue to experience poor health, limited economic opportunities, lack of education, an absence in participation in public life and all forms of violence.

In the meantime, Afghanistan's first lady expressed concern over increase of violence against women; emphasizing that roots of violence should dried in the country.

The four decades of prolonged armed conflict across the country has contributed to significant levels of instability, insecurity, violence, rule of law challenges, and poverty and underdevelopment, which have obstructed the effective realization and enjoyment of human rights for people of Afghanistan.

It must be stressed that the insecurity, pervasive levels of gender-based violence and an ever-present climate of fear has had a disproportionate impact on the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights of women and girls.

The struggle to secure women's rights in Afghanistan has been an embattled one. After years of faltering campaigns, the landmark Elimination of Violence against Women Act (EVAW) was passed in 2009 by presidential decree.

The 2009 act marked a major turning point in the legal status of Afghan women. Before the EVAW was passed, cases of violence against women were governed by Afghanistan's penal code, in force since 1976, which contains no reference to violence within the family or underage marriage. Even these scant legal protections were illusory during Taliban rule, when women were denied free movement and access to education and when women were even stoned to death.

Since then, Afghanistan has signed numerous international rights treaties and as a signatory is obliged under international law to respond to reports of attacks on women. (ATN)

(5) 20,500 Girls...

an opportunity for development, not just at home, but in public as well."

UN's concerns and recommendations come on the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW) which is November 25.

But Afghanistan is observing this day as violence against women and girls remains widespread. (KP)

(6) Afghan Forces...

member, while the insurgents captured 18 other people who were on board.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yusuf Ahmadi claimed in a statement it shot down the helicopter. He said that five people on board had been killed, while 15 others who managed to get out of the burning aircraft were captured by Taliban fighters.

Ahmadi said the hostages were taken to a safe place for interrogation. He did not give further details or say whether foreigners are among the captives.

Waziri gave no details about the nationality of the two foreign captives. (VoA)

(7) Frozi ...

AGO's public security attorney directorate.

Meanwhile, Zalmai Zabuli head of the complaints commission at Meshrano Jirga (the Senate house) said: "If the president [Ashraf Ghani] really wants to overcome the issue, he should have implemented the law on Ahmad Zia Massoud, the MUDA minister and others."

Reports say that a fact finding team has started work on the 'Smart City' deal. (Tolonews)

(8) Nangarhar ...

Achin district," said Salim Khan the provincial governor. In addition, in response to re-

action over the issue, Abdul Zahir Qadir said: "We agreed at a meeting with government that up to 2,000 people, in collaboration with government, will be rolled out in local police ranks so I took the necessary steps and purchased weapons from my own resources," said Qadir.

On Monday, Qadir accused the National Security Council of being in support of Daesh in the province. He told parliament Daesh receives support from specific circles from inside the government. The allegations were however denied by government. (Tolonews)

(9) Kunduz Bombing...

services building that had been captured by the Taliban. The aircraft identified the building based on a visual description provided by Afghan forces.

"Tragically this misidentification continued throughout the remainder of the operation, even though there were some contradictory indicators," he said. (BBC)

(10) Pakistan ...

voluntary repatriation programme, sponsored by the UN refugee agency, is moving at a slow pace. Only 57,000 of about 1.5 million registered Afghans have returned under the program since January 2015. (Tolonews)

(11) NDS Arrest ...

United Kingdom, and is also active in several Arab and Central Asian countries, despite being banned by some governments. The group also has a growing presence in North America, known as Hizb ut-tahrir America. (Tolonews)

(12) Britain ...

under the oversight of Wais Ahmad Barkam the Minister of Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah who also took part in the meeting said that serving the nation and assisting them is in the priorities of the government.

He said that government delivered its all possible assistance to the quake-affected people at the initial stages.

British envoy also announced an aid of 10 million pounds for the improvement of the system of water and irrigation and agriculture. (KP)

(13) Drone Strike...

Vehicle (UAV) in Nangarhar this month.

12 militants including Noor Rahman the Taliban shadow governor for Khogyani District were killed in a drone strike on November 14 and 33 were killed in an air strike in Gulai area of Ghanikhil District on November 7. (KP)

(14) Eight Children ...

Hayatullah, one local resident, said: "Parents must advise their children to not touch strange objects and children should be taught in schools and by the media to not play with suspicious objects."

Tuesday's blast claimed the lives of Farzan, Ali Reza, Qurban, Amanullah, Ramin, Massoud, Zuhra and one other unnamed child. All were between the ages of nine and 14. Police chief of PD13 in Kabul said the children died while playing at a construction site in Se Bangi.

The families of the children say they were killed in a rocket attack but police reject these claims and say the children found an old explosive device, thought to have been a mortar, which was possibly left over from the civil war. (Tolonews)

(15) 81 Development...

wells along with hand pump. Approximately, 22,809 families in various communities have been able to get access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects.

Since its inception in Nangarhar province, the NSP has been covered 1,850 communities and able to execute 4,629 development projects in dif-

ferent sectors including transport, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, livelihoods, education, etc while the work of another 543 is currently in progress. (PR)

(16) 7 Taliban...

Daraqad district along the border with Tajikistan a couple of weeks ago, have yet to make comment.

In a similar blow dealt to the Taliban outfit on Wednesday, five Taliban fighters including a shadowy governor were captured in the eastern Logar province with Pul-e-Alam as its capital 60 km south of the capital of Kabul city, spokesman for provincial government, Salim Saleh, said.

"Acting upon intelligence report, the security forces stormed Taliban hideout in Khoshi district of Logar province early Wednesday and captured five rebels including shadowy district governor Mullah Hamidullah and local Taliban commander Alam Jan," Sahel told Xinhua.

Taliban militants who are active in parts of Logar province and have speeded up their activities over the past couple of months across the conflict-hit country are yet to make comment.

Both the Taliban militants and government forces have been fighting tooth and nail to gain more grounds and consolidate their positions ahead of snowfall in the mountainous country. (Xinhua)

(17) Ukraine Halts...

reciprocal measures by Moscow.

But President Petro Poroshenko's government had at the time allowed Russian airlines to cross Ukrainian airspace to other destinations.

Yatsenyuk said the new decision came "in part as result of the escalation of the military and geopolitical situation". A shaky Ukrainian truce is being increasingly put to the test as Russia steps up its air campaign in support of President Bashar al-Assad in Syria.

The Ukrainian military said another soldier was killed in a new bout of clashes across the shattered war zone in the past 24 hours. (AFP)

(18) Spain Not ...

offer of further aid and I don't think it has been proposed in concrete terms."

Ayllon's words came several hours after the French Ambassador to Spain also ruled out asking for aid from Spain in the coming days, due partly to the fact Spain is just 25 days from holding a general election, which could well see a change of government.

Yves Saing-Geours said on Spanish television network Antena 3 that "we know the country is in an election campaign and we (France) should not enter into that campaign." The Ambassador, who nevertheless said he expected Spain would help France "a lot" in the future, and highlighted the "fluid" relations between both nations. (Xinhua)

(19) Canadian PM ...

grapher against palace protocols.

Next on the agenda for Trudeau after Malta is the Paris COP21 climate summit aiming to forge a global agreement to curb climate change, which starts on Monday. (AFP)

(20) India Claims...

entered into the place of Haripur Village Development Committee and opened fire at the locals. The injured victims are now receiving treatment at local hospitals.

Contrarily, the Indian Embassy in its statement claimed that the Indian border force didn't enter the Nepali territory. The embassy statement stated that a patrol team of SSB came across a few smugglers inside the Indian territory across the Sunsari district of Nepal.

"When challenged, the smugglers and their accomplices attacked the patrol team and injured one constable. An SSB

personnel fired in the air in self-defence, following which the smugglers dispersed. The incident took place inside the Indian territory and no Nepali citizen was injured," read the statement. (Xinhua)

(21) All People ...

Sweden said it's tightening border controls because the refugee situation was getting out of control. They also apply to Nordic citizens who have enjoyed passport-free travel for decades.

Immigration officials estimate Norway can expect more than 33,000 refugees this year, a threefold increase over 2014.

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden is attending a summit of southeast European leaders that focuses on tensions in the region over a surge of asylum seekers and migrants crossing the territory.

Biden's trip Wednesday comes amid a debate in the United States about whether to admit Syrian refugees following the Islamic State group's attack in Paris. (AP)

(22) China-CEE ...

China-CEE cooperation - high speed, but comfortable and reassuring," Li told the European leaders.

"It is very impressive," said Hungarian Prime Minister Orban Viktor. "China's development is indeed admirable."

His words echoed those of Polish President Andrzej Duda who said a day earlier that he hoped Poland and the entire Central and Eastern Europe could all benefit from China's growth. (Xinhua)

Appreciation of French Households Unchanged in November

PARIS - Households appreciation of their financial and economic situations was stable at the end of November with the index standing at 96, French national Institute Insee figures showed on Wednesday. In its monthly economic report, Insee said consumers sentiment about their future financial situation lost one point while their confidence of their past situation was unchanged at minus 24.

The two indexes "are below their long-term average," it added.

Looking to their economic situation, households expressed optimism about their past standards of living whose indicators gained one point while they have the same sentiment about their future situation compared to October data.

Worries about a lasting depressed labor market fell sharply. Most French families expected a decrease in unemployment with the indicator dropping by 24 points to 36, the lowest level since June 2011, according to Insee.

In order to digest millions of job demands in a country with a population of 66 million, France, Europe's second largest economy, offered companies 30 billion-euro-cut (31.8 billion U.S. dollars) in labor charges to encourage recruitment and investment and pumped more billions of euros in "future contracts" aimed at hiring poorly-qualified young unemployed people. (Xinhua)

Vietnam Elects Parliamentary Secretary General

HANOI - Vietnam's National Assembly (NA) on Wednesday elected Nguyen HanhPhuc, who is currently Head of the NA Office, to be its Secretary General.

The vote was conducted during the ongoing 10th session of the 13th NA in Vietnam's capital Hanoi. This is the first time Vietnam has elected the post of NA Secretary General.

The election of NA Secretary General aimed at realizing the international practice of parliamentary organization, Phuc told reporters earlier at a press briefing on the NA meeting. The NA Secretary General will work as a spokesman of and an advisor to the NA and the NA Standing Committee, among other tasks, in accordance with the Law on Organization of the NA, which will take

effect since January 1, 2016. National Assembly is the legislative body of Vietnam. It exercises the supreme supervisory power over the implementation of the constitution and laws, and controls the management of the state apparatus in all areas of social life, among other functions. (Xinhua)

Hollande Calls for Display of French Flags on Day of Mourning

PARIS - President Francois Hollande on Wednesday called on French citizens to deck their homes with the national flag during a day of mourning later this week for victims of the Paris attacks.

Friday will be a day of homage to the 130 people killed by jihadists in the November 13 assaults, and the president urged citizens "to participate by decorating their homes with the blue, white and red flag," government spokesman Stephane Le Foll said.

Hollande will lead a solemn ceremony on Friday commemorating the victims of France's worst-ever terror attack at the Invalides, the grand complex in central Paris that houses a military museum and Napoleon's tomb.

The event, to be attended by victims' families and those wounded in the attacks and described as "the most solemn, the most republican that could be chosen" will include a speech by Hollande.

Displaying national flags at home is not common in France, but Le Foll said the attacks had "touched every one of our fellow citizens very deeply" and the president wanted people to be able to join in with the memorial service.

"We have tried to suggest something that will let every French person take part in Friday's ceremony," he said.

Sales of the "tricolore" have boomed since the attacks, with leading flag-maker Doublet saying it had moved "between two and three times as many French flags as usual".

The flag has become an emblem of defiance after the Paris carnage, flourishing at the sites of the attacks attached to flowers, pictures and other tributes as well as on social media, where Facebook has given users the chance to add a red, white and blue filter to their profile pictures. (AFP)

Brussels Schools Reopen, Maximum Threat Alert Still in Place

BRUSSELS - When Annelaure Leger dropped off her two children at school on Wednesday, it was like nearly every other day — except for the machine gun-toting policeman.

After a two-day school shutdown sparked by a threat alert across the Belgian capital, Brussels resident Leger was relieved that classes were back in session, even though she and her kids had to take their bikes since the subway was still not running in her neighborhood.

"It was like Christmas come early for the children," Leger said. "They stayed at home and played with the neighbors' kids." She said the family lives partly in Paris and that the children are very aware of what's happening both there and in Belgium.

"It would be better if the police had caught the terrorists, but the children know they are trying to do that so that everyone is safe," she said.

Though the Belgian capital continues to be under the highest-level threat alert, meaning that authorities fear a serious and imminent attack, schools and subways began reopening across the city on Wednesday. That is restoring a sense of normality in the city, parts of which have been deserted since the alert was first raised to the top level in the capital on Saturday.

The threat level is expected to be in place until at least Monday unless there are significant developments, like the capturing of some suspects linked to the Paris attacks on Nov. 13, who are believed to be in Belgium. (AP)