

(1) MPs Summon ...

with some European countries. "Government has an obligation to address its citizens' problems inside and outside the country, but the NUG has dealt with the European countries (so as) to have their financial support in exchange for deporting refugees," said Ghulam Hussain Nasiri, an MP. Sayed Alemi Balkhi, minister of MRR and Hakimi said that returning refugees from Pakistan and Iran will be a big challenge for the NUG after the Brussels Summit. "A rumor is heard these days that NUG has signed an agreement with some of the European countries over deporting of refugees, but that is just a rumor," Balkhi said. Currently more than 5,000 refugees from Pakistan and around 1,000 from Iran return to the country on a daily basis.

In addition to this, bringing administrative reforms, fighting corruption, taking steps toward holding parliamentary elections, improvement of human rights, especially women and children's rights are the promises of the NUG that will be reviewed at the summit.

Ahead of the summit, the NUG prepared a national developmental framework for self-reliance and hopes to secure political and financial support from donors for the next four years. The following countries are expected to pledge aid to Afghanistan at the summit:

United States: \$700 million USD.

Germany: \$600 million USD.

World Bank (WB): \$400 million USD.

Asian Development Bank (ADB): \$305 million USD.

Japan: \$400 million USD.

European Union (EU): \$220 million USD.

United Kingdom (UK): \$200 million USD.

Australia: \$81 million USD.

Czech Republic: \$2 million USD.

Canada: \$55 million USD.

Denmark: \$56 million USD.

Finland: \$33 million USD.

France: \$25 million USD.

Netherlands: \$74 million USD.

Norway: \$178 million USD.

Sweden: \$81 million USD.

Switzerland: \$11 million USD.

Turkey: \$81, 61 million USD.

Italy: \$35 million USD.

The mentioned countries are expected to pledge the above-mentioned amounts annually and that Afghan government will receive \$3,5 million USD yearly. (Tolonews)

(2) Residents ...

"If the groundwater slumps by another two metres this year, it will fall by four metres in 2017, forcing us to dig up some deep wells in Farah and people would wait hours for their turn to fetch water to their homes," he explained.

Groundwater level could not be reached in Bakwa district even if a hundred metres well was dug up, the director pointed out, insisting on the construction of Bakhshabad dam in Bala Baluk to arrest declining water levels.

People would no longer use groundwater once the dam was constructed to irrigate farms, Ishaqzai continued. Currently more than two billion cubic metres of Farah water flows unutilised into Iran yearly, he said. The construction of Bakhshabad dam will help overcome the water shortage.

A detailed engineering design contract for the dam was signed between the Ministry of Energy and Water and Hydro Arch, an Italian company, in June. Residents of Farah also complained about the falling groundwater levels.

Farid Ahmad, a resident of the fourth police district of Farah City, said most of wells in his area had been dry for the past two months. People obliged to dig their wells more or take water from deep wells which are available in parts of the area, he said.

"Water in our well recently got muddy.

I hired a well digger who

found some water, but the well again ran dry after a few days. I dug the well three times but it is drying up.

Finally, I dug up another 13 meters deep well and found access to water," he continued. Eng. Mohammad Daud Aram, head of Youths Council in Bagh Pul village in Farah City, said all wells in their area had been dry for the past one and half months. He added all people of the village use water of wells with medium depth, which tended to run dry again and again.

"This situation has created problems for people, who can hardly find water for irrigation and drinking," he said.

Toryalai Rahi, head of Youth Council in Pusht Rud district, said 90 percent of wells had run dry.

Last year, he recalled, people were able to draw out four inches of water from an eight meters deep well.

But this year they extract only two inches of water from a 14 meters deep well.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Nasar Mehri, the governor's spokesman, said the Bakhshabad dam design contractor had arrived in Farah and would begin the process in the next one week. (Pajhwok)

(3) Increasing

the majority of these individuals lived in Mazar-i-Sharif.

He said the addicts roamed together in the city and thus disturbing the social life.

After Mazar-i-Sharif, a large number of addicts live in Nehr-i-Seraj, Dawlatabad, Char Kand, Chamtal and Kaldar districts, according to Mesbah.

Sharing his activities and information about drug addicts, he said in some districts addicts with stable mental condition used to stage big robberies.

He said they had received reports from Chamtal, Dawlatabad and Nehr-i-Shahi districts about robberies involving addicts laced with knives.

He said minor robberies had increased in Mazar-i-Sharif due to the increase in population of drug addicts.

Security officials, though concerned about the increasing number of drug addicts, said they discharged their responsibility in this regard.

Police spokesman Sher Jan Durani said: "There is no doubt that the number of addicts has increased in Mazar-i-Sharif and the increase has negatively affected people's lives, but we fulfill our responsibility about the addicts."

He said police used to remove the addicts from streets and not allow them to roam together in areas where they could threaten people.

About the involvement of addicts in robberies, the police spokesman said they had received no complaints in this regard in Mazar-i-Sharif and from districts.

But residents of the provincial capital said the increased number of addicts posed a threat to social life and accused the government of inaction.

Sadiqullah, a resident who lives in Muhib Square area, said dozens of addicts could be seen daily in his area and the highway park.

"I daily accompany my children to school on the same road, the addicts are seen in groups in a bad situation and their presence has a bad impact on people."

The resident said stories of robberies ranging from car mirror theft to stealing food from shops and small items from homes were common about the addicts.

Khat-i-Naw official Mesbah said the increasing number of drug addicts could be controlled only through their medical rehabilitation.

Chief doctor at the 100-bed drug addicts rehabilitation hospital in Balkh, Dr. Mohammad Daud Ratib, said several public and private treatment centres for drug addicts were available in the province.

He said besides the 100-bed hospital, a 70-bed clinic named

Shahamat, a 50-bed Nijab hospital and other medical centres were operational providing treatment to addicts in the province.

Similarly, a 20-bed hospital in Shortapa district and a 30-bed Haaju hospital are also providing treatment to the addicts.

Dr. Ratib acknowledged the treatment facilities for drug addicts were extremely insufficient keeping in view their population, but efforts were underway to resolve the problem.

He said talks with the central authority were ongoing on the establishment of a 500-bed rehabilitation centre for the addicts.

He said if the proposed 500-bed hospital exclusively for the drug addicts was not established, problems created by the addicts in social life would persist. (Pajhwok)

(4) Mojaddedi...

been resolved," said deputy head of HPC Attaurrahman Salim.

Mojaddedi is the first Jihadi figure to publicly criticize the National Unity Government (NUG) for giving impunity and privileges to Hekmatyar.

According to Mojaddedi, Hekmatyar was no more superior than any other Jihadi leader and that he has committed many mistakes in the past.

"If the agreement is put in place and impunity is granted, then the people will describe the peace as injustice, because the people were not provided the opportunity to express their views about the deal," said Zabiullah Mojaddedi, secretary general of Jabhai-e-Nijat Milli Afghanistan party.

In the peace accord signed between government and Hizb-e-Islami, the Afghan government has committed to grant him impunity.

However, the HPC stresses that the deal has been sealed with Hekmatyar in line with the Afghan constitution.

"My demand from the two sides of the reconciliation process including the Afghan government and Hekmatyar, Amir of Hizb-e-Islami is to start their undertakings according to their responsibilities," said speaker of the Afghan parliament Abdul Rauf Ibrahimli.

This new development comes at a time that the peace deal with Hizb-e-Islami was widely welcomed by the Afghans.

A September 29 accord between government and Hizb-e-Islami aimed at putting the much-awaited peace process back on track. (Tolonews)

(5) Kunduzi...

his requests weren't accepted. Interestingly a woman, Sharifa Ahmadzai, went to the stage and asked the governor not to resign. She said if the governor didn't reverse his decision of resigning she would sit in a protest tent in front of the governor's house along with 10,000 other women.

Meanwhile, a tribal elder from Khogyani district and the provincial peace committee head, Haji Malak Nazir, also asked the governor not to stand down.

Nazir said if the governor's resignation came in the aftermath of a protest rally by some people who asked the governor to resign, then it was not the decision of the entire nation but of a handful of individuals. He said the governor should not resign.

A tribal elder from Khewa district, Noor Agha Malakzai, in an angry tone said the Nangarhar people wouldn't give permission to the governor to leave the province until the reason behind his resignation was known.

He criticized the governor for what he violating the Constitution by resigning because he had been appointed through a presidential order so he should wait for President Ashraf Ghani's orders.

Other representatives of local councils and tribal elders from many districts also asked the governor not to leave the prov-

ince until it became known what prompted him to step down.

Governor Kunduzi again arrived at the podium and delivered a speech and called personal issues behind his resignation.

"I haven't surrendered to any pressure but I step down due to personal problems." Kunduzi took charge about 16 months earlier, when Daesh group had newly emerged in the province.

Kunduzi's predecessor Attaullah Ludin had cited his inability to access people's problems for his resignation. (Pajhwok)

(6) Government ... should settle their disputes," said political analyst Hamid Saboori.

"The Brussels Summit will evaluate Afghanistan government's achievements and on the basis of these achievements the government can request further aid," said Haron Mir a political analyst.

It is however expected that the parliamentary election schedule and holding of a Loya Jirga could be announced before the Brussels Summit. However, some critics believe that because of differences between the NUG leaders, these issues have not been dealt with by the leaders.

"Even if both participate at the summit their differences cannot be denied and they have to remove their differences," said Hamid Saboori a political analyst.

At the moment, 70 percent of the government's national budget is met through foreign aid.

Recently the U.S envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan said that \$3 billion USD in aid, which is expected to be pledged at the summit, will not be in the form of a blank check but that it will come with conditions, specifically that it is used for the development of Afghanistan, bringing about reforms and combating corruption. (Tolonews)

(7) Afghan Force... district governor of Taliban outfit is also among those killed in the crackdown, it added.

Taliban militants, who have been fighting the government forces in the province over the past couple of years and are now in control of some districts there, are yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

(8) Afghan Forces... and injured nine others," Khanjar told Xinhua.

No security personnel was hurt in the firefight, the official said, asserting operation has been continuing to ensure law and order in all parts of the relatively violent province. (Xinhua)

(9) Kunar Civil ... have problems in terms of health services, but they would be resolved."

Meanwhile, Kunar Civil Hospital Director Dr. Mohammad Farooq Sahak told Pajhwok Afghan News the hospital did not have a proper building. "We have modern equipment and professional doctors, but we have no building."

Saudi Ambassador Abdur Rahman Al-Ghasib promised sharing the reconstruction plan with his government. He said King Salman was interested in supporting Afghanistan and would positively respond to the funding request.

A hospital, financed by Saudi Arabia, was inaugurated in Nangarhar province on Saturday. (Pajhwok)

(10) Mullah Omar ... prompting dread among the Taliban fighters.

Gen. Raziq has imposed an uneasy peace in Kandahar province which was the birth place of the Taliban group.

Being a prized target for the Taliban group, Gen. Raziq ordered the Afghan forces earlier in August last year to execute Taliban detainees who are arrested during the military operations.

He has escaped a number of

coordinated attacks planned by Taliban to assassinate him. He was slightly injured following a suicide attack nearly three years ago, while Taliban militants launched coordinated attack on his family home in Spin Boldak district back in July last year. (KP)

(11) Pakistan Softens ... ministration official said. Representatives of Afghan and Pakistani transporters told the officials they were not ready to accept the visa condition for drivers. Border authorities subsequently relaxed the checks. (Pajhwok)

(12) Civilian Among... bomb explosion in Khost province.

Police Chief Brig. Gen. Faizullah Ghairat, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place in Mosakhilo district of Khost province on Saturday night.

The incident took place when the rebels were planting the bomb on Musakhel-Khost road, he said. (Pajhwok)

(13) UNEP Says ... that greening of the global financial markets covered a new ground this year thanks to renewed political commitment by developed and emerging economies like China. (Xinhua)

(14) British PM... Act', to be announced in the forthcoming Queen's Speech at the official opening of Parliament, will end the supremacy of all European laws in the British courts.

Members in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, who are highly split over the Brexit issues, will be forced to vote on the bill. (Xinhua)

(15) Turkish ... efforts for a new constitution, calling arguments with the opposition "pointless."

Erdogan also criticized the United States for relying on the YPG, the Syrian wing of the PKK, to fight the IS.

"While one part of the Obama administration insists on carrying out joint work with the PKK/PYD-YPG terror organization in Syria and Iraq, the other part is trying to follow policies closer to our sensitivities," said Erdogan.

"Arguments of those who try to confront IS with YPG have been rendered useless with Euphrates Shield operation," he added. (Xinhua)

(16) Poll Shows.... contradictory statements on issues such as Iraqi War and controversial remarks were scrutinized by the media.

The media bombardment began late July after Trump derisively answered criticism from Khizr Khan, the father of a Muslim American soldier killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq.

On the final day of the Democratic National Convention, Khan blasted Trump for his divisive remarks and proposal to temporary ban Muslims entering the country.

The Republican standard-bearer responded by implying that Ms. Khan, who accompanied his husband on stage on the final day of the Democratic National Convention, was forbidden to speak. (Xinhua)

(17) Majority of ... "Half of Trump supporters seem to be saying let the explosives fly, but many voters blame both sides equally for the negative tone of this year's campaign," said Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Apart from half of voters who put the blame equally on both sides, 37 percent other say more of the harsh language is coming from Trump campaign. (Xinhua)

(18) South Korean... should also enjoy," she added. "We will keep the road open for you to find hope and live a new life. Please come to the bosom of freedom in the South whenever you want."

The call comes a month after

North Korea's deputy ambassador to Britain defected to South Korea, handing Seoul a major propaganda coup at a time of rising tension on the divided Korean peninsula. Ties between the two Koreas are at the lowest ebb since the height of Cold War in the 1970s, with Pyongyang test-firing more than 20 missiles and carrying out two nuclear tests this year alone. (Monitoring Desk)

(19) Damascus Hails... security and stability."

The Kremlin said on Friday that the Russian military support played a role in preventing Damascus falling into rebels' hands, noting that there is no time-frame for the Russian military intervention.

"Syria is subject to an aggression targeting its unity and its presence as a unified state. There are many foreign attempts to divide it," Syrian Information Minister Muhammad Ramez Turjman said. (Xinhua)

(20) Syrian Army ... the eastern part of Aleppo city. The Shaqif has been under the rebel control for over four years.

Aleppo has a strategic importance for the warring parties due to its location near the Turkish borders, and being Syria's largest province, and once the economic hub of Syria.

Aleppo has witnessed the destruction of its industrial cities, which were the main lifeline to the province and Syria in general. (Xinhua)

(21) Russian Military ... hands of the rebels, noting that there is no time-frame for the Russian military intervention.

"Neither the Islamic State, nor al-Qaida nor the Nusra Front is now sitting in Damascus," Dmitry Peskov, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, said.

For his part, Syrian Information Minister Muhammad Ramez Turjman commented on the achievement of the Russian air force in Syria, saying "Syria is subject to an aggression targeting its unity and its presence as a unified state, and there are many foreign attempts to divide it."

Meanwhile, Sharif Shehadeh, a Syrian political analyst and former parliamentarian, told Xinhua that the Russian support has had positive results, noting that if it wasn't for the Russian intervention, the Syrian situation would have been so tragic. (Xinhua)

Indonesia Vow to Free More Nationals Held Hostage by Abu Sayyaf

JAKARTA - The Indonesian government will seek release of another two Indonesian nationals held hostage by Abu Sayyaf bandits in southern Philippines, the foreign minister said here on Sunday.

Retno Marsudi made the remarks after three Indonesian hostages were freed on Saturday evening. "We hope people will jointly pray, so the effort to free the hostages can be carried out immediately and successfully," Retno told a joint press conference at the defense ministry office. Last month, four Indonesian sailors were released by their captors Abu Sayyaf bandits. Military Commander General Gatot Nurmantyo, for his part, said he has instructed military personnel to get prepared for possible operation to release the Indonesian hostages.

The general stressed that he would dispatch Indonesian soldiers should the government of the Philippines allow them to enter the country.

"I order the armed forces (TNI) troops to be ready for all possibilities, including the involvement of the TNI troops in operation to free the hostages," he said. The release of Indonesian hostages came as the government of the Philippines launched an offensive against the Abu Sayyaf group, according to Indonesian Defense Minister Ryamizar Ryacudu. (Xinhua)