

### (1) Afghanistan...

According to him, the Afghan lawmakers complained that during the period of time the US military stayed in Afghanistan "life did not change for the better, and the army remained unprepared."

Morozov noted that there were no restrictions now for providing military and technical assistance to Afghanistan. "Since Islamic State [a terrorist group banned in Russia – TASS] openly declared the transfer of its terrorist activities to other countries, for us a danger emerges of militants' transition to the territories of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan," the senator said. "We need to suppress terrorism far away from Russia's borders, so cooperation with Afghanistan should be organized by all means," the senator said. (TASS)

### (2) AACC Seeks...

infrastructural development and a \$5 billion USD investment for the construction of five trade zones at bases, previously used by American troops. These are in Herat, Kabul, Balkh, Kandahar and Nangarhar provinces.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors for AACC, Sulaiman Lutfi, said there are many opportunities for investors and that they are trying to pave the way for more investment opportunities in the country. Meanwhile, the CEO of Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) Atiqullah Nusrat said: "The conference is aimed at finding ways to improve investment opportunities between the two countries in collaboration with the private sector and investors in both countries."

In addition, a number of Afghan traders say clear economic strategies and concrete security are critical in attracting investors into the country.

"Currently, we face security challenges. There are kidnappings and a lack of a clear economic and investment strategy," said Assadullah Matin, a US-based Afghan trader. (Tolnews)

### (3) NATO to ...

"But what we have seen in Kunduz and elsewhere, they face challenges as Taliban are launching attacks on the government forces. But they have been able to retake and stand their ground again and again... no one thought it would be an easy task for them (retaking Kunduz)."

However, he added in the long run, the Afghan forces should not be totally dependent on foreign combat troops and had have to take care of their own security.

About the US air raid on the MSF hospital, he said: "When we have the facts on the table, then we can have a good foundation to draw conclusions... So the important thing now is to get the facts, to conduct a thorough and full investigation and then start to draw conclusions." (Pajhwok)

### (4) No Humanitarian ...

Kunduz alone. So, in Kunduz 300,000 people now are without a hospital."

Saturday's airstrikes in Kunduz in northern Afghanistan killed 22 victims, including staff with the medical aid group Doctors Without Borders (MSF) that operated the clinic.

Noting that aid agencies have been concerned about the continued lack of access in Kunduz, Laerke said the airport in the city was closed to civilian aircrafts on Monday, and there was no road access into the city because of roadside bombs, threat of ambushes, and road blocks, due to ongoing fighting between armed groups and government forces.

Indicating that thousands of people have reportedly fled Kunduz, Laerke added: "An estimated 8,500 families have been displaced in the northeast as a result of the fighting. Identifying and responding to the internally displaced people is a priority, particularly in Takhar

province where numbers are reportedly highest." (Agencies)

### (5) Tribal Elders ...

On the fall of Kunduz city, the elders said they sympathized with the residents who they claimed had endured a lot over the past week.

"We can feel the pain of Kunduz residents as Helmand, Uruzgan and Zabul have seen war for several years," said Ayub, a tribal elder.

"The fall of Kunduz made us realize that someday Uruzgan, Kandahar or Helmand could fall to militants...and this is a warning to the government," he added.

Meanwhile, Mullah Sher Mohammad Akhond, a senator, questioned government's management regarding the collapse of Kunduz city.

"How is it possible that 300 or 400 people can enter a city without being noticed? This is a question for us," he said.

"The government should recognize and make public the names of those who were involved ... [in the fall of Kunduz city]," he urged.

The elders also requested that government consult with elders and politicians in a bid to overcome current hurdles and maintain law and order countrywide. (Tolnews)

### (6) Clashes Break ...

humanitarian organizations are struggling to provide displaced families with necessary assistance.

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### (7) Afghan Forces...

8,000, cutting the force in half or sticking with the president's plan.

"I do believe we have to provide our senior leadership options different from the current way we're going," Campbell said.

He added that since Obama announced the end of the combat mission in 2014, conditions on the ground have changed. The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria has risen as a new power, and the Taliban has shown new resiliency in Afghanistan, taking the city of Kunduz last week. Kunduz was also the site of the strike on the hospital.

Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has asked for coalition forces to stay in the country, Campbell said. (Agencies)

### (8) Taliban Kills ...

people in public." "The Taliban killed two people in front of my eyes. One of them was carrying a wounded person," he said.

Meanwhile, Dawlat Waziri, deputy spokesman for the ministry of defense, said on Tuesday that military forces are providing health care services to the sick and injured in Kunduz city.

Ministry of Interior spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said that clearance operations continue and that eight insurgents were killed on Tuesday during clashes with security forces.

However officials have still not revealed casualty figures following nine days of fighting in the city.

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.

But at least 6,000 people have been left homeless after fleeing the city last week, said LO-CALofficials.

The majority of those who left the city sought refuge in Badakhshan, Kabul, Takhar and Baghlan provinces, offi-

cialists said.

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### (9) Modi Pitches...

remendous potential in India-Germany economic relationship. The Indo-German economic relations remain below its full potential. We are working hard to create conducive conditions for business," Modi said.

Claiming that the government has worked hard to make the country a favorable place to set up business, he said: "At a time of a global slowdown, India represents a bright spot for investments. We need to provide a huge push to manufacturing. That's why we launched Make in India."

Modi said his government has fast-tracked clearances for industry and infrastructure. "We have taken very decisive steps to remove a number of long pending concerns of investors. Such a huge potential for creation and production will not be available in any one country."

On his "Digital India" initiative, the prime minister said the country is on the threshold of a big information technology revolution "where technology will be leveraged to meet aspirations of 1.25 billion citizens." "Never before was India so well-prepared to absorb talent, technology and investment from outside," he added.

Earlier in the day, both Modi and Merkel, who were in Bengaluru to attend the summit, visited the plant of German automotive giant Bosch in the southern city and interacted with its executives on innovation and research. (Xinhua)

### (10) Teachers Cry ...

not yet been implemented. "All governors and local officials will be directed to urgently act in distributing residential land to teachers and we assure you that this process will be completed within six months," Ghani said at the time.

Nusrat Begum who has worked as a teacher for the past 36 years, says teachers are paid the least among all government officials and that the government has not addressed their problems.

"Teachers in Afghanistan have to come to school and educate their students despite the challenges they face in their lives. They fulfill their responsibility in its best form," she added. Analysts believe that economic problems among teachers will affect education and that to improve education their problems should be addressed. (Tolnews)

### (11) Mullah Mansour...

neighborhood of Quetta, Pakistan, known as Satellite Town, in an enclave where he and some other Taliban leaders from the same Pashtun tribe, the Ishaqzai, have built homes, according to interviews with a range of people who know him, including high-ranking Taliban leaders.

The NYT report further states that many of the people interviewed about Mullah Mansour, they spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid offending or prompting revenge.

The report reveals that Quetta is not his only option. Although he is on the United Nations no-fly list, Mullah Mansour has repeatedly taken flights in and out of Pakistan, according to a senior Afghan intelligence official. Often, his destination has been Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, where he has a house and several investments under different names, the official said.

Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour took over as the Supreme Leader of Taliban after Mullah Mohammad Mansour was confirmed dead lately.

According to the New York Times, some members of the Taliban regime are surprised of what Mullah Mansour is today.

NYT quotes Mullah Salaam Alizai, who according to the news agency was close to Mullah Omar during the Taliban government in the 1990s and later spent years as an insurgent commander and then joined government, as saying that Mullah Mansour is unpredictable and an opportunist. "The kind of person who doesn't have his own ideology, the kind of person who doesn't care about how much destruction occurs," he is quoted as saying in a phone interview.

"If he is told to destroy one road, he will destroy 10, if he is told to kill one person, he will kill 100," added Mullah Alizai, who reconciled with the government about eight years ago. NYT has quoted another official of Taliban regime as saying that Mullah Akhtar was a hard-working administrator and that he was not a fundamentalist.

"Mullah Mansour was not a notorious figure and he was not fundamentalist, either," Maulawi Qalamuddin, who is now on the Afghan government's peace commission is quoted by the news agency as saying. (KP)

### (12) Govt. Accused ...

addition, some Kunduz journalists said on Tuesday government had prior knowledge of the planned attack on Kunduz but nothing was shared with the people.

They blame the Kunduz situation on government's negligence.

"The government is trying to be conservative. If the government had informed the people of Kunduz about the situation, the people would not suffer this much," a Journalist Ahmad HewadRahyab said.

The president's office however insisted that efforts are underway to improve the dissemination of information.

"We are working along with our colleagues, Sediqqi and Waziri, [MoI and MoD spokesmen] to provide people with on-time information," president's deputy spokesman Sayed Zafar Hashemi said. Nai's claims come after contradictory reports emerged this week over the retaking of Kunduz by government troops. In addition, contradictory reports were given on Monday night and Tuesday over the Kabul attack in Darulaman Road. (Tolnews)

### (13) NDS Detain...

I said OK," he said.

"another person came and took me to a center where they were giving training on how to use Kalashnikov, rockets and other weapons, they were also giving lessons on suicide vests and explosives," he said, adding that "I received 20 days training there."

There is a cut in the video after which Mahmood says that MawlawiFaizullah left him at Torkham border and give him the rent to Kabul with a contact number.

Mahmood says when he got to Kabul and called that number a person came and took him to the 8th police district and provoked him that there are a lot of police and that they are receiving American MONEY.

He said the man told him to carry out suicide attack against them with a bag full of explosives.

"People will not suspect the bag." According to Mahmood, the man told him. (KP)

### (14) Commando...

militants in many parts of the country in the past and is committed to bringing about security. "We don't have any fear and we don't panic and we will defend the nation till our last drop of our blood," Munib added.

According reports, Afghan security forces are still trying to restore peace in the city, which fell to insurgents last Monday. (Tolnews)

### (15) Baloch...

Interior spokesman Sediq Sediqqi meanwhile said on Tuesday afternoon that the ac-

tual target of Monday night's attack was unclear but they are investigating the incident. He also said seven security force members and three civilians were injured in the attack. In addition, he said a suicide bomber was arrested in Kabul on Tuesday and that security forces are working hard to secure the capital. (Tolnews)

### (16) Iran Nuclear...

the Gulf states, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Libya and Algeria, account for most of the weakness in growth this year.

"Spillovers from regional conflicts and intensified security and social tensions are weighing on confidence and holding back higher growth," the IMF said. (AFP)

### (17) New ISIS ...

released a report late last month warning that the terror group is making inroads in Afghanistan with the number of sympathizers and followers growing across the country.

According to the report around 70 militants of the terror group are busy in forming the core of the group's branch in Afghanistan.

The report further added that the group is recruiting followers in at least 25 provinces of Afghanistan with 10 percent of the sympathizers belonging to the Taliban group. (KP)

### (18) Turkey's ...

members of the Turkish security forces and militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK).

The pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), seen as closer to the PKK, emphasized the need to bring peace to the country in its manifesto. (Xinhua)

### (19) Russian ...

air forces in Syria provided daily by Russian Defense Ministry on the basis of objective control," Grushko said. (Xinhua)

### (20) Rocket ...

comprising nine countries has carried out military operations, including almost daily airstrikes, against Houthis since late March in Yemen in an effort to restore Hadi's authority. Pro-Hadi forces have retaken several southern provinces in recent months, but the Houthis still control the northern part of the country, including the capital, Sanaa.

Battles continued Monday in the central province of Marib, about 170 km from Sanaa. Local media said 40 soldiers were killed and 137 others wounded during Monday's fighting.

The airstrikes by the coalition and ground battles in Yemen have left about 5,000 people dead, half of them civilians, and more than 1.5 million people displaced, according to United Nations figures. (Xinhua)

### Italian Defense Ministry Says Jets Bombing IS in Iraq "Just Hypothesis"

ROME - The Italian Defense Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday that media allegations about Italian fighters ready to bomb the Islamic State (IS) in Iraq were just about a hypothesis and not a decision taken.

"With regard to press rumors of Italian air force operations in Iraq, the Ministry of Defense states that they are only hypotheses to be evaluated together with the allies and not decisions taken which, in any case, will have to be passed by parliament," the statement read.

Earlier on Tuesday, national newspaper Corrieredella Sera in an article titled "Italy will bomb IS in Iraq" wrote that Italian tornado jets belonging to the international coalition fighting IS "in the next hours will have the task of bombing Iraq in joint agreement with the U.S. command."

"The tornado jets, initially configured for reconnaissance and illumination of the targets, will take up their full characteristics of fighters and thus directly hit the identified targets according to the new rules of engage-

ment," the article read.

"As is well known, Italy is part of an international coalition and is already committed to an operation which is not an active one in terms of bombing." The Chairman of the Senate Defense Committee, Nicola Latorre, said in an interview with Rai state television.

"There was a request that was made to that effect and of course the government will evaluate these aspects and especially first inform parliament. At present there is no decision of this type... the rules of engagement have not changed," Latorre underlined. (Xinhua)

## Cambodian PM Hails China for Development in Defense Sector

PHNOM PENH - Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Tuesday praised China for its strong development in science, technology and industry for national defense, a senior official said.

The prime minister expressed his appreciation during a meeting with XuDazhe, director of China's State Administration for Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense, at the Peace Palace in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, Eang-Sophalleth, an aide to Hun Sen, told reporters after the meeting. Hun Sen said cooperation in the defense sector between the two countries is essential for Cambodia to further enhance its national defense capacity.

For his part, Xu said China was pleased to share experience with Cambodia in the defense sector. (Xinhua)

## Tajikistan, Slovakia Agree to Boost Cooperation

BISHKEK - Foreign Minister of Tajikistan SirodjidinAslov and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia MiroslavLajčák discussed the prospects of cooperation of two countries on the sidelines of the 70th session of the UN General Assembly in New York on October 3, reports the Tajik Foreign Ministry.

The sides considered the current state of Tajik-Slovak relations and prospects of their development. The Ministers agreed to intensify the political dialogue, both in bilateral relations and within Tajikistan-EU format.

The Foreign Minister of Slovakia announced the decision of his country to provide assistance to Tajikistan in recovery from the natural disasters that took place in July 2015. The mudflow caused the damage estimated at over \$150 million for the country. (AKIpress)

## Cricket Team to Participate in ODI and T20 Matches in Zimbabwe

KABUL - The Afghanistan National Cricket Team left Kabul for Zimbabwe on Monday to take part in a series of One Day International (ODI) and Twenty-20 (T20) matches which will kick off on October 16, 2015.

In this series Afghanistan will play five ODIs and two T20s.

Nasimullah Danish, chairman of the Afghanistan Cricket Board having confidence over the players said that Afghan cricketers will return with victory.

"This is honor for Afghanistan cricket team to be playing and sharing experience with full member, Afghanistan team will have a better performance and return back after achieving victory."

ShafiqStanikzai, the CEO of Afghanistan Cricket Board expressed gratefulness for getting the opportunity to play with full member team.

"We are very grateful for organizing matches and experience sharing opportunity with full member team." He said.

Afghanistan Cricket Board says due to technical issues of the hosting country Zimbabwe and Ten Cricket, the matches would not be broadcasted on television but fans would be updated through social media and press. (Khaama)