

### (1) Afghanistan Trade ...

products and explore partnerships with their Indian counterparts.

USAID/Afghanistan Deputy Mission Director Tina Dooley-Jones said the trade and investment show demonstrates the potential of the private sector to stimulate economic growth by bringing capital to the most productive sectors and sustainably creating employment.

"USAID, in partnership with the governments of Afghanistan and India and more than a dozen Afghan and Indian private sector associations and businesses, support the Passage to Prosperity because we believe that private investment and export-led economic growth are essential to regional prosperity and stability, especially for Afghanistan," she explained.

This year, in order to increase economic and livelihood benefits for women across Afghanistan, USAID has given greater emphasis to facilitating trade linkages between Afghan and Indian women-owned businesses, associations and chambers of commerce.

Buyers and entrepreneurs, including Indian businesses, were able to develop new connections and explore business opportunities with industry leaders and trade experts from Afghanistan. These new partnerships will foster economic growth and improve business outcomes in both countries. (PR)

### (2) Afghanistan Cricket ...

been looking forward to the league and it had been a huge disappointment for them as well."

Meanwhile, there is huge unrest amongst all the stakeholders over ACB's action which might result in a long drawn legal battle for Afghanistan Cricket Board against Snixer and existing commercial stakeholders. The drama is still unfolding over speculations of APL season -II somehow happening if internal matters of ACB are sorted. For a fairly new cricketing association in a sporting nation which has recently started gaining international accolades in cricket, this episode can prove extremely fatal for the scope and future of the sport in Afghanistan. Afghanistan Cricket Board has recently gone ahead engaging Afghanistan's Attorney General's office over irregularities in the board.

The sport means a lot to the people of Afghanistan and over recent years, the country has produced many players of international repute. With all such things at stake, ACB's liability can dent permanent damage to the country's finances and repute in the international arena. (Crictracker)

### (3) Hekmatyar, Pedram ...

Meanwhile, Awrangzaib, a senior member of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) vowed that IEC will assess all complaints independently to build trust on the process.

These remarks come days after Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani electoral tickets claimed victory and Rahmatullah Nabil said the election has no winner in the first round. (Arian News)

### (4) Mohib Expounds ...

and the Afghan government.

"And then we will also need to take into account and build consensus in our neighborhood and with the Islamic countries on what peace means," Mohib explained.

In line with part two of the approach, Kabul would explore ways of strengthening state institutions, the advisor continued.

During the last nine months of dis-

cussions between the US and Taliban in Doha, he pointed out, the Afghans realised the importance of having a constitution.

Before this, he said, the constitution was regarded just a piece of paper. "Nobody really gave it a serious thought. It existed; we took it for granted."

Mohib also spoke about the Sept. 28 presidential vote, which was threatened by the Taliban. They fighters vowed to take down anybody participating in the polls and attack polling centers.

But the Afghan forces were able to protect almost all polling centres across the country, the NSA claimed, saying civilians were not harmed -- a big achievement.

Kabul remained willing to accommodate the Taliban into governance to end violence against the people, he argued.

He supported President Trump's decision on calling off talks the Taliban, saying the insurgents were not ready to make peace with anybody.

"They are ready to take Afghanistan over and bring back their regime. They had been preparing their victory speeches. There were videos circulating in Afghanistan ... of Taliban sending each other instructions."

The Taliban commander sent his followers instructions on what to do in the instance of victory, on not to harm civilians and to pardon Afghan officials, Mohib mainrained.

Any peace negotiations, he stressed, should be between the Afghan government and the Taliban. There had been 150,000 casualties among the Afghan security forces in the last two decades, he said.

He branded the Taliban as a proxy of Pakistan and its intelligence agency. Afghanistan would never accept being ruled by Pakistanis, the advisor said.

In response to a query, the NSA said the Afghan forces could defeat the Taliban militarily. "It will just take longer. If they choose to have peace we would save some time." (Pajhwok)

### (5) Jawzjan Girl Table ...

are not available in Jawzjan."

He said these problems had been shared with the governor who had assured taking steps for provision of sports related items in the next one year. (Pajhwok)

### (6) Mps Vow to Raise ...

Another lawmaker Ibrarullah Murad said the lack of civil servants and absence of government officials in Nangarhar caused delay in works and an applicant could not get his work done in days and weeks.

"The problem has been with lawmakers. In recent administrative election of the Wolesi Jirga, some lawmakers were offered \$200,000 each but we assure you that these problems would be resolved and shared with ministries," he said.

Deputy Governor Tamim Arif said local departments shared their problems with the lawmakers who assured them support in finding solution to the problems.

He said they discussed civil servant related and education issues and briefed the MPs about the delayed work on the Kabul-Jalalabad and Jalalabad-Torkham second lane road completion.

The Refugee Department head said that a total of 103,000 displaced families from 17 provinces and from within Nangarhar lived here and reaching out to all displaced people with aid was difficult and required resources.

Women Affairs Director Fatani Aziz said due to lack of employees

their activities remained restricted to Jalalabad City only and most of women related issues remained un-addressed.

They said if their demands could be met, they would not be able to serve their people. (Pajhwok)

### (7) Election Fraud ...

they blind, dump and deaf?"

Syed Abdul Ghafoor Zeyan, another social media user, shared two videos on his Facebook account.

In these videos, two persons whose faces cannot be seen are allegedly committing fraud in favour of CEO Dr, Abdullah.

One tells another person in the video: "Don't put similar tick marks because people would recognise them."

In another video, one man tells another: "Long live long ballot No. 9, long live resistance. We will make ballot paper no.9 the winner. Bring in more and more."

Zeyan wrote: "This is a video of rigging! They commit fraud to support the Stability and Partnership team." Abdul Qayyum Safi also published a video showing a man who tick-marks presidential candidate Gulbadin Hekmatyar on the ballot paper.

One talks: "Wait, show it friend! Long live Hekmatyar." Nobody could be seen in the video; only one face can be partially seen.

In addition to these three, other videos have also been shared on social media. These videos are available on the following links.

These videos can't be trusted:

Some Facebook users see these videos as doubtful. Majeed Qarar wrote: "Fraud videos are not reliable. These things can be planned and panted. A verification of these videos is a technical issue and the IEC can do it."

Haqmal Nawroz wrote: "Dear countrymen! Please don't circulate fake Facebook videos that are not sourced and in which faces of individuals cannot be seen. These videos serve no purpose but create confusion. Let IEC announce the result and the Complaints Commission filter all objections so voters could confidently say there was no fraud."

Videos should be probed:

IEC Spokesman Abdul Aziz Ibrahim told Pajhwok Afghan News non-biometric votes will not be counted and were unacceptable to the election body.

Regarding fake clips, he said: "Investigations into these videos are the task of the Independent Election Complaint Commission (IECC), which acts like a tribunal and we are confident that these videos will be probed."

Yousuf Rashidi, executive director of the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA), held a similar view regarding the fake videos. "The IECC should investigate these videos from legal and technical angles."

Technically speaking, he added, if rigging took place, it should be stated in which area it happened and who committed it and under which security unit.

He said: "Legally, the idea behind fraud it should be investigated. Do they want to defame the election process or is there any other plan?" Mohammad Raza Fayyaz, deputy spokesman of IECC, said: "We have received videos related to election rigging. Investigations are underway to unearth the reality." He added biometric votes are trustworthy and valid.

The 2014 presidential election had run into crisis as both Ghani and Abdullah wrangled over the results

for months.

Both finally agreed on forming a national unity government as a result of mediation by then US foreign secretary John Kerry. (Pajhwok)

### (8) Women Among ...

militants for planting the roadside bomb. The Taliban, however, have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

### (9) Book Sales ...

Teacher Training College, said: "I have come here to buy a book 'Enjoy your life' and to study it."

He said reading improved one's personality besides honing their skills like sound thinking and accurate analysis.

A number of youths also held similar views and called on people to adopt reading habit.

Fakhruddin Aryapur, Ghor's Information and Culture department head, expressed his happiness over the rise in reading culture among young people and said his department was trying to construct a massive library for the youth. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Darzab District ...

said bodies of the victims were lying on the ground and there was no one to pick remove them and hand them over to their families.

Hazrat Qul, a tribal elder, said at least 25 security personnel have been killed in the week-long clashes with Taliban.

He said the Taliban after assembling in the district together stormed the district centre and many more arrived from neighboring provinces.

He said the district had fallen to the Taliban who captured the district centre and took away vehicles and other equipment with themselves.

Jawzjan Governor Mualvi Lotfullah Azizi said additional security forces had been dispatched to Darzab district and the forces had the ability to defend the district.

"People suffered due to the clashes, but this never means that security forces have no ability to defend the district."

The governor said commando forces had been dispatched to the area and fighting with Taliban was underway. Fighter jets from Shaheen Military Corps were also taking part in the operation.

Police Chief Col. Abdul Wahid Wijdan said that the police headquarters and district centre had been torched as a result of heavy firing. He rejected the fall of Darzab district and said that security forces were fighting militants in the Antan locality at this time.

Darzab is situated 105 kilometres from Shiberghan and is considered one of the insecure districts. (Pajhwok)

### (11) Presidential Vote ...

they would be addressed within next few days.

On the other hand, Emal Abdullah, the Independent Election Commission (IEC) head for Kandahar, told Pajhwok that 166 of 174 polling stations were open on the Election Day and the rest eight were closed in the province.

He said the eight polling sites which were closed due to insecurity were located in Arghistan district.

He said an estimated 180,000 votes were cast in Kandahar at 166 polling stations. but the total number of votes cast would be announced within next two days.

He said women voters made 10 to 12 percent of the people who took part in the election. (Pajhwok)

### (12) Taliban Militants ...

also lost their lives during the exchange of fire which lasted for almost one hour.

Meanwhile, the 209th Shaheen Corps said the security forces confiscated various weapons besides inflicting heavy casualties on militants and repulsing their attack. (Khaama)

### (13) Clearing Operations ...

dozens of families have been displaced from Taluqan, Khowja Ghar and Baharak districts.

On Monday, Mohammad Jawad Hijri, spokesman for the Takhar governor, said that over the past few days the Taliban attacked areas close to Taluqan, including Baharak district, in order to disrupt the election process and to take control of areas close to the capital.

Officials also said that the Taliban are from neighboring Kunduz and Baghlan provinces.

Hijri said that security forces now have control of the police headquarters, and that airstrikes have killed 36 Taliban. Also, ANDSF reinforcements have arrived to push back the Taliban.

Hijri did not provide specific numbers about military or civilian casualties. (Tolo News)

### (14) China Shows Global ...

Authorities said the event would include 15,000 troops, more than 160 aircraft and 580 pieces of military equipment.

The parade commemorated the Oct. 1, 1949, founding of the People's Republic of China by then-leader Mao Zedong following a civil war with the Nationalist government, which retreated to Taiwan. China's Communists are closing in on the 74-year record of the former Soviet Communist Party as the longest-ruling Marxist-Leninist party.

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The display of "high-quality weapons" is meant to show Beijing is on track to "rejuvenate China in the global arena," Henry Boyd, a military analyst at the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London, told The Associated Press

"The message is, this is a great power to be taken seriously," Boyd said. "It is not to be treated as an inferior."

The Pentagon has identified China as the U.S.'s top geopolitical threat. Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam attended the Beijing parade with a delegation of Hong Kong officials and dignitaries in a show of unity with the ruling party.

Xi, wearing a gray Mao jacket, rode in an open-topped limousine past dozens of rows of truck-mounted missiles, armored personnel carriers and other military gear.

Soldiers in helmets and combat gear shouted, "Hello, leader!" and "Serve the people!" Xi replied, "Hello, comrades."

Supported by China's economic boom, military spending has risen 400 percent over the past decade as Beijing tries to match the United States, Russia and Europe in weapons technology. Foreign analysts say China is, along with the United States, a leader in unmanned aircraft and is catching up in missiles and some other areas. (Foxnews)