

(1) Enemy's Agenda...

society is our pride and its protection is the responsibility of every Afghan." The president said Yazidis of today wanted to add to the miseries and problems of the people of Afghanistan. "They want our people to go there and there confused and exhausted," he added.

"These Yazedis don't allow boys and girls to go to schools, they prevent medical facilities and vaccination, they carry out blast in bazaars and public places, try to divide Muslims, they want to see a new Karbala every day," Ghani noted.

He said the people of Afghanistan believed over religious moderation and rejected extremist ideologies. The path of Hazrat Imam Hussain was the path of unity among Muslims. It gave the message of unity not difference and believed on moderation and welfare. The president and government official offered prayer to the soul of martyrs of the terrorist attack on Imam Zaman Mosque which took place few months back.

Second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danish said the unity of Shia and Sunni was exemplary in Afghanistan and it was symbolic in the world. He demanded the people to behave in a proper manner while commemorating the Ashura Day and rejected self-torture with knives and other harmful instruments. (Pajhwok)

(2) Dostum, Noor ...

security situation in the north of the country and linked the instability to overall political and security situation. "The National Alliance Council often stressed over the salvation of Afghanistan, adding the military needed a proper strategy and doctrine to deal with the situation," the statement said. During the meeting latest activities and programmes of the Afghanistan National Salvation Council (ANS) also a Turkey-born alliance was discussed. (Pajhwok)

(3) More Investigation ...

provided initial report regarding the airport and mosque attack in Kabul. The meeting after overall interaction tasked the security officials to further investigate the terrorist incidents. The meeting hailed bravery and courage of security forces and admired their sacrifices for protection of motherland and its people. (Pajhwok)

(4) Khalili, Mohaqiq ...

there to commemorate the 10th Muharramul Haram stressed over transparent conduct of future election in the country.

He said: "We want the next election to be fair and free, we want all political parties, internal and external watchdogs to strictly monitor the polling process. We hope the Wolesi Jirga election be conducted in transparent manner so that way could paved for presidential election." - Deputy Chief Executive Mohammad Mohaqiq said transparent conduct of election was one of the major demands of people asking for public satisfaction from the fair conduct of election.

"Transparency of election starts from nomination of commissioners, secretary election commission, voters' registration and identification of election sites," he said.

Mohaqiq asked the government to provide facility for political parties so they would be able to monitor the activities of election commissions and the election bodies of the country should be able to get public trust in the entire process of election.

"Unfortunately, in the past we were unable to conduct fair election. Until there is no free election political stability could not be achieved. Though election every tribe, group and party could raise their vice and express their problems," he noted.

He asked the government to take effective measure for the free and fair conduct of election in the country. (Pajhwok)

(5) Russia, Iran Still ...

the terrorist group as well.

"Those two countries have suffered losses to terrorism, so I think it would be extremely unwise if they think they can somehow support terrorism in another country and not have it come back to haunt them," declared Mattis, referring to Iran and Russia. The Wall Street Journal reported.

Support from Russia and Iran is strengthening the Taliban and lending legitimacy to the jihadist organization, notes the newspaper, citing unnamed U.S. military officials.

Russia and Iran have conceded sharing information with the Taliban to fight their mutual enemy, the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL), but both countries deny providing military assistance to the group. Afghanistan's neighbor Iran, which

the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) recently said "remain the foremost state sponsor of terrorism," has also dismissed accusations that it is providing sanctuary to the Taliban. (Pajhwok)

(6) Ghani Meets...

and added that peace and stability was for the benefit of both Pakistan and Afghanistan and that this could lift the people in both countries out of poverty.

Both sides emphasized that we must forget the past and work hard for a better future, read the statement. (Tolnews)

(7) Activists, Athletes ...

nor religion in the country.

"From the start of Muharram, most of the mosques have been under threat by the enemy and the security forces have been maintaining security day and night," said Fahim Seddiqi, Head of the New Line Organization.

"Race and sect is not important for us, humanity matters to us. We want to show the world that Afghanistan is a united nation," said Shir Ahmad Sahil Popal, one blood donor.

Blood donors say Ashora is a messenger of peace and justice and people must not carry out actions against the principles of Ashora.

"Recently we have witnessed that some extremists, that by hitting themselves with chains and small knives, bleed on the streets. They should not do such things which is against the Ashora school," said Marzia Panahi, a civil society activist.

In recent years, members of the public and even government officials donated blood to security forces on Ashora day and have said the blood donation drive can help security forces who are fighting to protect their countrymen. (Tolnews)

(8) Afghanistan, Pakistan...

through diplomatic channels.

The dialogue was chaired by Mustafa Aria, Director General of Development Cooperation from the Ministry of Finance of Afghanistan, and was attended by Xiao Qian, Director General of the Asian Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director General of the Afghanistan Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan. Meanwhile Nasir Ahmad Andisha, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Afghanistan met with the heads of the three delegations. (Tolnews)

(9) Will Never Allow...

same trenches during Jihad which result in historic victory," he believed. The HPC chairman stressed over reconciliation and said all efforts would be made to end the conflict and establish peace and stability in the country. "Afghanistan would become second Syria if fighting continues and doesn't end. We don't want Afghanistan to become second Syria and will not allow this," he said.

He also stressed over reforms in the government system. "We should support the national unity government until it completes legal tenure and should refrain from political instability," he said. (Pajhwok)

(10) Greenhouse ...

being a new concept in Afghanistan, greenhouse farming is popular around the world and has in some instances proven to be more profitable than traditional farming.

Another greenhouse farmer in Afghanistan, Kheyal Mohammad, said government needs to help promote greenhouse farming in the country in order to help boost the income of farmers and also to prevent a shortage of fresh vegetables during winter.

"Government must help with greenhouse farming and support investment in greenhouse agriculture because it is very important, we could become self-sufficient in domestic produce," said Mohammad.

Meanwhile the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL) said this year more than 2,600 greenhouses will be built in different parts of the country, of which 1,200 will be run by women.

"We have broad programs in the agriculture sector in order to encourage the private sector to invest in the agriculture sector," Lotfullah Rashid, a spokesman for MAIL said.

Based on statistics from MAIL at the moment around 5,000 greenhouses exist in the country - of which 1,650 are large.

The ministry said that Farah province is the leading province in greenhouse agriculture and currently many of the vegetables grown here are exported. (Tolnews)

(11) Central Bank Invests ...

invested over \$50 million USD in US securities and this is the first experi-

ence in the country, but it is going well so far," he said.

Economic affairs analyst Salim Toofan said the central bank keeps its reserve currency, which is billions of dollars, in cash and if this money is invested it will be circulated besides gaining profit.

"We must convince donors and partners to create the stock market here. Why we invest our money abroad?" he asked. "We need a lot of money here. We must give entrepreneurs money to increase employment and reduce unemployment rate and budget deficit in the country."

A security is a tradable financial asset. The term commonly refers to any form of financial instrument, but its legal definition varies by jurisdiction. (Tolnews)

(12) Security Forces ...

mosques across Kabul in the past 10 days and that in the lead up to Sunday's ceremonies, numerous roads in the capital had been closed to traffic. People across the city were however afraid of an attack during this holy Shia day but all the ceremonies went off peacefully.

During the course of the day, security forces said they were ready to safeguard all mosques.

"We are ready and standing against all the threats. Preparations were made from 10 days ago," said the commander of PD4, Farooq Asas.

In addition to the security forces, 500 members of the public were also trained in basic security skills to help security forces safeguard the mosques. One public force member, Zakarya, said at a mosque: "We have three security gates in which we along with the police and national security forces are stationed at."

Meanwhile, a number of members of the Afghanistan Green Trend (AGT) movement also joined mourners at a some mosques.

The members said they joined Imam Hussain mourners out of solidarity and their message was "down with religious division."

"We have come here to say "No" to terrorists and those who want to create discord (among the people) and want to express our hatred of them," one AGT member Nasir Ahmad Farahmand said.

"Terrorist attacks on mosques are against the religion and Islamic values and do not belong in religion," another AGT member Abdul Sattar Saadat said.

Mourners of the grandson of Prophet Mohammad, Imam Hussain, also sent out messages of "solidarity and unity". "Shia and Sunni are flowers of a garden. We are united and right now a number of our Sunni brothers have come to the mosque," said one Imam Hussain mourner, Mohammad Ayub. Over 10,000 mosques are in the country of which more than 400 are in Kabul.

The Ashora ceremonies were held during heightened threat levels against Shia mosques by Daesh insurgents. In addition, the ceremonies were just two days after a mosque was attacked in Kabul, which resulted in the death of six people. (Tolnews)

(13) Election ...

commissioners are not present," said Abdul Qadir Zazai Watandost, the Wolesi Jirga secretary, said.

"We will send a letter to the president because such a move is against the parliament and the representatives of the people and against the law and is not acceptable," the Wolesi Jirga Speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahim said.

Head of the IEC secretariat Imam Mohammad Warimach argued that based on the law, the MPs does not have the right to summon election commissioners. "From legal prospective, the IEC has no obligation to respond to MPs, but from ethic perspective it is better to come to the House of Representatives and respond to their questions," Warimach told TOLONews.

Other MPs meanwhile said the election commissioners 'does not have the required skills to carry on the tasks of the electoral body and hold the upcoming parliamentary and district councils' elections. "Holding election is not possible by having the commissioners who are accused of corruption," said Lalai Hamidzai, an MP from Kandahar. However, Warimach said the elections will be held based on the schedule and that there is no challenge on the way of the process.

The MPs meanwhile discussed the TOLONews findings on alleged corruption and embezzlement by the Wolesi Jirga speaker and the head of the parliament's secretariat.

Some lawmakers said the issue should be closed "because further discussions in this respect will damage the reputation of the MPs and the parliament".

"Please stop accusing each other and creating distrusts; we have become

media's headlines," Fawzia Kofi, an MP from Badakhshan, said.

"They are elite characters of the country and have claimed this position by people's votes, not through corruption," MP Abbas Ibrahimzada said. Ibrahimimi meanwhile said the allegations against him and the head of the Wolesi Jirga secretariat "is a small issue" and that the investigation of the allegations by the Central Audit Office is against the law.

"I think the topic we are discussing today is a minor issue," said Ibrahimimi. (Tolnews)

(14) Security Force....

Taliban if reinforcement did not reach. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi claimed the Chori district was under the Taliban siege.

He said two security belts had been broken, seven check-posts capture and a large number of security forces had been killed or injured. (Pajhwok)

(15) US National ...

this case faces up to life in prison after being found guilty of conspiring to bomb a government facility, use a weapon of mass destruction, murder U.S. nationals and provide material support to terrorists," said Commissioner O'Neill.

"While Farekh's crimes occurred in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the defendant's co-conspirator trained Najibullah Zazi and others who also intended to attack New York City's subway system," he said.

According to court papers, prior to traveling overseas to join al Qaeda, Farekh was a student at the University of Manitoba in Canada.

In 2007, Farekh and two fellow students traveled to Pakistan with the intention of fighting against American forces overseas.

Farekh and his co-conspirators had become radicalized watching video recordings encouraging violent jihad, listened to jihadist lectures, including lectures by now-deceased al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula leader Anwar al-Awlaki.

They traveled to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan, an area in the northern part of Pakistan that borders Afghanistan and is home to al Qaeda's base of operations, where they joined and received training from al Qaeda, federal prosecutors alleged. One of Farekh's co-conspirators, Ferid Imam, provided weapons and military-type training at an al Qaeda training camp in Pakistan in September 2008.

Among Imam's trainees were Najibullah Zazi, Zarein Ahmedzay and Adis Medunjanin, of Queens, New York, who intended to return to New York City to carry out a suicide attack in the subway system.

During the trial, Ahmedzay testified that Imam as his weapons trainer. Zazi and Ahmedzay pleaded guilty pursuant to cooperation agreements and have yet to be sentenced. Medunjanin was convicted after trial and sentenced to life imprisonment. Imam has been indicted for his role in the plot.

The government proved Farekh's participation in the building of a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) that was used in an attack against Forward Operating Base Chapman (FOB Chapman) on January 19, 2009 in Khost, Afghanistan.

The evidence at trial showed that two vehicles approached the fence line of FOB Chapman. The operator of the first vehicle, a pickup-sized truck, detonated a VBIED at the gate.

The second vehicle, a truck carrying 7,500 pounds of explosives, became stuck in the blast crater. The driver fled without detonating the second, more powerful VBIED, and was shot and killed by local security personnel. Forensic technicians in Afghanistan recovered 18 fingerprints from the adhesive packing tape wrapped around the undetonated bomb that were matched to the defendant. A hair follicle was also recovered and analysis indicated that the follicle's mitochondrial DNA was consistent with that of the defendant. (Pajhwok)

(16) Faryab Women ...

I sold nothing. I borrowed 10 afghanis from another woman to get bread," said Bibi Shah.

She asked the government to construct a proper place for women vendors where they could be able to sell their handicraft products.

Sharifa Azeemi, Women Affairs Department director, said they often told the authorities concerned to construct a market for women where they could be able to sell their products. She said the Women Affairs Department had no specific budget to construct market for women vendors.

Maimana City Mayor Eng. Ahmad Javed Kewan said they planned to include the construction of a market in next year budget.

He pledged the municipality would strive to economically and socially support women. He recalled the municipality earned first position in gender equality in the country. (Pajhwok)

(17) Ongoing Clashes ...

prepared to defend the area and the people, but the enemy had asked for support from the neighbor provinces such as Baghlan and Wardak," commander of the public protection battalion in Ghorband valley, Haroon Mubarez said.

Meanwhile, a number of Seyagerd residents claimed government has failed to fully clear the district of Taliban in recent years.

"We left the area because of the ongoing war," Abdul Qadir, a resident of Seyagerd said.

"Taliban has attacked on our village and has captured our area. We have to leave our village because government has failed to maintain the area," Ahmad Hussain, a resident of Seyagerd, said.

The fighting intensified on Saturday, TOLONews reporter Karim Amini, who visited the volatile district, said. He added that the militants fired rockets on an security forces' outpost in the district which located close to civilian houses. (Tolnews)

(18) Farah, Bamyan ...

bombardment.

In Bamyan, five militants were killed after they attacked security posts in Shaibar district on Friday, killing one policeman, said Mohammad Azim Farid, the Shaibar district chief.

He said the militants numbering between 80 and 100 were repulsed after reinforcements arrived. It was Taliban's first coordinated attack on security posts in Shaibar district. (Pajhwok)

(19) Afghan Female ...

effective in my improvement," said Rezaei Muay Thai national team member.

Rezaee received primary trainings from Jamil Mohammadi, the technical deputy head of the Muay Thai federation.

"When Zahra started Muay Thai, I found that she had an excellent talent and strength," said Mohammadi, Rezaee's coach. "Zahra is an athlete who can bring lots of honor to Afghanistan."

Rezaee's team-mates said she has a full strength and a high speed which makes her a talented fighter.

"Rezaee is a talented girl with great technical and professional skills. We are pleased to have such a good fighter in our team," said Razia Hassani, member of Muay Thai National Team. Zahra Rezaee is now preparing for Muay Thai teenagers world championship in South Korea which is expected to be held next month. (Tolnews)

(20) Bashir Taraki ...

and bagged the gold medal.

After the fall of the Taliban in 2001, Taraki moved on to become the national team coach.

Since then he has trained athletes and remains committed to improving the sport in his country.

"We try day and night and we change the hopes and aspirations of the Afghan people and turn the taekwondo athletes dreams into reality. Twice we got medals at the Olympics, by Rohullah Nikpai, and this brought tears of joy to the people's eyes and at least we were a little comforted," said Taraki.

As the coach of the national team, Taraki has seen many of his athletes achieve top awards at international championships.

He said that among the medals his athletes have brought home include a bronze medal from the Asian games by Nesar Ahmad Bahave in 2006; a silver medal from the World Championships in 2007 - again by Bahave - silver and bronze medals from the World Teenage Championship in 2008 by Sayeed Hassan Rezaei and Mahmood Haidari respectively; a bronze medal from the 2008 Olympic Games - which was the first medal in the history of Afghanistan at an Olympics. The athlete who won this was Rohullah Nikpai.

The next Olympic Games medal was another bronze in London in 2012 - again by Nikpai. In 2016, six gold and one silver and one bronze were brought home from the South Asian Games. "Over the past few years, Afghanistan has won outstanding medals from overseas tournaments which was the result of the efforts of our coaches and we will never forget their efforts and hard work," said Nikpai.

In addition to his hard work and commitment to the national team, Taraki also got his bachelor's degree from Kabul Education University of Rabbani in 2006. In all, Afghanistan's Taekwondo Federation, which was established in 2001, has since bagged in total almost 200 gold, silver and bronze medals from regional, Asian, and Olympic games. (Tolnews)