(1) Senators Call.

"The three courts order are against him [Anas] and he should be executed in order to stop the crimes."

Anas was being held by the Afghan government in 2014 and a court reportedly sentenced him to death last year. (ATN)

(2) Ghani Visits Paktia ...

well as to the Paktia University and its hostel.

The provincial office of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries said the attack has also resulted in at least \$1 million USD in losses to local businessmen.

This comes after a fact-finding team visited the police headquarters and said a new building would have to be built.

Last week's delegation led by Urban Development Minister Sayed Sadat Naderi will submit their report to the president this week.

"We are ready to construct - a new building – for the police headquarters wherever you (Paktia elders and officials) will choose. We are serious in this respect and we will work in consultation with the Paktia governor," Naderi said at a meeting with Paktia officials on Friday. (Tolonews)

(3) First Batch ...

services with the Afghan Air Force in the near future.

The Afghan pilots received their certificates during a ceremony organized in the United States last week, the Afghan Embassy in Washington said.

An Afghan envoy in Washington Abdul Hadi Barekzai has said the training for the second batch of the Afghan Air Force Black Hawk pilots will kick off in the near future.

The Afghan Air Force took formal delivery of the first batch of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the NATO forces earlier this month.

The Afghan Air Force is expecting to receive around 159 Black Hawk helicopters in coming years as part of the ongoing efforts by the international allies of the country for the modernization of the Afghan Air Force in a bid to boost the capabilities of the national defense and security forces. (KP)

(4) Below 20pc of ...

the United Nations Population Fund says unless inequality is urgently tackled and the poorest women empowered to make their own decisions about their lives, countries could face unrest and threats to peace and to their development goals.

Failure to provide reproductive health services, including family planning, to the poorest women can weaken economies and sabotage progress towards the number one sustainable development goal, to eliminate poverty, the report adds.

In Afghanistan, the report says, the poorest women have the fewest options for family planning, the least access to antenatal care, and are most likely to give birth without the assistance of a doctor or midwife.

According to the Afghanistan Demographic and Health Survey, only 23 per cent of currently married women use a method of contraceptive.

"Inequalities in Afghanistan are a significant multiplier of the various challenges the country faces", says, UNFPA Afghanistan Representative, Dr. Bannet Ndyanabangi.

"For Afghanistan to tackle inequalities, there is need to invest more in reducing inequalities in education and reproductive health and rights, to allow women and girls to choose to stay in school, when to get married and when and how many children to have." (Pajhwok)

(5) Attacks Over...

wounded

Thursday's attack on a base in the Maiwand district of Kandahar:

- 43 soldiers killed
- 9 soldiers wounded Tuesday's attack in Paktia on the po-
- lice headquarters: Over 50 soldiers and civilians killed
- Over 150 civilians and soldiers wounded
- Monday's attack on Andar district of Ghazni province:
- 28 soldiers killed
- 18 soldiers wounded 5 civilians killed

40 civilians wounded Critics have lashed out and said the scale of these attacks is directly linked to the inefficiency of the intelligence sectors.

"We are at the very low level of intelligence and unfortunately the enemy has influence in security institutions," said Jawed Kohistani a former military officer.

In the past five days, the use of government-owned armored vehicles has led to bloody attacks, but the Ministry of Defense (MoD) once again speaks of the elimination of threats by terrorists.

"Ministry of defense works hard to prevent such attacks and our intelligence sectors are working actively in order to prevent such attacks," MoD spokesman Dawlat Waziri said. (Tolonews)

(6) Karzai Due....

which is comprised of three conferences: the 22nd International conference on Persian Gulf, the 18th International Conference on Central Asia and Caucasus, and the third International Conference on Afghanistan, will be held on October 23-25 in Teh-

The forum will be attended by researchers and politicians from Iran and all over the world.

Iran's Foreign Miniser Mohammad-Javad Zarif will address the opening ceremony on Monday.

The forum will be held by Zarif in cooperation with Allameh Tabataba'i University. (Agencies)

(7) Pakistan Calls ...

believe concerted efforts by states, and close cooperation among them, are needed for eliminating the scourge of terrorism," the statement added.

A suicide bomber targeted a vehicle of the army cadets in Kabul city on Saturday afternoon, days after a series of attacks left scores of people dead or wounded.

The ministry of defense spokesman Gen. Dawlat Waziri said at least 15 people were killed and 4 others were wounded in the attack on the army cadets on Saturday.(KP)

(8) Joint Military ...

the newspaper that Pakistan would make clear to Tillerson that the US's policy of pushing Pakistan to 'do more' must end 'as no other country has done as much as Pakistan has in the global war against terrorism.'

"It would also be conveyed to Tillerson that Pakistan wants to promote relationship with the US on the basis of sovereign equality," another source told the Daily Express.

The Express Tribune also reported that sources said that Pakistani officials would also ask Tillerson to impress upon the administration of President Ashraf Ghani to dismantle the sanctuaries of terrorists who are using Afghan soil as a launching pad for mounting attacks inside Pakistan. Sources said that Tillerson's visit was very significant as it would clarify Trump's policy and set a course for future Islamabad-Washington relations. (Tolonews)

(9) Families Displaced ...

The displaced families have been without basic facilities, spending days and nights under the open sky. Gul Makai, a resident of Wazir Tangi area who has migrated to safe place, said here problems were complex and could not be explained.

"Daesh invaded our home, they sur rounded the entire neighbourhood With our homes full of belongings, we had to migrate to save ourselves, she recalled.

Both sides hit civilian homes and no one was safe, she explained, asking the higher-ups to resolve their plight with a sense of urgency.

Javed Zaman, a provincial council member, said around 2,000 families had been displaced by the fighting in Khogyani. He added hundreds of women and children lived in Kagai Bazaar area.

He said the displaced families had been provided with no assistance, asking the government to mitigate their plight.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, said the process of assistance to the displaced households had been set in motion and a survey to identify them was underway.

Asked why a military operation was not launched against the rebels in the area, he replied security forces were engaged in an offensive in other parts of the province. Proper planning and strategy for such an offensive was needed, he concluded. (Pajhwok)

them in an attack on Nawa district of Helmand province.

Last week they used them to storm the Paktia police headquarters and to attack a military base in Maiwand district of Kandahar province. Most were explosive laden and used in suicide bombing attacks.

Officials have however said that military vehicles have been seized by the Taliban during attacks on bases and check posts. However, the Taliban is now using these very vehicles to attack government forces.

This new tactic, by the Taliban, in terms of using Humvees is a problem as the attacks are difficult to stop, sources said.

"(They) have the numbers of the vehicles that have been seized by the enemy in various fights. They should destroy those vehicle, otherwise the vulnerabilities will increase," said Shagul Rezai a parliament member.

Meanwhile a number of former military officials said that in some provinces, equipment and ammunition is being sold to armed opposition groups - but that no action is being taken to stop this.

"There are rumors that in some parts when they fire one hundred bullets, they report it as one thousand and sell the remaining 900; and there is no doubt about this. How is it possible that insurgents get their ammunition in Faryab from Pakistan," said Mohammada Aagul a former military official.(Tolonews)

(11) Over 400

governor Hayatullah Hayat said.

'The Taliban are not capable anymore to face the security forces in the province," Hayat said adding that "if the Taliban does not join the peace process, the group will be destroyed by the security forces."

However, he did not provide further

This comes after hundreds of foreign troops have been deployed to the province to support the Afghan security forces in fighting the insurgents. Air support is also being provided. (Tolonews)

(12) **Ceremony** ...

(13) Police Search

fortunately we were able to win 16 medals in total at the contest which was held in Nepal," Iqbal Manucher, head of Afghanistan's Zurkhaneh Federation said.

Head of media of Mohammad Arif Paiman from the Department of Physical Education and Sports said: "It was the first time that our athletes performed well and today we are praising them." (Tolonews)

or Citizenship and Immigration Can-

They say after the applicants learned the paperwork was never processed, the accused refused to give them the funds back, allegedly defrauding people of about \$40,000.

The accused, a 61-year-old from Mississauga, Ont., was charged with three counts of fraud over \$5,000 and possession of proceeds obtained by

Police are asking anyone else who may have been affected to come forward. (CBC)

(14) Inadequacy of

functional but could not deal with health problems of residents.

"There is no qualified doctor or medicine available at these clinics. Therefore, we are obliged to transfer our patients to Kabul or Gardez, the capital of neighbouring Paktia province." He says the residents of Kharwar shift their patients in difficult conditions, including bumpy and broken roads, to other places for medical care.

"In winter, it is very difficult transferring our sick relatives to other places. Women and children often die on the way," he adds, asking the authorities to resolve the health issues facing Logar residents.

Baz Mohammad, hailing from Barak-i-Barak district, points to improper health services in the district and a shortage of doctors, medicine and ambulances in the local health centre. "We take our patients to Kabul and purchase medicines from the market, which means there are no health services in the district," he remarks.

Haji Ibrahim, coming from the Akbarkhel area of Azra district, says they have to travel many miles to shift their patients to Nangarhar province for treatment.

The main road connecting Azra with Pul-i-Alam has been blocked due to insecurity over the past 14 years. Most residents of the Azra are poor and unable to evacuate their patients to Nangarhar.

"Most people have no money for the

treatment of their family members; some get well by the grace of Allah while others die in a state of helplessness," he regrets.

Ashaqullah from Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, has to visit Kabul for Hepatitis-C treatment once every two or three months.

He stresses: "There must be Hepatitis-C treatment facilities in Logar because it is a common disease, but I have to spend money and time traveling to Kabul."

Ahmad Shakir, a resident of Kharwar, wants to go to Kabul for the treatment of his leg. "My leg was injured in a traffic accident, but there is no one in Kharwar to properly treat it.

"I went to Pul-i-Alam for medical care but there was no doctor there, so I have to go to Kabul," he explains, saying he would go to Peshawar for treatment if his problem is not resolved.

Local officials acknowledge the inadequacy of healthcare in the province. Charkh district chief Mohammad Hanif Hanafi confirms public complaints about improper health services in the province.

"I have witnessed people carrying their patients to Kabul and other areas and they do so because their patients cannot be treated here." According to him, two small clinics in Charkh provide only first aid.

Similarly, Azra district's administrative chief Hamidullah Hamid also says inhabitants have to contend with serious health issues.

"It is beyond my power to resolve their problems. The central government should do something...All resident have to take their patients to Nangarhar, spending 6,000afs in taxi fare alone."

Provincial council also members hold similar views. One of them, Abdul Wali Wakeel, admits people are faced with numerous issues in terms of healthcare but the government has been paying no heed.

"Logar inhabitants, deprived of basic health services, often complain to the provincial council. Eighty percent of sick people are not treated at staterun hospitals; instead they go to Kabul or other provinces."

Another public representative, Haseebullah Stanikzai, slams the health services offered in the province as very poor', blaming the government for taking no step to resolve the issue. "Many Logaris travel to Kabul or Pakistan for treatment as hospitals here are ill-equipped and doctors not skilled. However, many families can't afford to travel that far and are forced to borrow money."

For his part, Logar Public Health Director Dr. Rasool Gul Samar says health issues exist all over Afghanistan. "I admit there are issues but they aren't as serious as people say. "We are making all-out efforts to provide health services to people and all our health centres are functional," according to the official, who says 53 health centres with professional doctors are active across the province.

Samar says: "The main issue is that the Central Statistics Organisation (CSO) has given flawed figures about Logar's population to the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH).

"Based on CSO statistics, the ministry gives us medicine for 350,000 people. But in fact 800,000 people refer to our hospitals and clinics on an annual basis.'

The issues have been shared with MoPH and the officials concerned have promised addressing them, according to the director.

Meanwhile, the governor's spokesman, Saleem Saleh, claims provincial officials are making efforts to solve health problems.

'Our efforts include the establishment of the Naib Aminullah Khan Hospital as 90 percent of work on it has been completed."

In response to a question, he says 70 percent of Logar patients are treated inside the province.

In addition to Logar, people from other parts of Afghanistan also transfer their patients to Kabul or other areas for treatment.

A few days back, residents of Helmand province told Pajhwok about poor health services, saying they take their patients to Pakistan or Kabul. (Pajhwok)

(15) Child Killed, 7 ...

children, two women and two men. Officials at the Emergency-run hospital in Lashkargah, the provincial capital, confirmed receiving one dead body of a child and seven injured people, who they said were in critical | the port on arrival. (Xinhua)

condition. (Pajhwok)

(16) Taliban Infighting ...

eight to the last night clash that stretched into Sunday morning, the governor's spokesman said.

Farhad said some Taliban gunmen from Farah and Helmand provinces had arrived to the aid of Mullah Samad. Both sides suffered financial and human losses.

Some residents of Khofyan locality confirmed the clash and said they heard the sounds of heavy weapons fire all the night.

Mohammad, a resident, said the two groups often clashed in the area.(Pajhwok)

As Tensions Thaw, Saudi Oil Minister Visits Iraq

Rivadh - Khalid al-Falih delivers a public speech in Iraq during official visit - the first Saudi Arabian official to do so in decades.

The Saudi Oil Minister Khalid al-Falih made a high profile visit to Iraq on Saturday, calling for increased economic cooperation and praising existing coordination to boost crude oil prices, Reuters reported.

Speaking at the opening of the Baghdad International Exhibition, Falih said cooperation between Iraq and Saudi Arabia contributed to "the improvement and stability we are seeing in the oil market"

Falih is the first Saudi official to make a public speech in Baghdad for decades. After years of tension between the two countries, relations began to thaw in 2015.

With a thaw in relations, Falih said a joint committee is "working on measures to speed up the establishment of an economic partnership and to reactivate cooperation and economic complementarity."

Reuters reported that Iraq is seeking economic benefits from closer ties with Riyadh while Saudi Arabia hopes a stronger relationship with Baghdad would help rollback Iran's influence in the region.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi left Baghdad on Saturday for a visit to Saudi Arabia.

His talks with Saudi officials will focus on efforts to rebuild Iraq after the war on Daesh and fostering economic and trade cooperation, a statement issued by his office said.

Falih meanwhile called for increased economic cooperation between the two countries at all levels, saying Saudi Arabia is implementing measures to facilitate the flow of goods and services between the neighbors. A Saudi commercial airplane, operated by Flynas, arrived in Baghdad on Wednesday for the first time in 27

In August, the two countries said they planned to open the Arar land border crossing for trade for the first time since 1990. (Tolonews)

Qatar Plans to Open Tourism Representative Offices

DOHA - Qatar Tourism Authority (QTA) has announced its plan to launch new representative offices in India and Russia within two months, Qatar News Agency (QNA) reported on Sunday.

The move suggests that Qatar is tapping into large tourist markets, said Rashed al-Quraisi, the head of Marketing and Promotion at the QTA, in a press release Sunday.

The launching of the offices comes as QTA is bidding for main achievements of the new phase of the tourism national strategy, as well as boosting the tourism sec-

tor, the report said. The Qatari tourism national plan, which has been launched in September, aims to build up the world's interest in Qatar and to increase the number of representative offices that are promoting Qatar as a tourist destination.

Qatar recently has launched nine promotional offices around the world, in addition to the opening of 260 global promotional campaigns, al-Quraisi added.

Qatar has waived free entry visa requirements for citizens of India and Russia along with 80 other countries, which means that they're exempted from entry visa to Qatar, and a multi-entry waiver is issued to them free-of-charge at

in India, Russia