

(1) Rouhani Warns...

Iran and six world powers. Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council – the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia – plus Germany finalized the text of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) over Iran's nuclear program in the Austrian capital of Vienna. (PressTV)

(2) EU and ...

In Turkey, six new refugee camps for up to two million people which would be set up, partly financed by the EU, the newspaper said. The EU states would commit to taking some of the refugees so that up to half a million people could be relocated to Europe without having to use traffickers or take the dangerous journey across the Mediterranean, the newspaper said. It said the Commission and representatives had agreed on this plan last week and that European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker also coordinated on this with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande. (Reuters)

(3) Senior Security ...

we had a debate ten years ago that when 130,000 foreign troops leave the country, with what weapons the Afghan forces must defend the country," Sarwary said. The security officials were summoned to the Meshrano Jirga over the fall of Kunduz to the Taliban, which happened on Monday. Parts of the city are however still under control of the Taliban after hundreds of armed insurgents stormed the city and over ran government facilities. (Tolonews)

(4) Spanta Blasts ...

National Unity Government (NUG), Karzai's close aide said that comparing the previous government with the current "fraudulent government" was shameful. "I am really ashamed if you compare this government with our government. It is never comparable," he stated. Referring to the recent address by the CEO Abdullah Abdullah at the UN General Assembly where he accused Pakistan of supporting terror groups, Spanta said both the current and the previous government had no solid evidence in hand to prove Pakistan's support of militant groups. According to Spanta, such statements at the UN General Assembly were meaningless unless the UN Security Council carries out a particular investigation over the matter.

"What was expressed [recently at the UN] was also expressed during our government," said Spanta, who blamed the Kunduz incident on neighboring Pakistan. "Neither during our government nor in this government has a formal petition been lodged at the UN General Assembly."

Pakistan - who Spanta does think is behind the insurgent groups - is being paid billions of dollars by the United States and that the West, especially the U.S, has failed in the war against terrorism.

Pointing to a Washington Post article that said Pakistan received \$31 billion USD from the US for combating terrorism, Spanta said: "How can you overcome terrorism when you are financing the main perpetrator of terrorism by \$31 billion dollars?"

He stressed the need for a new strategy to combat terrorism and called for an international consensus that must include America, Europe, China and India to eliminate the terrorist groups.

Touching on the issues of spies within the government – which has lately been referred to as the fifth pillar – Spanta maintained that such factors were very easy to identify if there is a strong will to do so. Spanta, who is a close aid of former president Hamid Karzai, has been a strong critic of the National Unity Government.

He has several times blamed the Ghani administration of having wrong policies on Pakistan which he believes has been worked in favor of Pakistan. (Tolonews)

(5) Kohistanat...

According to Khuram, 200 security men were surrounded by Taliban in this district.

By the time this report was filed, there had not been any information regarding the fate of those security men.

Taliban have begun a new wave of attacks in northern Afghanistan and try to capture large areas from government.

They have been able to occupy districts briefly but lose them back to security forces with heavy casualties.

They recently attacked the key northern city of Kunduz and had several areas under control for about two days.

According to the Ministry of Defense, security forces have pushed back insurgents from Kunduz city but clearance operation is still going on. (KP)

(6) Ghani Reviews ...

President Ghani issued the necessary directives to the civil-military leadership of the northern provinces of the country for improvement of the security situation of Kunduz province and other northern provinces.

Early Sunday, TOLONews's journalist Karim Amini who is reporting from Kunduz city said that the security forces have taken most of parts of Kunduz in a special operation.

Amini says that reinforcement troops have arrived in the city to support the local troops. Kunduz police officials have also said that the insurgents had massive casualties in the special operation and they will CONTINUE house to house searches to clear the insurgents.

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The MoI officials termed women's role as vital in rule of law around the country.

Head of Mol Human Rights Department, Hekmat Shahi, said there are at least 2,700 policewomen in the country and that there is a need to increase this number.

He also said they are trying to encourage women to join the force by seeking the help of religious scholars and tribal elders. (Tolonews)

(8) Govt. Collects...

a 20 percent cut on internet prices," minister of communications and information technology, Abdul Razaq Wahidi said. "We assure the people that all Afs will be collected, the money has major importance to us to increase national revenues and get self-reliance for funding our projects," deputy minister of finance, Ahmad Shafi Qarizada said.

Reacting to income taxes imposed on communication services, Afghan citizens have asked the government to ensure transparency and spend the money for development of the country and prevent privileged elements to use the money. (Tolonews)

(9) ACCI Collects...

foodstuff for Kunduz residents. They called on insurgents to stop such practices.

Meanwhile, the deputy chief of ACCI, Khanjan Alokozay said: "Currently, displaced families in Achin district in Nangarhar are facing huge problems but Nangarhar traders say that Kunduz is a priority for now. They say that first they will help Kunduz residents and then Achin's displaced families."

Yunus Mohmand, a Kabul trader said: "We have prepared 10 apartments to shelter a number of displaced families who are in severe need. We will let Kunduz displaced families, who have come to Kabul, live in the apartments for a while until the situation becomes normal in their area."

Other traders called on the government to put aside their differences and help Kunduz residents.

"I call on elders in parliament to put aside all the rifts and focus on helping Kunduz residents," said Rahim Gardizi, a national trader.

Head of the People Council in Kabul, Mohammad Naeem Hamdard, said he is happy about the initiative that will help the residents.

"Kunduz is the house for several tribes and ethnic groups and they are living in a brotherhood environment. We are happy that the elders started this initiative and we thank the people for the assistance," he added. (Tolonews)

(10) Russia to...

that all relevant countries were informed of Russia's airstrikes in advance, and that the U.S. confirmed to Russian side that there were only terrorists in the airstrike regions. Moscow started the airstrikes which it said were targeting IS forces and fighting terrorism, but U.S. leaders are skeptical of that. (Xinhua)

(11) UNGA President ...

over economic development." "So that's what the agenda is all about, really, that we have to use our limited resources in a cleverer and more equal way," he added. Lykketoft, Denmark's former parliament speaker, started his year-long UNGA presidency in September. (Xinhua)

(12) Russia Making ...

have also been hit. Erdogan on Saturday urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to reconsider Moscow's bombing campaign, accusing the Russian military of turning a blind eye to the killing of dozens of civilians. Turkey has long been lobbying for a "safe zone" free of IS fighters, where some of the two million Syrian refugees hosted by Turkey could go.

The plan has met with only a lukewarm reception from Turkey's partners and its prospects may be further dimmed by Russia's air campaign.

But Erdogan on Sunday vowed to push hard on the idea of a haven. "It has by no means dropped off our agenda. But there has to be a no-fly zone too. Otherwise, the area could be lethal."

Erdogan said Turkey had spent \$7.5 billion (6.69 billion euros) on Syrian refugees – a burden that, he said, was part of Turkey's "moral duty." (AFP)

(13) Taliban Plan...

visit to Kabul said that Afghanistan's enemy is Pakistan's enemy but still no action against Quetta and Peshawar Shuras, considered to be the back bone of Taliban. Quetta is the capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan province and Peshawar is the capital city of its Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province where reportedly Taliban commanders get to gather and issue rulings to militants on the ground in Afghanistan. (KP)

The deputy head of the Afghan National Disaster Management Authority, Aslam Sayas, said he was aware of the growing needs of people trapped inside the city. "We are waiting for the security situation to improve to give us an opportunity to reach those needy people," he said.

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"I'm afraid that if this situation continues, we will not be able to help our patients because right now we are facing a serious, drastic shortage of medicine," he said. Rahmatullah Hamnawa, a reporter with Salam Watandar radio, said cooking gas prices had more than doubled. Grocers and pharmacists who spoke with The Associated Press by telephone from inside the city said they make furtive deliveries after assessing the security situation.

Shir Aghan, who runs a general store, said shops were full of food items, but many shop keepers had fled to neighboring provinces before the Taliban sealed the city. "People call me and if it's safe I'll go out and sell them what they need," he said. Local television showed live footage of police officers handing bread to children, one of whom said he had not eaten for three days. (AP)

(15) Obama Extends...

He once again emphasized that "we will continue to work closely with President Ghani, the Afghan government, and our international partners to support the Afghan National Defense and Security forces as they work to secure their country." The U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the Kunduz and called for an impartial investigation of the incident.

"The Secretary-General strongly condemns the air strikes in Kunduz, Afghanistan, that resulted in the death and injury of medical workers and patients at a Medecins Sans Frontieres hospital on Oct. 3," Ban's press office said in a statement.

The statement added that "hospitals and medical personnel are explicitly protected under international humanitarian law." Ban called for a "thorough and impartial investigation into the attack in order to ensure accountability," it said. The airstrike took place early Sunday on the Médecins Sans Frontières' (MSF) Trauma Center in Kunduz city that killed at least 16 people including nine staff members and left 37 wounded.

However, "there are many patients and staff who remain unaccounted for," their statement read. Since fighting broke out on Monday, MSF has treated 394 wounded. "When the aerial attack occurred this morning we had 105 patients and their care-takers in the hospital and over 80 MSF international and national staff present."

MSF's hospital is the only facility of its kind in the whole north-eastern region of Afghanistan, providing free life- and limb-saving trauma

care. MSF doctors treat all people according to their medical needs and do not make distinctions based on a patient's ethnicity, religious beliefs or political affiliation, read the statement. (Tolonews)

(16) Int'l Charity ...

burned out compound in the east of Kunduz city shows automatic weapons, including rifles and at least one machine gun, on windowsills. President Ashraf Ghani said a joint investigation was underway with U.S. Forces and President Barack Obama said he expected a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding the bombing.

The Taliban seized Kunduz last Monday but have since withdrawn from much of the city after a government counterattack. Sporadic battles continue as troops attempt to clear remaining pockets of militants. Habibullah, whose home is in central Kunduz, said the Afghan flag was flying over the central square – contrary to reports that it had been retaken by the insurgents. Gun battles were being fought in three districts on the outskirts of town, he said, notably Bandar-I-Khanabad, Bandar-I-Kabul and Sei Darakh.

Acting provincial Gov. Hamidullah Daneshi said most of the insurgents had fled the city and that those still standing their ground appeared to be what he called "foreigners," non-Afghans who have been boosting Taliban forces in the north of the country for some months. Officials have said that many of them are from Central Asian states, members of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan.

Daneshi said that 480 Taliban fighters had been killed as of Friday, and around 300 wounded. He put casualties among Afghan security forces at 30 to 35 killed or wounded.

The Taliban's brief seizure of Kunduz marked the insurgent group's biggest foray into a major urban area since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion ended their rule.

Afghan forces have been struggling to combat the Taliban since the U.S. and NATO shifted to a support and training role at the end of last year, officially ending their combat mission in the war-torn country.

Militants blocked and mined roads as soon as they entered Kunduz to prevent people from leaving and to thwart a government's assault.

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(17) China, U.S....

Washington on Sept. 30. The WBG and IMF annual events will see over 300 closed-door meetings, which are expected to help their members make the right economic decisions. The meetings are relevant in times of deep economic turbulence for much of the world and as a new economic world order takes shape. The meetings will also discuss the role that young people can play in the global economy and host dialogues to share knowledge and experiences to help them start businesses. Actor Sean Penn, as producer of the documentary "The Human Experiment", will be on hand to explain how toxic chemicals are affecting the humanity and the environment. (Xinhua)

(18) NAI Strongly...

has also urged Human Rights Commission and United Nations to reg-

ister the crimes conducted by Taliban in Kunduz as 'war crimes'. (KP)

(19) RAPL ...

champions." The Provincial Governor of Nangarhar, Salim Kunduzi praised the team and said: "De Spinghar Bazan showed that football has improved in the eastern parts of the country and I have spoken with businessmen and elders to encourage the youth. I will also try to provide facilities for them."

De Spinghar Bazan placed fourth in the first RAPL tournament. They were eliminated from the group stage the second year but took third place in last year's tournament. Saheen Asmayee, who De Spinghar Bazan beat, was defending champions. They have won the title twice. The RAPL was launched in 2012 and consists of eight teams, each representing one region in Afghanistan. (Tolonews)

(20) Canadian...

they backed. He ventured out on numerous patrols and combat operations with Canadian, American and Afghan forces in their efforts to find and neutralize the elusive enemy.

Through his lens, he says, he hoped to capture what it was coalition soldiers were doing, so folk back home could really understand. It was a near-impossible task, he concedes.

"After five years of working in Kandahar, I'm not sure any of my work connects to anyone," he ponders. "How can I possibly convey the reality of war?"

His efforts to enlighten folk back home is at the core of his 75-minute "Kandahar Journals," slated to air nationally on the CBC and the Documentary Channel on Oct. 6. It's no Hollywood production. Instead, his often shaky, small-cam video interspersed with photographs covers a war from the mundane and banal to the beyond brutal, with little gloss or fanfare.

Palu and his cameras tag along behind the soldiers, never knowing whether their next steps will be their last, never knowing the whereabouts of an enemy dissolved in the population until the sporadic gunfire erupts. During one mission break, Canadian Sgt. Matt Snoddon sums up the paradox for the camera: "There's no easy way to define when trouble's coming, or when trouble's not there at all," Snoddon says. "In almost a year here, I haven't seen a single Taliban but I'm pretty sure I've talked to a lot of them. There's probably a lot more rubbing elbows with the enemy than we even think."

Despite his terror at losing his legs to a makeshift landmine, Palu pushes to find what war correspondents refer to as the "bang bang" – as if reaching the sharpest end of the pointy military stick would reveal the real war and that in turn would yield some hidden truth about its purpose. The problem, given the hit-and-run nature of the insurgency, was that the "bang bang" of Kandahar was wholly unpredictable: days of uneventful patrols or missions punctuated by moments of all too real terror, of maiming, of death and destruction in the dust.

Documenting such fleeting moments – few and far between – is monstrously difficult, even for the skilled photographer, so Palu spent time with American medevac teams – the flying paramedics of the war zone – in an effort to capture the "full cycle of what war really is." (Agencies)

(21) MSF Nurse...

Room nurses. He staggered in with massive trauma to his arm. He was covered in blood, with wounds all over his body.

At that point my brain just couldn't understand what was happening. For a second I was just stood still, shocked.

He was calling for help. In the safe room, we have a limited supply of basic medical essentials, but there was no morphine to stop his pain. We did what we could.

I don't know exactly how long, but it was maybe half an hour afterwards that they stopped bombing. I went out with the project coordinator to see what had happened. What we saw was the hospital destroyed, burning. I don't know what I felt – just shock again.

We went to look for survivors. A few had already made it to one of the safe rooms. One by one, people started appearing, wounded, including some of our colleagues and caretakers of patients.

We tried to take a look into one of the burning buildings. I cannot describe what was inside. There are no words for how terrible it was. In the Intensive Care Unit six patients were burning in their beds.

We looked for some staff that were supposed to be in the operating theatre. It was awful. A patient there on the operating table, dead, in the middle of the destruction. We couldn't find our staff. Thankfully we later found that they had run out from the operating theatre and had found a safe place.

Just nearby, we had a look in the inpatient department. Luckily untouched by the bombing. We quickly checked that everyone was OK. And in a safe bunker next door, also everyone inside was OK. And then back to the office. Full – patients, wounded, crying out, everywhere. It was crazy. We had to organize a mass casualty plan in the office, seeing which doctors were alive and available to help. We did an urgent surgery for one of our doctors. Unfortunately he died there on the office table. We did our best, but it wasn't enough.

The whole situation was very hard. We saw our colleagues dying. Our pharmacist – I was just talking to him last night and planning the stocks, and then he died there in our office.

The first moments were just chaos. Enough staff had survived, so we could help all the wounded with treatable wounds. But there were too many that we couldn't help. Somehow, everything was very clear. We just treated the people that needed treatment, and didn't make decisions in that sort of fear and chaos? Some of my colleagues were in too much shock, crying and crying. I tried to encourage some of the staff to help, to give them something to concentrate on, to take their minds off the horror. But some were just too shocked to do anything. Seeing adult men, your friends, crying uncontrollably – that is not easy.

I have been working here since May, and I have seen a lot of heavy medical situations. But it is a totally different story when they are your colleagues, your friends. These are people who had been working hard for months, non-stop for the past week. They had not gone home, they had not seen their families, they had just been working in the hospital to help people... and now they are dead. These people are friends, close friends. I have no words to express this. It is unspeakable. The hospital, it has been my workplace and home for several months. Yes, it is just a building. But it is so much more than that. It is healthcare for Kunduz. Now it is gone.

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(22) Russian...

Islamic State in Iraq. He signaled that he would push ahead with plans for a vote in parliament to approve military action against Islamic State in Syria, the Daily Telegraph newspaper said in its Sunday edition. (Reuters)

(23) Indian President...

of military equipment, including missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles. (Xinhua)

(24) Greece's Ex...

elected to the parliament in the May 2012 elections.

He is married, a father of three children and can speak German. (Xinhua)

(25) Palestinians...

Bank on Thursday and an arson attack that killed a Palestinian toddler and his parents in July – has triggered concerns of wider escalation.

Israel's best-selling newspaper, Yedioth Ahronoth, published a banner front page headline reading "The third Intifada", though the violence has not reached the levels of past Palestinian intifadas or uprisings.

A Palestinian man stabbed and wounded a 15-year-old Israeli in Jerusalem early on Sunday, police said. A policeman shot him dead, in a confrontation captured on amateur video shown on Israeli news sites. (Reuters)

(26) 24 Killed...

been witnessing some of the worst violence in years. According to a recent United Nations report, terrorism and violence has left at least 12,282 civilians dead and 23,126 others injured in 2014, making it the deadliest year since the flare-up of sectarian violence in 2006-2007. (Xinhua)