

(1) Afghan ...

"This will continue to limit the agency's ability to provide effective oversight and to mitigate potential fraud, waste, and abuse in connection with its programs in Afghanistan." (VoA)

(2) Govt. Upbeat ...

separate meetings with heads of different states on the sidelines of the SCO meeting. SCO was structured in 1996 and was formally launched in 2011. Russia, China, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan are permanent members of the organization and India, Iran, Pakistan, Magnolia and Afghanistan are observers. (Pajhwok)

(3) Financial Losses...

targeted provincial capitals. "Killing civilians, destroying public facilities and other destructive activities has been carried out by Taliban," he said. In the past two months, eleven provinces in the country witnessed war. Civilian killings in Ghor province also raised serious concerns.

Analysts believe that the main reason behind the increase of insurgent activities is that there are more insurgents coming in from Pakistan to Afghanistan. "The Taliban or other terrorist groups destroy public facilities, bridges and roads to incur more expenses for government. They also want to confront people and government by carrying out destructive activities," said Mohammad Aref Rahmani, an MP.

"Taliban will continue their destructive activities. We have a government that has security forces, it is too shameful that security forces kneel before a few insurgents and say they have destroyed this and that," said Sayed Nasrullah Kashani, a civil society activist. Statistics show that 203 retainer walls, four government buildings and other structures in parts of eleven provinces have been damaged and that the cost of repairing these will total more than \$2

However, Taliban has not yet commented on the claims made by government. (Tolonews)

(4) Danish Hits ...

and democracy in the country." Danish expressed his disappointment over controversial remarks by political leaders and termed them against the constitution and harmful for the country and system. He said such remarks could hamper the progress and reform process of the system and may result into unresolved challenges in the future.

He said political leaders who issued such remarks should feel shame in front of the people as these remarks only benefited the enemy of Afghanistan and left negative impact over the moral of armed forces. (Pajhwok)

(5) Dozens of ...

and killed eight and wounded five policemen in the attack. Mujahid said clash in Warmami district was still underway. Warmami district is located 95 kilometers east of Sharan city, the provincial capital. It is road to Sharan has been blocked from the past one year. (Pajhwok)

(6) Educational System...

complicated administrative systems, the lack of budget, negligence of MoE officials and low capacity are the most serious challenges in the way of bringing reforms to the education system.

MoE also confirmed that the educational system does not meet the current needs.

"Our leaders know the value of education, but security, economic and political issues are the reasons that the education system has not improved as it should have," said Mohammad Ibrahim Shinwari deputy minister of MoE.

Currently 9.3 million students are enrolled in schools among whom 3.5 million are girls. (Tolonews)

(7) MPs Want...

remarked, asking colleagues to push for accountability of the security officials concerned.

Kiramuddin Raza Zada, a lawmaker from Ghor, said the people of his province expected the Wolesi Jirga to resolve their problems.

He said the civilians who were brutally murdered without any reason came from the poorest class of society.

Some other lower house members held similar views, asking the administrative board of the assembly to send a delegation to Ghor for investigating the incident and expressing solidarity with the victims' families.

Haji Zahir Qadeer, 1st deputy speaker who chaired the session, said: "We strongly condemn the incident of violence in Ghor as inhuman and un-Islamic act and an unjustifiable crime. We want the government and security organs to detain the perpetrators of the incident." If the culprits weren't arrested, the Wolesi Jirga would investigate official dereliction of duty, Qadeer said, adding a delegation would be tasked soon to investigate the incident. (Pajhwok)

(8) Mangal ...

measures against corruption and cooperate with him in banishing the menace.

The governor said he had been directed by the president to eliminate corruption and had bestowed on him all needed powers in this regard.

The Nangarhar revenue department says so far 1.4 billion afghanis revenue has been collected this year, showing a 15 percent increase over last year's returns.

Mangal's remarks about economic mafia come amid complaints that a handful of individuals enjoy monopoly over businesses in Nangarhar.

Political affairs expert Javed Ghafor explained economic mafia those involved in land-grabs, drug smuggling and having monopoly over trade and industry.

"These people are called economic mafia who obtain on lease bus stands, markets and trade places or illegally use them."

He said the mafia had usurped government lands and had constructed towering buildings and did not give tax to the government. (Pajhwok)

(9) Afghan Security ...

Addressing a press conference after NATO defence ministers meeting in Brussels on Thursday, he said NATO considered Afghan security forces fully capable to take charge of security situation in Afghanistan, adding the Afghan forces were capable to counter different Taliban attacks.

"There's going to be continued fighting in Afghanistan and we have to be prepared also for surprises for the unforeseen, but I think that the main message is that the Afghan army and security forces have proven very capable, very determined and by continued support from NATO with training, assistance and advice for the Afghan forces and continued financial funding, I'm certain that they will, that they are able to continue to hold the ground and to fight back against Taliban." (Pajhwok)

(10) Political Leaders ...

are accountable to the constitution and to the people and history will judge the performances of NUG leaders," said Shahusain Murtazawi, deputy spokesman for the president. In the past week, high ranking officials, including Dostum, the president's special representative on reforms and good governance Ahmad Zia Massoud, Second Vice President Sarwar Danish, CEO Abdullah Abdullah, and second deputy of the CEO Mohammad Mohaqiq have all sharply criticized the presidential palace of centralizing power.

Accusations have been made against President Ashraf Ghani, CEO, NSC and some other NUG officials. "Their tensions are not because of national interests or our ter-

ritory or fighting against the enemy, but they have disputes over sharing of power and resources amongst themselves," said Shah Gul Rezaie, an MP.

"If they had believed in Afghanistan, in their nation and in their tribe, the country would not have been led down this path," said Ghulam Hussain Nasiri, an MP.

MPs have urged Jihadi and political elders to mediate between the NUG leaders and prevent the country of being plunged into crisis.

"In the presence of the president; the CEO, Dostum and Massoud should sit together and think who has violated the political agreement and that person should be put back in their place," said Osman Farahi, an MP. (Tolonews)

(11) Afghanistan ...

electricity and irrigates hundreds of acres of land in Herat. According to the officials, the fish chicks will start producing more fishes after two years and will produce thousands of tons of fish.

The officials also added that 1.5 million Afghanis have been invested for the establishment of the fish farm in Salam Dam.

The landmark Salma Dam project was inaugurated by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani in western Herat province of Afghanistan earlier in the month of June this year.

The reservoir of the dam is 20 kilometer long and 3 kilometer wide and has a storage capacity of 640 million cubic meters of water.

The officials earlier said the dam is expected to produce 42 megawatt of electricity and will irrigate around 80 hectares of agricultural land. (KP)

(12) Reports About...

Nangarhar from their presence. Barpachir area has recently fallen under Daesh control.

"If the militants are not eliminated once and for all, they would find access to Tora Bora area of Pachiragum and try to convert Afghanistan into the center of a Daesh Khorasan," the lawmaker said.

The Syria and Iraq-based Daesh group has announced the establishment of its formal affiliate in Khorasan, a wide area encompassing Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Iran and Central Asian countries and Bangladesh.

However, Qadir said he had readied his supporters for fighting against Daesh and preventing Afghanistan from becoming Daesh Khorasan.

"My armed group is ready to operate under the government framework or we would independently operate for a complete elimination of IS militants," he said. Daesh militants were currently active in many provinces of Afghanistan and posed a dangerous threat to the country if not prevented, he added.

"The Afghan forces are busy fighting Daesh militants in most areas of the country while unknown helicopters at midnight drop food to Taliban rebels," he said, without giving more details.

Deputy MoD spokesman, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Radminsh, called Qadir's speech as a threat to Afghan forces but said operations against Daesh were underway in Pachiragum district. He said 27 Daesh militants were killed and a number of their hideouts destroyed during the past 24 hours in Nangarhar. Daesh insurgents were unable to threaten security of Nangarhar districts, he said.

A year back, Haji Zahir Qadir along with hundreds of his armed supporters carried out raids against Daesh for three months. After his operations ended, he returned to Kabul and told the lower house that Daesh members were living in Kabul. He said IS officials in Kabul had government support, particularly of the National Security Advisor. However, National Security Council (NSC) and the Ministry

of Interior had rejected Qadir's allegations as unfounded.

At that time, President Ashraf Ghani appointed a delegation to investigate Qadir's claims, but result of the investigation was yet to be announced.

Qadir today also criticized government leaders over their differences and said the leaders should put their differences aside and listen to the demands of the nation.

"Unfortunately our political leaders have no political sense, that is why our military techniques always fail and our enemy are dominant," he said.

Qadir also stressed national unity, particularly among people's representatives.

He said he would visit Nangarhar for three days to assess the ongoing problems there and share his report with Wolesi Jirga members on return.

Differences among the president and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) have long been running.

First vice-president Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum recently accused the president and the CEO of tribal discrimination and said the two leaders were pushing the country towards destruction with their wrong policies. (Pajhwok)

(13) Afghan ...

a procedure under which the Afghan saffron packages are to be labeled with unique bar codes to prevent product fraud. Ghani indicated that investors from the United Arab Emirates and China are interested in creating markets for Afghan saffron in their respective countries and he welcomes any efforts in this regard.

Afghanistan started to produce saffron in 2001 and this valuable product is currently cultivated on more than 850 Hectares of agricultural land. Early in February officials from the ministry of agriculture and irrigation said that Afghanistan will harvest 4,000 kg of saffron this year as farmers across the country continue to cultivate the valuable herb.

It is said that Afghanistan's climate and soil are ideal to grow saffron.

Based on statistics, Afghanistan can produce more saffron than any other saffron producing country if necessary support is provided to farmers. (Tolonews)

(14) War Prolongs....

just and honest person. Government should introduce its nominee to parliament," said Abdullah Mohammadi, member of Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament). (Tolonews)

(15) 14 Injured

investigating the incident. "We are trying to investigate documents of both sides and find a solution to the problem. No one's rights will be violated," he assured.

The returnees once faced with similar incidents in Takhar about eight years ago. Despite having legal documents, a number of returnees were jailed and their land properties grabbed by powerful individuals. (Pajhwok)

(16) Former Wardak ...

Andarabi meanwhile has rejected the allegations against him and called the development a Taliban plot.

He said he never made a deal with the Taliban. "I consider this allegation a conspiracy of the enemies of the people of Afghanistan, but request you wait until the investigation is complete by the security bodies so that the outcome is clear," Andarabi said.

Several high ranking officials have in the past been accused of similar deeds but until now, no officials suspected have been prosecuted. (Tolonews)

(17) 27 ISIS ...

said, adding that 13 more were wounded, 660 kg of Ammonium Nitrate were confiscated along with 1 landmine and some other type of military equipment. The 27 ISIS loyalists were killed in Pachera Agam district of Nangarhar province and at least

6 more were wounded while 8 compounds of the terror group were destroyed, MoD said.

The statement also added that 8 Taliban insurgents were killed during a separate operation in Jani Khel district of Paktia and 8 others were killed in Faryab province.

At least 5 more were killed, 2 were wounded and 7 others were arrested in separate operations conducted in Uruzgan, Laghman, Herat, and Farah province. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the reports so far. (KP)

(18) 5 Rebels ...

commanders were killed in the attacks.

US officials said Al-Qaeda activities and selecting hideouts for the group in the region. (Pajhwok)

(19) Hillary Clinton....

this year, and the Clinton campaign has been reaching out to them and other potential Democrats aggressively, sending their high-profile surrogates Michelle Obama, Sen. Bernie Sanders and Chelsea Clinton to the state in recent weeks. (AP)

(20) Oil Prices...

settle at 48.70 U.S. dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while Brent crude for December delivery decreased 0.76 dollar to close at 49.71 dollars a barrel on the London ICE Futures Exchange. (Xinhua)

(21) French President ...

the closure of the Calais camp this week has driven its residents to the sidewalks of Paris, notably near the Stalingrad subway station.

Most migrants recently amassing around the station are part of a "new migratory current coming from Libya these last weeks and months," Hollande said.

Migrant camps routinely sprout up in Paris, are cleared out, and then sprout up again. Paris regional authorities say 19,000 migrants have been shifted to temporary housing since June 2015. (AP)

(22) European...

H. Oettinger, Commissioner responsible for Digital Economy and Society, to succeed Kristalina Georgieva in her portfolio. After the current vice-presidents, Germany's Oettinger is the first commissioner in seniority and protocol order in the Commission.

Georgieva's resignation will take effect at the latest on Dec. 31, 2016, depending on the development of the ongoing budgetary negotiations. (Xinhua)

(23) Iraqi Forces...

clear a cluster of villages around Shoura in order to impose siege on the IS militants in town, according to the source.

Also on Saturday, the paramilitary units of Hashd Shaabi in the morning launched a large-scale operation and advanced in three routes through the vast rugged land toward the town of Tal-Afar, some 70 km west of Mosul, according to a statement by the Hashd Shaabi's media office. (Xinhua)

(24) China, Japan...

a trilateral cooperation framework as well as speeding up the negotiations on a trilateral free trade deal and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). (Xinhua)

(25) EU-Canada ...

federal legislative rule. Meanwhile, the EU, a bloc with 500 million people, can only sign the deal with consent of all member states.

Wallonia's lawmakers, who previously concerned that the deal would jeopardize European farmers' interest and grant too much power to multinationals, overturned the opposition after Belgian politicians agreed to add an addendum to the deal on Thursday.

Under the addendum, the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) of the deal, which would allow enterprises to sue European governments, would be determined by the European Court

of Justice whether compatible with European treaties.

Meanwhile, CETA would be assessed regularly in regard of its social, economic and environmental impacts. (Xinhua)

(26) Ukraine Develops...

a cargo transportation corridor via Ukraine, connecting Poland with China, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Iran, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan.

Next is the organization of containerized cargo transportation from Asian countries to Hungary, Austria and northern Italy through Ukraine, the official said.

He added that the fourth project is aimed at establishing a logistic link in Ukraine between Iran, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Central Europe.

In May, Ukraine has officially joined the TITR, which connects China with Europe via Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Georgia. (Xinhua)

Yemen's Hadi Rejects UN-Proposed Peace Deal

ANKARA - Two suicide bombers blew themselves up during anti-terror operations in the Turkish capital Ankara early Saturday, said a local news agency.

The terrorists were reportedly planning a car-bomb attack in Haymana, a southern district in the city. They refused to surrender and triggered the bomb after anti-terror police told them to lay down their arms, said Dogan News Agency. The local agency did not say if casualties were involved in the bombing.

The terrorists were most likely from the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), said Erkan Topaca, a local governor at the explosion spot in Haymana, adding that the identity of the female bomber has been confirmed and the investigation remains on going. On Oct. 7, police in the city of Aksaray in the Central Anatolian region of Turkey detained a PKK militant as the suspect of the Oct. 6 motorcycle bomb attack in Istanbul, said the state-run Anadolu news agency. The attack took place near a police station in the Yenibosna neighborhood of Istanbul in the afternoon, leaving 10 civilians wounded. (Xinhua)

France, Britain Feud over Young 'Jungle' Migrants

CALAIS, France - France demanded on Friday that Britain take in hundreds of minors from war-torn countries after the British interior minister suggested that Paris should do more for them following the closure of the "Jungle" migrant camp in the northern French port city of Calais.

Bulldozers are flattening the sprawl of ramshackle huts and tents which had been home to about 6,000 refugees and migrants from Asia, the Middle East and Africa hoping to cross the English Channel and start new lives in Britain.

Most have now been bussed to other centres across France pending examination of their cases. But the plight of hundreds of minors roaming the area, nearly 1,500 of whom have signed up for temporary lodging in container-boxes in Calais, has become a point of dispute.

British Home Secretary (Interior Minister) Amber Rudd told her French counterpart Bernard Cazeneuve on Friday that his government must guarantee the protection of youngsters left in limbo after the evacuation of the "Jungle". "Any child either eligible or not in the secure area of the camp should be cared for and safeguarded by the French authorities. We understand that specialist facilities have been made available elsewhere in France to ensure this happens," Rudd's spokesman quoted her as saying.

Cazeneuve replied that Britain should "quickly execute its responsibilities to take in these minors, who hope to come to the United Kingdom. This is the best way to give them the protection they are due," he said. (Reuters)