

### (1) NATO Reaffirms...

that the alliance will take new initiatives to protect civilians during engagements, adding that the alliance's advisory role and technical support will continue to be given to Afghan troops until sustainable peace and stability is restored in the country.

"We remain committed to working with our Afghan partners to help them build sustainable security in Afghanistan," Shoffner said. The US forces in Afghanistan faced a major backlash recently following a deadly air strike against a Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) hospital in Kunduz province last month. However, U.S officials have said that it will review U.S military support to Afghan troops during the operation so that such an incident is never repeated.

"General Campbell has already directed that all U.S personnel ... receive training on targeting authorities and on the rules of engagement. General Campbell has also directed that we conduct a comprehensive review of our planning process as well as our targeting process at all echelons of command. He has directed a thorough examination of how we develop and how we use no strike lists," he said.

Up to 13,000 NATO soldiers still serve in Afghanistan of which 9,800 of them are US troops.

It is expected that up to 8,000 U.S troops will continue their mission in Afghanistan beyond 2016. (Tolonews)

### (2) World Climate...

was meant to be at the heart of the global action.

Organizers said the Vatican sent a pair of shoes on behalf of Pope Francis. One activist, dressed in white as an angel with large wings, held a sign saying "coal kills".

More than 2,000 events were being held in cities including Sydney, Berlin, London, Sao Paulo and New York, making it perhaps the biggest day of climate action in history on the eve of the Paris conference which runs from Nov. 30-Dec. 11.

In Sydney, about 45,000 people are estimated to have marched through the central business district towards the Opera House. Among them Sydney's Lord Mayor Clover Moore, who tweeted it was the largest climate march ever held in the harbor city.

Protesters held placards reading: "There is no Planet B," and "Say no to burning national forests for electricity".

U.S. President Barack Obama and China's Xi Jinping will be among more than 140 leaders attending the start of the summit. (Reuters)

### (3) UK Govt...

President Bashar al-Assad, and is expected to call a vote only when he is sure of winning.

Another defeat would be "hugely damaging to Britain's reputation across the world" and would "leave us less safe", said Fallon.

The defence secretary said fears that airstrikes would lead to civilian deaths were unfounded.

"The RAF have been striking with the permission of parliament in Iraq for over a year now and our estimate is there hasn't yet been a single civilian casualty because of the precision of their strikes," he said.

"They have been carefully targeted at Isil command posts, Isil supplies, Isil supply routes," he said, using one of the acronyms for Islamic State. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn is opposed to the strikes and could whip his MPs into voting against them, despite many in the shadow cabinet expressing support for the government's plans.

Corbyn told the Andrew Marr Show on Sunday that he would ultimately decide

whether MPs were allowed a free vote, putting him on a collision course with senior parliamentarians and potentially throwing the government's plans into disarray. (AFP)

### (4) President ...

worth \$46,000 which was gifted to her by President Ghani's father in 1970, the report said, adding that President Ghani has a house constructed in 4 acres and 300 meters of land and is located in Dar-ul-Aman area of the city.

The report further added that the property was purchased by President Ghani in 2003 from an individual against \$373,000 but the current value of the property has currently increased to \$4.22 million. Meanwhile, the First Lady Mrs. Ghani has a property in Washington having a value of \$328,000 and is being financed from the funds she receives from her retirement.

According to the report, President Ghani and First Lady are both having over \$71,000 cash in bank which have been obtained from retirement benefits and rent of house in United States.

President Ghani also has 8 personal vehicles with a collective value of over Afs 105 million, the report, said adding that President Ghani and the First Lady also have 7,000 books which are kept in Kabul and Beirut, the capital city of Lebanon.

The report also added that President Ghani has 1,220 acres of land and garden in Kabul and Logar provinces which he has inherited from his father, while the First Lady shares 60 acres of land in Lebanon with his sister and two brothers.

President Ghani also has share in a research firm in United States and has a share of \$67,000 and receives around \$4,000 in retirement from the World Bank and over \$7,000 from the government of Afghanistan.

The First Lady receives around \$2,400 rent from her house in United States and their debt include \$238,000 which we they had taken in 2006 from a US bank to purchase an apartment and are still payable around \$56,000 to the bank.

According to the High Office of Anti-Corruption, the information regarding the properties of President Ghani was released as a part of the practice to implement the Article 154 of the Afghan Institution and Item 8 of Resolution 15, dated 25/July/2015, issued by Office of the President for the publication of the properties of high level government officials. (KP)

### (5) Tribal Elders...

hostages were traveling on the Kabul-Kandahar highway.

A police official in Zabul has confirmed that no military operation has yet been launched to rescue the hostages. He said this was because officials are waiting for the outcome of negotiations with tribal elders.

Security forces official, Ghulam Jilani Farahi said: "We have sent tribal elders and influential figures to help release the hostages. The abductors have revealed their suggestions and today the delegation will once again visit the kidnappers and it is expected that the hostages will be freed."

MPs have however voiced sharp criticism over the growing problem.

Meanwhile Senator Hussain Hotek said: "We urged the government to launch a wide-range military operation to free the hostages in Zabul but this did not happen and the government did not pay the needed attention to this issue."

"This is the government's responsibility to free the hostages through any possible way and it should not let any harm come to them," said Fazl Hadi Muslimyar head of the senate. This is the second such incident in less than a month. In the past ten months, scores

of passengers have been kidnapped. Last month, seven, from Zabul, were beheaded by Daesh. (Tolonews)

### (6) Government ...

serving as Afghanistan's ambassador to the United States has been given the task of being an envoy to Colombia, Dominica, Argentine and Mexico.

It is yet unknown whether the incumbent ambassadors to Pakistan, Turkmenistan and others who have been replaced would be reassigned or not. (KP)

### (7) Selection...

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"Seven members of the selection committee have been introduced to the government. We have received a number of criticisms from a number of civil society organizations about [some of] the introduced members," he added.

"According to the law we do not have the right to interfere in introducing members of the committee but we are providing the grounds to overcome the problems and help start the work of the committee," he said.

This comes as electoral monitoring organizations have already asked the committee to start its work as it is the first step needed to bring reforms in the electoral bodies. (Tolonews)

### (8) Mass Grave ...

Meanwhile, the deputy head of Balkh provincial council has said that the discovery of the mass grave shows the level of violence the country has been subjected to over the past thirty years. He called on government to ensure those responsible pay for their crimes.

"Unforgivable crimes have been committed over the past three decades and the mass grave proves this fact. These crimes are unpardonable," Shujauddin Shuja, deputy head of Balkh provincial council said.

"We expect government to take effective steps in this respect to detect the perpetrators involved in such crimes," he said.

Three decades of violence and war has dominated the country and devastated Afghanistan's economy. It has also taken its toll on the infrastructure and claimed the lives of thousands of people. (Tolonews)

### (9) Pak, Afghan ...

KWH while Afghan government will get 1.25 cents per KWH as transit fee.

Similarly, Pakistan plans to import gas from Turkmenistan which will be added in national gas grid in Quetta for which friendly relations with Kabul are imperative.

Moreover, Ms Jamali said, Afghanistan is full of mineral, iron ore and coal which can be transported to FATA or Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for value addition. A big steel mill can be established in northern Pakistan for the purpose which can provide jobs and earn foreign exchange.

The ongoing projects will bring Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan closer and make them interdependent with every country wanting stability in the partner nation.

This will result in peace and prosperity in the region which is a shared goal, she said, adding that Pakistan must improve transmission and distribution system of electricity and gas before arrival of imported energy. (PPI)

### (10) Experts Advise ...

ernance."

This comes after the first deputy speaker in the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) Abdul Zaher Qadir recently accused government of supporting Daesh. He also said he had established a militia group to fight Daesh in Nangarhar.

Meanwhile, deputy spokesman for President Ashraf Ghani, Sayed Zafar Hashemi said: "After the first deputy's accusation President [Ashraf] Ghani appointed a delegation to investigate his [Qadir's] claims."

Many people believe that the establishment of militia groups will not be in the best interests of the country and many think there is no guarantee that such groups will not start fighting government forces, which will ultimately lead to more insecurity in the country. (Tolonews)

### (11) ANSF...

corporals undergo a nine-month and a three-month training respectively.

One of the graduates, Corporal Jameel Khan Atal said he learned using different kinds of weapons and some military training during the training.

"With full confidence, I am ready to defend my country and devote myself to the safety of my countrymen," he said. (Pajhwok)

### (12) ADB to ...

and regulatory policies. At present, butchers slaughter animals in the street or in backyards because of the destruction of abattoirs during the war."

Eklil Ahmad Hakimi, Minister of Finance, said "We are very pleased to sign this grant provided by the ADB and appreciate ADB's commitment to improved infrastructure in Afghanistan. Agriculture is one of the government's priority sectors and a foundation for improved livelihoods and economic growth. We are very appreciative to the focus of ADB and the UK to the sector's development."

The project aimed to cut product losses, raise product standards and increase product competitiveness in both domestic and international markets. It will increase returns to producers and traders, provide opportunities to add value to products and create employment, as well as bringing public health and environmental benefits.

Setting up new facilities, marketing infrastructure, and a regulatory environment that cuts post-harvest losses will also help galvanize private sector interest in the agriculture industry. It will address key constraints limiting private businesses investment, by improving marketing and supply chains, and product standards.

To help encourage private investment, the project will use a leasing model, with the management and operation of the slaughterhouses contracted to private companies. In the medium term, ownership can be transferred to the private sector. Similarly, marketing facilities set up in the horticulture sector will be operated and managed by farmer organizations and agricultural cooperatives, which will eventually assume ownership.

The project will have additional benefits for rural households and the general economy, as the incremental returns from the enterprises will provide households with viable cash alternatives to illegal opium poppy production, which has become a major cash crop for many rural households. (KP)

### (13) Ankara, Moscow...

did not know that it was a Russian warplane before it was shot down by Turkish air force, and stressed that it warned the war jet of violating Turkey's airspace. (Xinhua)

### (14) Germany ...

pany France's Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier, Wiekler said in the interview. German planes would refuel the jets of the coalition as well as take photographs in the region.

"From a military point of view for the servicing of the planes and ships, about 1,200 soldiers would be necessary," Wiekler told the newspaper.

He said he hoped to obtain the necessary mandate by the end of the year.

Wiekler also said Germany was in talks with Jordan and Turkey about stationing Tornado aircraft for reconnaissance in the region. (Reuters)

### (15) JCPOA ...

further strengthening of bilateral cooperation, urging the two sides to make use of bilateral capabilities to improve relations in all areas of common interest. (PressTV)

### (16) EU Seeks...

returning migrants who are not in need of international protection to their countries of origin," the draft, seen by Reuters, said.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu is due to meet the 28 EU national leaders for three hours from 4 p.m. (Reuters)

### (17) Terrorism ...

nation of all the allies of the international coalition."

The prime minister also underlined that Italy is one of the countries with the largest number of troops abroad, including in Lebanon, Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia and the Balkans. (Xinhua)

### (18) 42 IS Militants...

said. Meanwhile, Iraqi warplanes bombed IS positions in Albu Haiyat area in east of the town of Haditha, some 200 km west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, destroying several positions and killing 13 militants, the source added.

Separately, international warplanes bombed an IS headquarters in Falahat area in west of the militant-seized city of Fallujah, leaving eight militants killed and 15 others wounded, a medical source from the city hospital said.

In Fallujah, the U.S.-led coalition aircraft bombed a garage used by IS to repair their vehicles in the industrial district in the eastern part of the city, killing four IS militants and wounding six others, the medical source added.

The international warplanes also pounded an IS position on a bridge in the town of Heet, some 160 km west of Baghdad, destroying the bridge and leaving five militants killed and seven others wounded, a medical source from Heet hospital told Xinhua. (Xinhua)

### (19) Assad says...

one for the region and the world".

Assad said the defeat of rebel groups fighting to topple his rule was a prerequisite for the "success of any political solution decided by Syrians".

A Syrian military source told Reuters last week rebels were making heavy use of U.S.-made anti-tank missiles paid for by Saudi Arabia and supplied via Turkey and the weapons were having an impact on the battlefield.

The so-called TOW missile is the most potent weapon in the arsenal of rebel groups and has been seen in action more frequently since Russia intervened with air strikes on Syria on Sept 30. (Reuters)

### (20) Turkey ...

accused by the West of using its bombing campaign to help him instead of targeting Islamic State. Turkey meanwhile wants Assad gone and has been supporting rebels fighting him. (Reuters)

## Indian Participants at BRICS Media Summit Expect Fruitful Exchanges, Success

NEW DELHI - Indian participants who will attend the upcoming BRICS Media Summit in Beijing said on Saturday that it is high time for BRICS countries to carry out media cooperation to meet the demand of their respective audiences. Before leaving for Beijing to attend the media summit, India's NDTV Producer Prys-

ankaKaul and Chief Operating Officer Aditi Singh said they are honored to be invited by Xinhua News Agency as guests from India.

They are expecting fruitful exchanges with their BRICS counterparts during the summit, while wishing for a full success of the event.

"There have been an increase of coverage of Chinese news by Indian TV channels in recent years, but it is far short of expectations of local audience," said Kaul.

"The exchanges between Indian and Chinese media are also seeing a momentum now," she added.

Singh said it is necessary for Indian TV channels to post correspondents in China, a very important country in the world. "While the news broadcast in Indian TV channels about other BRICS countries are mostly relayed by Western TV institutions, it is inevitable that BRICS countries will provide each other with their direct news coverage in the future," she said.

A media summit will start in Beijing on Dec. 1, focusing on cooperation among BRICS media organizations of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS). (Xinhua)

## Turkmenistan Produces over 3 Million Tons of Cement

ASHGABAT - Turkmenistan has produced around 3.3 million tons of cement since early 2015, said the message from the country's government.

"The country has established its own cement industry meeting the demands of the domestic market in large-scale construction," said the message. "Rich raw material resources for cement production open up export opportunities for the country as well."

A plant with the capacity of 1.4 million tons of cement per year was put into operation by Turkish Polimeks in Turkmenistan's Lebap province, said the message.

The plant produces portland cement, oil-well cement required for the oil and gas industry, and sulfate-resistant cement used in hydraulic units.

Polimeks also put into operation a similar plant in Turkmenistan's west - in the Balkan province. Such large enterprises operate in the Ahal province as well.

To cover the demand, the country has opened 35 specialized outlets for selling cement at single price - 175 Turkmen manats per ton, said the government message.

The official exchange rate has remained at 3.5 manats/\$1 in Turkmenistan since January 2015. (Agencies)

## Indian PM Leaves for Paris Climate Change Conference

NEW DELHI - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday left for Paris to attend the United Nations conference on climate change there.

"Leaving for Paris, where I will join @COP21. In the Summit, we will deliberate on crucial issues relating to environment & climate change," Modi tweeted before leaving.

He also said he would inaugurate the India Pavilion, "showcasing India's harmony with nature, environment & commitment to mitigate climate change" at the conference and host a meeting of International Solar Alliance with French President Francois Hollande.

Earlier in the day, the prime minister said in his monthly radio address to the nation that climate change and global warming are issues of discussion and concern. "Energy conservation is the first solution to stop rising temperature. This is everyone's responsibility," he said. The climate change conference will kick off on Monday. (Xinhua)