

### (1) No One...

number of people placed Taliban fighters in people's houses in Kunduz ahead of the siege.

"They torched our houses and we left the city leaving all behind. We were hit by airplanes from the air and by the Taliban from the ground," Feroza, a resident of Kunduz told TOLONews.

Another resident of Kunduz said: "They killed a woman inside the city. Her body was covered in flies. There was no one to take the dead bodies away. We are upset with President Ghani."

Abdul Rahman, a resident of Kunduz said many of the 600 prisoners which were freed from Kunduz prison by the Taliban were armed and looted people's houses.

This comes in the wake of the security forces' successful ousting of the Taliban in Kunduz city after the city was under siege for six days. Earlier on Monday, troops were still in clashes with insurgents in some parts of the city, but residents were slowly resuming their normal lives. (Tolonews)

### (2) Exercise Trident ...

21 in three different host nations: Italy, Portugal and Spain. It will include a series of dynamic and demanding training events which is designed to train troops and commanding officers, including those from elements of the NRF.

"Trident Juncture 2015 has been designed to ensure that our concepts and procedures will work in the event of a real crisis," General Hans-Lothar Domrose, Commander of Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum said.

Over 36,000 personnel from over 30 NATO and partner nations are taking part in the exercise, the largest one conducted by the Alliance since 2002, which includes more than 140 aircraft and 60 ships. Elements from Land, Air, Maritime, Special Operations and Logistics are participating. (Xinhua)

### (3) Erdogan in...

join Greek coastguard patrols in the eastern Aegean, coordinated by EU border agency Frontex.

Any migrants picked up would be taken back to Turkey, where six new camps for up to two million people would be built, co-financed by the EU, to relieve the huge pressure on Greece in particular.

European officials are also set to push Turkey to tackle people smugglers, a scourge that was once again in the spotlight on Sunday when the badly decomposed bodies of two children were found washed up on the Greek island of Kos.

But officials played down the chances of a final deal on the plan during the visit by Erdogan, saying the talks were likely to be "difficult" and that they would probably only mark the formal start of the process. (AFP)

### (4) Ghani...

people better than ever. He added that he has received some information and complaints concerning mistreatment and harassment of people by certain personnel of the security forces during the operations in Kunduz province.

The president called harassment and mistreatment of people against the laws of the land, international laws, human rights conventions and the code of conduct of the security and defense forces of the country, and urged the security officials to prevent such noncompliance and illegal acts.

The president said: "One of the main differences of the national security and defense forces from the irresponsible individuals is that the security and defense forces follow the laws of the land, international humanitarian laws and codes of conduct, and it is thanks to their good conduct that they create good reputation as well as an atmosphere of security and trust among the people."

This comes after Ghani reviewed the security situation of northern Kunduz province as well as other provinces via a video teleconference on Saturday following last week's siege of Kunduz city which fell to the Taliban on Monday.

Large-scale military operations have since been carried out in the northern province, and additional operations kicked off on Monday in neighboring Takhar province which has also been the scene of Taliban attacks in the past few days. Troops had however, by Monday afternoon secured most parts of Kunduz city although there were still pockets of violence where security forces were in clashes with insurgents. (Tolonews)

### (5) Rights Groups ...

Monday's siege that lasted six days. The organization has appealed to security and judicial organizations to identify the perpetrators and see to it that justice is carried out.

As Taliban's insurgency gathered momentum in Afghanistan's northern regions, a number of western countries - who are part of the US-led coalition force - are also calling for the world to act and help stop the Taliban from gaining ground in the country.

On Sunday, Canadian foreign minister Daniel Jean voiced his deepest concerns over the rise of Taliban activities in the northern parts of Afghanistan. He called on the international community to do more in a bid avert Taliban's advance in the area so as to prevent them from gaining a foothold.

"We are deeply concerned about the activities of Taliban in the northern parts of Afghanistan and also about the activities of Daesh and its affiliated groups that seek to leave footprint in south Asia, Middle East, North Africa, and also the activities of Boko Haram in Nigeria. The international community must continue its efforts in countering terrorism," Canadian foreign minister Daniel Jean said.

The Afghan rights commission has said that extensive financial and human losses have been inflicted on the people of Kunduz and it will be impossible to compensate them fully.

AHRC strongly condemned the use of Kunduz citizens as human shields by the Taliban, saying that the Taliban has committed major war crimes against the people including the deliberate killing of civilians, torture and rape.

"Armed opponents committed serious violations including deliberate killing of military personnel and civilians. Taliban murdered civilians in open courts, they (Taliban) are hiding inside people homes and use them as human shields," AIHRC chairperson Sima Samar said.

The AIHRC officials have said that officials need to investigate and the relevant bodies have to find evidence that prove murders, torture and rape was carried out against the people of Kunduz by the Taliban.

"Taliban committed major crimes in Kunduz, they killed and tortured the civilians and abused the women and [stole] personal assets of the people, Taliban committed war crimes," AIHRC commissioner Qadria Yazdanparast said.

Meanwhile, a number of residents in Kunduz have also called on the government to act and bring the violators to justice.

"Our demand from the international community is to punish the Taliban who killed people and looted their properties in Kunduz," a resident said.

Another resident of Kunduz, said: "Taliban killed people and committed major crimes, they abused the women. The perpetrators should be executed."

In addition, Amnesty International (AI) has also accused the insurgents of being involved in major war crimes in Kunduz city, saying that solid evidence are in hand which shows that the group's fighters after taking control of Kunduz started house to house searches, killing and beating employees and relatives of those serving in Afghan security institutions. (Tolonews)

"UN Refugee ...

extremist ideologies.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said Monday that financing has fallen short to handle "mega-crises" like those in Iraq and Syria and other crises in South Sudan, Burundi, Yemen and Libya. He said "the humanitarian system is financially broke" and 33 U.N. appeals for assistance for 82 million people are 42-percent funded.

Guterres noted Greece has faced more than 400,000 arrivals this year - a nine-fold increase from 2014 - mainly because of Syria's war. (AP)

### (7) Kunduz War ...

Kamal Safai asked the ministers. "Lawmakers had numerous questions about relief and rescue efforts for the displaced families and it appears that the relief and rescue efforts are moving at quite a slow pace," speaker of Lower House, Abdul Rauf Ibrahim said.

Discussing the aftermath of the fall of Kunduz, Azimi said that the collapse of the city has left at least 6,000 people homeless. He stressed that humanitarian organizations are struggling to provide displaced families with necessary assistance. "So far more than 6,000 residents have been left homeless, along with international humanitarian organi-

zations, the Afghan government has also allocated nine million Afs in financial Aid to help the displaced who took shelter in Takhar and Badakhshan provinces," he said.

Meanwhile, minister of labor and social affairs Nasrin Oryakhail has expressed frustration over the persistent issue of security threats and political turmoil in the country, saying that the issue is adding to the refugee crisis and is contributing to the increase in unemployment and the economic slowdown.

"Security threats and unemployment are interrelated. Rise of unemployment is forcing many youths to join insurgents, an issue which naturally increases the problems," she said.

The Taliban attacked the Afghan strategic town of Kunduz in northern Afghanistan last Monday. The siege lasted six days until Afghan security forces managed to wrest the city back for the insurgents.

Reacting to the fall of Kunduz, rights groups on Sunday accused insurgents of committing major crimes during the siege and called for the perpetrators behind the attack to be brought to justice. (Tolonews)

### (8) NPC Approves...

ministrative Affairs and Council of Ministers Secretariat.

The meeting was also attended by second Vice-President Mohammad Sarwar Danish, Minister of Finance Ekil Ahmad Hakimi, Minister of Justice Abdul Basir Anwar and Minister of Economy Abdul Sattar Murad. (KP)

### (9) Obama...

plan, however, has been the primary focus of White House debates in recent weeks. Dempsey, who retired as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last month, fleshed out his initial August proposal before he left office.

His plan envisions the United States maintaining a few bases, perhaps two or three, that could be used as "lily pads" to strike groups that posed a direct threat to the United States, senior defense and administration officials said.

The "lily pad" bases would potentially house American drones and fighters jets as well as elite counterterrorism troops, and could be located at Bagram Air Base outside Kabul and one or two other airfields, said senior administration officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal planning. (Agencies)

### (10) US Defence ...

official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was unlikely the Russian jet crossed the border by chance.

"I don't believe that this was an accident," the official said, noting that Russia had violated the sovereignty of a NATO ally.

Only last week, the Pentagon and Russia held high-profile talks on how to avoid accidents in the skies over Syria as both Moscow and the US-led coalition carry out air strikes in the war-ravaged nation. (AFP)

### (11) Afghan Forces...

fighting from within urban areas and putting civilians at risk.

"If errors were committed, we'll acknowledge them," Campbell said. "We'll hold those responsible accountable, and we'll take steps to ensure mistakes are not repeated."

U.S. Army Brigadier General Richard Kim is the senior investigator on the incident and is in Kunduz now, Campbell said. He said the U.S. military will ensure transparency in investigating the incident, and that NATO and Afghan officials would conduct their own investigations as well.

MSF, also known as Doctors Without Borders, has demanded an independent international probe into the strike, which it referred to as a "war crime." Campbell said there would be U.S., NATO, and Afghan investigations into the strike.

"If there's other investigations out there that need to go on, we'll make sure to coordinate those as well," Campbell said. (Reuters)

### (12) Pentagon ...

requested the air support when they came under fire in Kunduz. The officials said the AC-130 gunship responded and fired on the area, but Carter said it's not certain yet whether that was what destroyed the hospital.

Carter said he believes the U.S. will have better information in the coming days, once U.S. and international investigators get access to the hospital site. Officials said the senior U.S. military investigator is in Kunduz but

hasn't yet been able to get to the site because it continues to be a contested area between the Afghans and the Taliban militants.

The officials were not authorized to discuss the incident publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Carter is in the first day of a week-long trip to Europe. He will visit Spain, Italy and London for meetings with top defense leaders. He also will attend a NATO meeting of defense ministers in Brussels.

Earlier this year, Carter visited Estonia and met with Eastern European defense chiefs, announcing he will send tanks, armored vehicles and other military equipment to six former Soviet bloc nations to help reassure NATO allies facing threats from Russia.

This trip will focus more on the threats to Southern Europe, including Russian aggression as well as Daesh terrorists and other violent extremists from the Middle East and Northern Africa.

Carter said he believed it was important to go to "the southern flank" because the violence, lawlessness and the refugee crisis are all having a tremendous impact across Europe. (Tolonews)

### (13) Taliban Violates...

Council, said: "We were against the deal from the beginning. Finally, it was the Taliban that attacked security check posts in Pul-e-Khumri Blocks area and torched them all and violated the agreement." Head of Baghlan provincial Council Safdar Mohseni who is part of the delegation that signed the deal said the agreement is still in place and that those who have violated it should be punished.

"We accept that security check posts and bases have been attacked in the area but the Taliban militants have not attacked them; the security forces have left the check posts. Those who have left the check posts should be punished and the deal is still in its place," he said. However, the question of what punishment should be meted out was raised, as the Taliban does not accept the law.

Baghlan police chief who has signed the agreement did not speak out about a violation of the deal but accepted that the Taliban fighters attacked military bases in Dand-e-Ghori and then torched the bases.

"The Taliban attacked security check posts and then torched them," Gen. Abdul Jabar Purdeli, Baghlan police chief, said.

According to local authorities in Baghlan, the agreement has been signed by the Minister of Borders and Tribal Affairs, acting governor of Baghlan, head of NDS in the province, acting Baghlan police chief, head of the High Peace Council in Baghlan and two members of Baghlan Provincial Council.

The agreement has nine articles, which includes a point that the locals have agreed to not let the Taliban threaten security along the Baghlan-Mazar-e-Sharif Highway - through the area - and to ensure security on their own of their region by their own and not let any Taliban militants operate there. (Tolonews)

### (14) MSF ...

lay in their beds. MSF reiterates its demand for a full transparent and independent international investigation," he said.

The MSF hospital in Kunduz is currently not operating, following the sustained bombing early Saturday morning. Some senior officials said over the weekend that the attack was carried out against the hospital as Taliban insurgents were using it as a hide out.

Meanwhile, According to MSF all their international staff members who were in Kunduz have been evacuated.

Critical patients they say were referred to other health facilities, while the MSF Afghan staff - who were not killed - are either being treated in health facilities in the region or have left the hospital. The organization lost 12 staff members in the bombing. MSF said that on Saturday, after the attack, some staff helped provide healthcare in other non-MSF facilities in the region.

"No medical activities are possible now in the MSF hospital in Kunduz, at a time when the medical needs are immense," said a spokesperson for the organization.

"It is painful for MSF to withdraw at a time when the medical needs are so acute, but in the aftermath of being bombed, it is too early to know if it would be safe to continue running medical activities." They said MSF works hard in conflict areas, as had been the case

in Kunduz, to ensure all fighting parties respect the sanctity of medical facilities.

"At the moment, MSF has not received any explanations or assurances that give us the confidence to be able to return. This is why the organisation is demanding a full, independent and transparent investigation of what happened, and why."

"Without that information, there are too many unknowns to allow a return in the immediate future. MSF is committed to the people in Kunduz and will explore, as soon as key questions are answered, options to return with medical services in the Kunduz region."

MSF treated 394 wounded people between Monday and the early hours of Saturday morning when they were bombed. "When the aerial attack occurred we had 105 patients and their care-takers in the hospital and over 80 MSF international and national staff present," they said at the time.

MSF's hospital was 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 a statement. MSF started working in Afghanistan in 1980. In Kunduz, just like in the rest of Afghanistan, both national and international staff work together to ensure the best quality of treatment. MSF supports the Ministry of Public Health in Ahmad Shah Baba hospital in eastern Kabul, Dasht-e-Barchi maternity in western Kabul and Boost hospital in Lashkar Gah, Helmand province. In Khost, in the east of the country, MSF operates a maternity hospital. MSF relies only on private funding for its work in Afghanistan and does not accept money from any government, the statement read. (Tolonews)

### (15) Kunduz...

has been largely restored his ordeal is far from over as he lost everything he owned in the siege. He said government should make a formal announcement that it is safe for residents to come out.

Another resident said: "Government must prevent such attacks in the future." A teenager, accompanied by relatives, told how they were all returning home after having fled the city last week.

An unknown number of people have however lost everything and calls for assistance have been put out over the past two days.

On Sunday, the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) said that it has collected more than \$300,000 USD through a commission to help Kunduz residents affected by the recent crisis.

Wahidullah Mayar, spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) also said late Sunday that emergency surgical teams, trauma experts, medical supplies and medication had arrived in Kunduz regional hospital by road and air.

This comes after the Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) hospital in Kunduz was bombed in the early hours of Saturday morning. The death toll from the bombing was 22. Twelve MSF staff members and 10 patients, including three children were killed in the attack. However, overall casualty figures have not yet been released except that security forces say over 400 Taliban insurgents were killed in the battle to retake the city. (Tolonews)

### (16) Kunduz...

dent of Kunduz named Abdul Salam said.

The people are however in dire need of basic provisions after prices have reportedly skyrocketed. "The security forces have given us a second life. The situation was too bad but when the forces came, our concerns were removed," said a resident of Kunduz, who was standing in line for bread.

However there is still unease on the streets as not only do the bodies of Taliban insurgents remain in the streets but the heavy presence of troops in the city is a stark reminder of what residents have survived.

In addition, the bodies of civilians killed by insurgents are also still on the streets. (Tolonews)

### (17) Russian...

Frontiers, or MSF, which had been running the hospital, said on its website that 23 people had

been killed in the raid: 10 patients and 13 MSF staff members.

The medical aid organization called the bombing a "war crime" in an online statement Sunday.

"This is far from the first time that the indiscriminate use of U.S. military force in Afghanistan has led to the deaths of innocent civilians," Zakharova said in the Foreign Ministry's statement.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter on Sunday promised the U.S. would be "full and transparent" in sharing the results of its own probe into the incident. (Agencies)

### (18) Iran Condemns ...

Without Borders in Afghan city of Kunduz was bombed by US air forces.

NATO said in a statement that US forces conducted an airstrike in Kunduz at around the same time - just after 02:00 am on Saturday. The medical team is working around the clock to do everything possible for the safety of patients and hospital staff.

"We are deeply shocked by the attack, the killing of our staff and patients and the heavy toll it has inflicted on healthcare in Kunduz," Bart Janssens, MSF Director of Operations commented on the bombing.

"We do not yet have the final casualty figures, but our medical team are providing first aid and treating the injured patients and MSF personnel and accounting for the deceased. We urge all parties to respect the safety of health facilities and staff."

According to MSF, at the time of the aerial attack 105 patients and their caretakers were in the hospital and over 80 MSF international and national staff. (IRNA)

### (19) Innocent ...

ceasefire between the security forces and the Taliban to allow residents to bury their dead and to attend to those injured.

Amidst urgent need of residents for medical and humanitarian assistance, a tragic incident happened. The U.S. military, which carried out air strikes in support of the Afghan forces, inadvertently hit on Saturday a hospital run by Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), killing 19, including 12 medical staff and injuring 37 others.

In the aftermath of the deadly bombing, the MSF has suspended its operation in the city and has evacuated its remaining staff.

Tales of courage and sorrow abound in the city during the siege.

"Shortly after the fighting began, electricity was shut down. My husband told us to go to the basement. We stayed in the basement for four days before we left the city and traveled to Kabul early Friday," Najiba, a mother of five, told Xinhua. (Xinhua)

### (20) 60 Mln ...

strengthen over the coming months and persist into 2016. When El Nino occurs, rainfall patterns shift, increasing the risk of extreme weather events. (Xinhua)

### (21) India Pitches ...

India is unquestionable... There are administrative reforms and simplification of process are taking place to assist investors," he said. (Xinhua)

### (22) Israeli War...

northern West Bank city of Tulkarm, Palestinian medical sources and eyewitnesses said.

The sources told Xinhua that 18-year-old Huthaifa Sulaiman was hit by a bullet in the stomach during clashes between Palestinian youth and the Israeli army.

Tulkarm governor Issam Abu Baker told Xinhua that five other young men were also injured in the clashes. (Xinhua)

### (23) Attacks in...

urday night in a stabbing and shooting attack that took place in Jerusalem's Old City, Israeli police said.

One of the dead men's wife is in serious condition and their two-year-old baby was lightly wounded. Tensions between Jews and Arabs in the area increased amid the standstill in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian authority, as the last round of peace talks ended abruptly in April 2014. (Xinhua)

### (24) US Targets...

but what is important is that they (the Americans) are aware of and acknowledge our capabilities and deterrence power," said the commander. (PressTV)