

(1) Kabul, Delhi ...

countries should honestly fight against terrorism and destroy terrorist safe havens.

The meeting also discussed about the importance of economic issues, regional connection, Afghanistan-India air corridor and exports through the corridor.

Both sides agreed over creating a mechanism for finding markets for Afghanistan products in India.

Pointing to the Chabahar port, where the first shipment of wheat has just reached, the leaders said that Afghanistan, India and Iran should accelerate efforts to get advantage of the facility. Ghani thanked India for higher education cooperation with Afghans and sought its support for arranging vocational and agricultural courses Afghan youth from rural areas.

"India is an important country in exemplifying democracy and we want to use its experiences in technical and electoral areas in Afghanistan," he said.

The two sides also reached an agreement on sharing experiences between the election commissions of the two countries, according to the statement. (Pajhwok)

(2) EU Steps...

Afghanistan due to recent intensified conflict, and some 6 million Afghans are still living as refugees in neighbouring countries.

The European Commission's European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) is one of the few humanitarian donors which have consistently supported projects in Afghanistan since 1994. (PR)

(3) Political Activities ...

But the CEO said political activists should not worry because the government machinery would not be used to suppress legitimate political activities. He termed political activities in accordance with the law as the right of every Afghan citizen and said every countryman and woman reserved the right to political activities if that did not undermine the rule of law.

The CEO also said Afghanistan was not a threat to any of its neighbouring countries. Kabul has friendly relations with neighbouring countries and being an active member of the globe, Afghanistan maintained cordial relations with the international community.

Wolesi Jirga member Ali Akbar Qasami raised this issue in the house today and said security institutions should not be dragged into politics and they should not be used for personal rivalries.

He said if Nabil's claims were true, the issue has a message and the unity government leaders should not let security institutions used for personal gains. (Pajhwok)

(4) Netherlands Pledges ..

program would bring together all partners to meet several needs from economic development to empowerment of women and private enterprises.

He said Afghanistan had made good progress in improving women's capacity over the past years and Holland has been helping in this regard.

Within the next three years, he said, his country would provide, \$ 12 million in aid through the 'Economic Stability Program for the Afghan People's Communities.

Sayed Jalal Shah, executive director of the Agha Khan Foundation, who is implementing the project, said the program will be implemented in provinces of Takhar, Badakhshan, Kunduz and Bamyan, covering at least 1,500 women, in the next three years.

He added under the program women were trained in computer, sewing and other sectors, from one to six months. He pointed out that the overall goal of the "Economic Stability Program" was to empower women.

Faizullah Zaki, acting Labor and Social Affairs minister, expressed satisfaction at the announcement by the Dutch envoy, saying that the aid was effective in economic development of women.

"The women of these four provinces can expand their businesses when have vocational education," he added. Zaki asked donors to monitor implementation of projects supporting so the desired results could be achieved. "I am confident that the effects of this project will have a direct impact on good governance and women's advancement in Afghanistan," said Minister of Women's Affairs Delbar Nazari.

She expressed her support for the project and added the growth of household economics would play a key role in Afghanistan's economic growth, and empowering women in work priorities of the government. "The root of most violence lies in pov-

erty and economic discrimination, Afghan women need economic growth to fight poverty."

At the end, women from Bamyan, Takhar, Kunduz and Badakhshan provinces showcased their handicrafts at a show. (Pajhwok)

(5) Lawmaker Highlights...

US forces ignore the warning.

Additionally, Former president Hamid Karzai in an interview with Russian state-funded television network (RT) expressed concerns over the rise of Daesh militants.

"Daesh is a foreign-backed force intending to destabilize the region, particularly Central Asia, China and Russia," Karzai said.

According to reports, Daesh is engaged in fighting with the Taliban in several parts of eastern Afghanistan including Nangarhar province. (Agencies)

(6) President Ghani ...

But if Pakistan stops our access to India, we can also stop Pakistan's access to Central Asia," Ghani told the audience.

He urged Pakistan to respond practically to his government's overture. "Afghanistan is not at the risk of collapse. It is emerging as a transit and connectivity hub for Central Asia and Eurasia."

Indian media outlets quoted him as saying Afghanistan could be linked with China through Central Asia. (Pajhwok)

(7) UAE and Afghanistan ..

developing them in various fields.

The Afghan Ambassador praised the level of relations between the two countries, emphasising his country's keenness to develop these relations and serve their common interests. (WAM)

(8) UNAMA Welcomes

Afghanistan, said, "The success of this forum relies upon the commission's honest and timely presentation of the issues at stake. It also depends on your honest and constructive engagement. These issues are at the core of the Afghan democratic process, and the stability of the country. I urge you all to use this forum to contribute to a realistic, successful way forward when challenges arise."

UNAMA is encouraged that despite challenges, key decisions on how to proceed with elections are being taken so transparent parliamentary elections can be held in 2018. UNAMA encourages Afghanistan's political leaders and civil society to unite their efforts to prepare and support credible elections in 2018.

On behalf of the international community, Kardel expressed support for the IEC's decision to consider adopting paper-based voter registration, stressing that the important issue was to create polling centre-based voter registration. The international community supports continued efforts by Afghanistan to explore the use of biometric voter registration (BVR) for the presidential election of 2019, potentially through a partial BVR pilot for the parliamentary elections in 2018. Kardel reiterated the international community's support as a partner throughout the electoral preparation process.

UNAMA remains committed to working with Afghan institutions as they implement reforms to enhance transparency and build trust in Afghanistan's democratic processes, in 2018 and beyond. (PR)

(9) Alternate Plan ..

was at least 12 or 13 million but the commission distributed 21 million cards in different phases. Besides that, there were fake cards too," IEC spokesman Abdulbadi Sayyad said.

"Government and election commissions should act responsibly in issues related to elections," said Ali Reza Rouhani, spokesman for the Independent Election Complaints Commission. Foreign envoys meanwhile said the international community will support the electoral process.

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"It would have been good if the election commissioners would appear at the Wolesi Jirga, Lower House of Parliament, and would brief the MPs

about all the mechanisms for holding transparent elections," said Shah Gul Rezaee, an MP.

"This issue must be discussed in a special agenda. This process is a national process," said Ali Akbar Qasemi, an MP.

This comes after the IEC pledged to hold the upcoming elections by using an e-voting system. (Tolonews)

(10) Ghani Refuses ...

are saying is that Pakistan has come to a juncture and it needs to make a choice," on which would depend the response of the international community. (Tolonews)

(11) 200 Cured Addicts ...

reverting back to drugs is between 60 to 80 percent across the country.

A report published last year by the Afghan ministries of public health and counter narcotics and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of US Department of State said number of addicts in Afghanistan is 3,600,000 individuals, including 850,000 women and 110,000 children. (Pajhwok)

(12) Fighting Terrorism

administration had about controlling terror groups that operate from its soil. He also said too many terror groups had found a safe place in Pakistan to launch attacks against others.

Tillerson said: "In our discussions with Pakistani leadership yesterday in Islamabad, we had a very open frank exchange around the concerns the United States shares with other regional partners and allies, India but also Afghanistan that there are too many terrorist organizations that find a safe place in Pakistan from which to conduct their operations and attacks against other countries.

"We have extended to Pakistan certain expectations we have of their government and their leadership to deal with, in particular, these organizations, the leaders of these organizations," he said.

Tillerson again stated that the US is also concerned about the stability and security of Pakistan's government as well as the issue of "terrorist organizations" have grown in numbers, and "enlarged their strength".

"It is not in anyone's interest that the government of Pakistan be destabilized. So we think we have a mutually shared interest in not just containing these organizations but ultimately eliminating these organizations," he said. (Tolonews)

(13) Threatening Media ...

He said if any government institute threatened any media outlet over sharing information, this behavior would not be acceptable. He asked media outlets to inform his office in such cases.

Hawa Alam Nuristani, head of the Oversight Commission on Access to Information (OCAI) referring to the commission's activities, demanded provincial officers and a separate budget like other government institutions.

The CEO asked them to provide detail information about the OCAI administrative structure and specific amount of budget so that necessary steps could be taken.

Pajhwok Afghan News Director Danish Karokhel during his address to the gathering said access to information could ensure accountability and transparency and make government accountable.

About some government institutions refusing to share information, Karokhel said: "Access to information enhances public trust in government performance. We want all government institutions to make sure public trust is won when it comes to sharing information."

Referring to Pajhwok Afghan News report on the presence of several militant groups in Afghanistan, Karokhel said his news agency was denied help by some government institutions in compiling the report in term of access to information.

Only the National Directorate of Security (NDS) provided half a page information, he said.

UNESCO director in Afghanistan also termed access to information the right of people.

The Dutch embassy second secretary termed access to information as vital for democratic states and assured his country's support in efforts for access to information. (Pajhwok)

(14) MUN Centre ..

programs was launched whereby UN meetings would be simulated by students.

Andish Yar added the establishing of the centre was aimed at increasing the youth leadership capacity, empowering youngsters' ideas with regard to economic development, peace and security. "Students with practicing

and modeling the UN would yield fruitful results for the country's future growth."

"The MUN club is comprised of 100 youths who are working to simulate UN activities for addressing the challenges through leadership and diplomacy," he said.

Nahid Farid, a member of the Wolesi Jirga, who attended the ceremony, said the creation of this centre at Kabul University was a useful measure that could help strengthen the youth leadership spirit.

"I believe that such meetings will help us be stronger on the international stage," she expressed optimism about the conclusion of such plans.

Representative of UN Development Programme, Miss Cliaere Van Loveren, said she hoped the launch of the centre would hone the skills and talent of the Afghan youth in the field of leadership and diplomacy and would prove effective for future for their country. (Pajhwok)

(15) Wolesi Jirga ...

identifiable, entered the Wolesi Jirga TV office in company of armed men and took some documents from the archive around 11pm two days ago," he said.

He said the individuals had also given money to some officials of the TV archive and parliament police who mistreated some others.

Majeedi continued the first deputy speaker assaulted the TV archive without observing law and morality and threatened the security of all employees and even representatives of the parliament.

He said CCTV records of the incident were available and the Attorney General Office (AGO) and the Supreme Court should investigate the case.

Responding, Humayun confirmed he entered the TV office, but said: "I and Lalai Hamidzai went there to ask why our statements against the house speaker are stopped by Khudai Nazar Nasrat, secretary of the house, from airing on the TV."

He said the Wolesi Jirga TV was not someone's personal property to censor certain publications. He denied entering the TV office with armed individuals.

"Majeedi's allegations are based on his personal grudges that developed after I took custody of a vehicle which belonged to the first deputy speaker. Majeedi had used the vehicle illegally for about a year," he said.

As Hamidzai said Majeedi wanted to please spymaster Masum Stanikzai and was making conspiracies, Majeedi stood from his seat and hurled abusive words at Hamidzai who also tried to move towards for a physical fight with Majeedi, but security guards and other lawmakers intervened.

Seddiq Ahmad Osmani, a lawmaker from Parwan province, said: "All know about what Majeedi said, so why you and the house secretary are silent about the case or you hiding the facts." He said Majeedi was right and the first deputy speaker had taken away some documents by force from the house TV office. However, he did not provide details about the documents.

Speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahim said: "The august house belongs to the nation, this is not a place to insult each other, scuffle or show force, you engage in physical fights instead of hearing each other's views." "Such acts represent 'bad family training' and human behavior," he remarked.

Abdul Qayum Sajjadi, a lawmaker from Ghazni province, said that accusing each other and engaging in disputes was an insult to the lower house. Ramadan Bashardost from Kabul province suggested the house should allow the AGO to investigate the issue. (Pajhwok)

(16) Cerebral Paralysis ..

diagnosed with the disease this solar year but the figure was 422 last year.

"This is what we have registered; the actual number of children suffering from CP might be higher than this."

He said there was no medication for CP, but it can be avoided through prevention. Sapi blamed the increased level of CP on lack of attention to pregnant women.

About the topic, physiotherapy in-charge at the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA), Dr. Huma Azimi, told Pajhwok CP was an increasing phenomenon in Takhar.

"Taking medicines arbitrarily by women during pregnancy, unhealthy diet, and head injuries sustained, lack of oxygen to the brain before, during or after birth (asphyxia), medical negligence by midwife and sever fever after delivery are some common reasons that result in CP among children."

Due to negligence of mothers expecting baby, many children are born with CP.

Another physiotherapist of SCA, Dr.

Mohammad Rahman, said there was no cure for cerebral palsy, but exercise therapy can help manage symptoms and increase independence.

He said the physical therapy gave positive results if the cerebral impaired babies were treated in the first six months after their birth. (Pajhwok)

(17) UNHCR and Sheraton..

points of housekeeping. Did you know that there is special technique to making beds? A beautifully made bed is something hotel guests appreciate."

Nargis spent her childhood in exile in Pakistan where she thrived academically, completing secondary school. In 2005, her family joined the wave of returnees to Afghanistan and, there, she pursued a degree in business administration. However, in 2014, she was forced to abandon her studies when the security situation deteriorated, fleeing with her family to neighbouring Tajikistan. (PR)

(18) Taliban Local...

least two militants were also arrested by the security forces.

At least five local leaders of the Taliban insurgents were among those killed, the provincial government said, adding that a vehicle, three motorcycles, one assault rifle, and a communication device were also seized during the operations.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far.

Helmand remains one of the most volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001 where terrorist related incidents are frequently reported from its various districts. (Tolonews)

who declined to be named, said he was told by an ANA soldier that 14 troops had been killed in the attack. He had no information about the militant fatalities. The attackers also took away weapons and ammunition. Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi claimed 14 ANA personnel had been killed and a tank and 17 weapons captured by the fighters. The Taliban suffered no casualties, he concluded. (Pajhwok)

(20) Rebel Groups in ..

9th this year told the Senate Armed Services Committee that 20 globally designated terrorist organizations were located in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region.

According to the list provided by the foreign forces stationed in Afghanistan, 21 terrorist organizations have been named currently active in Afghanistan-Pakistan region.

They include Tahreek-i-Taliban Afghanistan, the Haqqani Network, Jamat-ul-Dawa Ehl-i-Quran, Daesh, Al-Qaeda, Al-Aaeda South Asia Network, Hizbul Mujahidin, Taliban groups led by Mullah Nazir, Tahreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Harakat-ul-Jihad Islami, Harakat-ul-Jihad Bangladesh, Lashkar-i-Janghavi, Harakat-ul-Mujahidin, Jaeshi Mohammad, Lashkar-i-Tayyiba, Tariq Gedar Group, Jamat-ul-Ahrar, Jundullah, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Junbish-i-Islami

These 21 groups are among the 99 groups black listed by the US worldwide. Foreign forces have termed these groups as dangerous for the region and said regional countries should treat these groups as terrorists.. (Pajhwok)

(21) Germany Expels ..

sending a "loud and clear message" that those not granted refugee status following an official review "no longer have a right to be in Germany".

While Germany has granted safe haven to most asylum seekers from war-torn Syria, Berlin has argued that it can safely repatriate people to Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan, even as Taliban and Islamic State militants terrorise much of the country. Around 150 demonstrators gathered at the airport in Leipzig to protest against the expulsions.

In Berlin, leading Greens MP Claudia Roth called on the government to stop the deportations, noting that some 250 people were killed in attacks in Afghanistan in the last week.

"Under these conditions, expulsions to Afghanistan clearly violate our responsibility to provide humanitarian protection," she said in remarks reported by DPA news agency.

Germany resumed deportations of rejected asylum seekers from Afghanistan last month after suspending the process when a devastating truck bomb hit the Afghan capital in May.

That group of eight Afghans represented the sixth wave of repatriations of Afghans from Germany since December under a disputed Afghan-European Union deal aimed at curbing the influx of migrants. (AFP)