

### (1) US Stresses ...

insurgents wanted to sort out their differences over Mullah Mansoor's appointment before returning to the negotiating table.

Sources said the military leadership told the US dignitaries that although Pakistan and the US were on the same page in connection with the Afghan reconciliation process, the Afghan Taliban were not willing to return to the negotiating table until resolution of their internal rifts.

"We remain on the same page with the US and Afghanistan on the counter-terrorism issue and the need for reconciliation in the neighbouring country. However, reconciling the Afghan antagonists will take time," the official concluded. (Pajhwok)

### (2) Haqqanis Main ...

\$300 million in military aid to Pakistan if not doing enough to combat the Haqqani network.

The latest Kabul attacks that killed more than 50 people and wounded hundreds last month came after the revelation of Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar's death.

The Taliban recently confirmed their leader had been dead for two years, a revelation that derailed nascent peace talks between the Taliban and the government in Kabul.

The Presidential Palace in Kabul in a statement on Tuesday evening said Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's National Security Advisor Sartaj Aziz's recent remarks that the structure of the Haqqani network had been dismantled on the Pakistani soil as a result of an ongoing military operation "is a repetition of decade-old assertions."

Aziz on Monday said the Haqqani network's infrastructure had been dismantled in the North Waziristan tribal region near the Afghanistan border.

He told a joint news conference with German Foreign Minister Dr Frank-Walter Steinmeier that the ongoing military action in North Waziristan was against all terrorists, including Haqqanis.

"Haqqani network is no longer present in Pakistan; they have shifted to Afghanistan after the recent military operations in the area," he said, adding the infrastructure supporting the group has been destroyed.

The improvised explosive device factories and communication facilities of the dreaded organisation had been disrupted, he said, two days after the United States also renewed its call for concrete action against the Haqqanis. The statement from the Presidential Palace said that documents and evidence showed "the leadership, administration, covert support and safe havens of the Haqqani and other terrorist networks exist on the Pakistani soil."

It said the Afghan government always provided enough documents to Pakistan proving terrorist groups operated on its soil in order Islamabad could take action against them.

The statement said the international community had recognised that terrorist groups, particularly the base of the Haqqani network, existed inside Pakistan. "The latest move by the United States to make conditional the military aid to Pakistan in view of Islamabad's action against the Haqqani network and other groups is a confirmation stamp on Afghanistan's legitimate stance."

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan once again insisted that denying these facts weakened the war against terrorism and cooperation between the two countries on the path to stability and peace in the region.

The statement said Afghanistan was committed to regional peace and stability and renewed its call on Pakistan to deliver in an honest way on the pledges it had made regarding terrorist groups and once again urged Islamabad to take serious action against the Haqqani network. (Pajhwok)

### (3) Intense Fighting...

from the district. Rahman said they had repeatedly asked the Taliban not to attack checkpoints from the village, but they did not heed.

Momin Noori, hailing from the Nasratabad neighbourhood of the district, has shifted to a friend's house elsewhere in Qarabagh. He plans sending his family to the provincial capital at an appropriate time.

He alleged the presence of many Afghan and foreign militants in the district, where they clashed daily with the security personnel. Security con-

cerns for children have forced his family from their home.

"At times, mortars landed bang in the middle of our home, killing our cattle heads. Life had become miserable for us but no one paid attention to our plight. We were left with no option but leave the area," he complained.

Shah Ghuli area inhabitant Saifullah said: "Some friends from Qarabagh are living with us due to fighting in the district. Their children are too scared to sleep properly. And even when they are asleep, they cry."

He said mortar shells had fallen inside his uncle's house in Qarabagh. The house owner and his son were wounded in the incident, which had caused other members of the family deep scars, the man continued.

Shafiq Nang, the governor's spokesman, acknowledged fierce battles between insurgents and security forces in Qarabagh. At least 15 fighters had been killed and 14 others wounded, he said.

He also confirmed the displacement of civilians from the district to Ghazni City and other areas. "Taliban are to blame for firing at security posts from civilian houses. More often than not, militant attacks also result in civilian casualties." (Pajhwok)

### (4) Govt., Donors ...

consultation and engagement with the government of Afghanistan.

In line with the UNAMA mandate, key stakeholders, including the donor community, would examine the world body's role in light of the completion of transition and the beginning of the Transformation Decade in accordance with the principles of Afghan sovereignty, national leadership and ownership.

Today's meeting of the Tripartite Review Commission was co-chaired by Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani and UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan Nicholas Haysom, the statement added.

"While promoting greater mutual accountability, the UN should continue to build a more unified structure and integrated approach to its engagement and consolidate programmes in preparation for the eventual transition and adjustment of UNAMA's presence in accordance with the principles of Afghan ownership and leadership," said Rabbani.

For his part, Haysom promised: "The United Nations will continue to work closely with the government to support its priorities and the people of Afghanistan. It is critical the UN continues to provide and advocate for continued support, assistance and attention from the international community."

The commission noted the value of the UN in Afghanistan: "Drawing on its global presence and international experience and resources and relying on its presence in the country, the UN provides focused, quality technical assistance in key areas." (Pajhwok)

### (5) Sartaj Aziz ...

especially Haqqani Network in Pakistan.

"The remarks of Mr. Aziz are same as the past remarks of Pakistani officials that they had over the past decade," President Ashraf Ghani's deputy spokesman Sayed Zafar Hashemi said, after Aziz stated the Haqqani bases were eliminated in Pakistan.

Recently, the US National security Advisor, Susan Elizabeth Rice, in her visit to Islamabad called on Pakistan to stop terrorist networks from carrying out attacks on Afghanistan from within their borders.

Meanwhile, the analysts stress the need for trilateral efforts by United States, Pakistan and Afghanistan to eradicate terrorism in the region.

This comes after Washington recently cut its \$1 billion USD aid program to Islamabad on the back of their decision that Pakistan was not working at doing enough towards counter-terrorism operation in north Waziristan in a bid to squash Haqqani.

In addition, the U.S. also blacklisted a senior member of Haqqani Network, Aziz Haqqani, and declared him as a foreign terrorist. (Tolonews)

### (6) Afghanistan...

"sincerely" fulfill its commitments by taking "meaningful" actions against the Haqqani network.

The statement was in response to assertions Monday by Pakistan's advisor on national security, Sartaj Aziz, that 90 percent of the Haqqani network's infrastructure is located

in Afghanistan and whatever was located on the Pakistani side has been uprooted or is being uprooted by the country's military forces.

FILE - Adviser to Pakistan's Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz listens to a question during a news conference with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif at the Foreign Ministry in Islamabad, April 8, 2015. (VoA)

### (7) Dadullah...

leaders, including Mullah Mansour Dadullah, had been besieged by the opponents over the past few days.

He said Mansour sent his governor for Zabul province Mullah Matullah, his provincial military chief Meer Aga, commanders Mullah Abdul Ghani, Burhani, Hanafi and Aminullah accompanied by a large number of fighters to Khak Afghan district who surrounded Mullah Dadullah.

"We don't want to fight because it would shed the blood of Muslims. They want Dadullah to pledge allegiance to Mansoor, but Dadullah rejects it and says Mansour was announced the leader in a coup."

He asked the hundreds of mullahs, who had gathered in Pakistan's Quetta to resolve differences within the Taliban, to at least mediate the Khak Afghan issue.

Around 1,000 pro-Taliban religious leaders have gathered in Quetta City since two weeks to resolve differences between Taliban leaders, but have so far been unsuccessful.

Gen. Daud Shah Wafadar, the 205th Atal Military Corps commander in southern Kandahar province, also said differences within the Taliban had intensified.

He added some regional intelligence agencies were trying to resolve disputes among the Taliban factions.

Few days ago, Taliban in a statement rejected reports about differences among their leaders in Zabul province as propaganda. (Pajhwok)

### (8) Kabul New ...

one of the initial Phase One Projects with Renewable Energy Sources. Their commitment included investment in initiation of Renewable Energy sources for the mega project," the statement said.

According to DCDA, ZasuArrow is one of Europe's fourth largest German based group of companies in producing renewable energy. ZasuArrow has so far planned, installed and operated several renewable energy power plants across the globe.

ZasuArrow as a green company has the full spectrum of renewable energy solutions from initiation to operation with the help of latest technology i.e. Solar, Wind, Hydro Power and Fossil fuel energies.

Subsequently, Dipl. Eng. Alham Omar Hotaki - Deputy and Acting CEO of Dehsabz-Barikab City Development Authority (DCDA) briefed the gathering on the Technical, Social, Environmental and Economic viabilities and feasibility of KNC project development and stated that KNC project shall be manifesting economic and social change in the country.

He added that, the City's ability to attract at least USD 8 billion investments in the initial stages of development is a conducive approach towards attracting national and international investments in the country.

Lastly, the board of management of Dehsabz-Barikab City Development Authority (DCDA) promised to conduct a feasibility study on solar and wind energy sources at Phase-I of KNC and to share the final result of the study with ZasuArrow in the near future, based on which ZasuArrow shall be submitting their final technical proposal to DCDA for further processes.

This comes as DCDA officials announced late in December last year that the construction of Kabul New City is ready to kick off, pending an approval from the Presidential Palace to start the construction work.

The officials further added that DCDA-KNC has signed five agreements with the companies to construct 55,000 residential houses, and the companies are prepared to start their work.

Kabul New City is almost two times bigger than the current city of Kabul, where 600,000 residential houses would be built which would be completed in two phases and in 15 years period. (KP)

### (9) Another 2,500 ...

Daudi areas.

However, some consumers complained the charges were high as compared to other provinces.

The construction of a power tower, extension of electricity cables to people's homes and the overall construction of the network cost \$1.2 million. The main power panels activated two years ago by the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) of New Zealand cost \$14 million, benefiting 4,000 families so far.

Bamyan Electricity Director Eng. Murtaza Sarmad told Pajhwok Afghan News 60 percent of Bamyan residents had so far benefited from the solar power project and the service would be extended to the remaining families soon.

He said families were charged 15 afghanis per kilowatt and commercial buildings 45 afghanis.

However, Mohammad Yusuf, head of Zargarani Council, said the electricity price was too high and should be reduced like in other provinces.

"It is injustice when the price of a kilowatt in Kabul is four to five afghanis while the price of the same in Bamyan is three times high," he said. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Miseries of ...

The reality is that there is no quick solution or even a solution at all. But there is a way of at least managing the problem in a more orderly fashion in the long term - if the government recognizes that asylum seeking is a symptom of a much bigger issue.

A number of them also claimed that the insecurity in Afghanistan caused them to seek asylum to European countries; 2015 was the deadliest year for Afghan civilians.

As one of thousands of young people trying to escape worsening insecurity, a lack of socio-economic opportunities and increased anxiety over Afghanistan's future, Izmaray resident of Kabul left his home and embarked on a three-year journey to London.

With having \$ 8,000 in hands, Izmaray entered along the way to Iran, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France and finally the great Britain.

At thousands of official applications, 2015 saw the highest rate of Afghans seeking asylum in the decade since the war began.

Izmaray's first steps towards Europe, along one of the world's oldest borders, between Iran and Turkey, were chased by a spectre of death.

Despite such fears, for asylum seekers trying to enter Europe, making it out of Turkey is imperative.

"Neither the European nations nor Afghanistan are dealing with issues of safety or legal obligations towards these migrants," says Heather Barr, Afghanistan researcher at Human Rights Watch.

For asylum seekers such as Izmaray or Atiq, who "always faced fighting between ethnicities" in the eastern province of Ghazni, safety and legality come to a head in the form of a set of fingerprints.

The issue of refugees is an international problem and needs proper attention from international community.

The refugees who leave their homelands in search of better life, most of the times suffer different sorts of hardships before they reach somewhere safe.

Most of them even do not reach to the destination they set for and end up in detention center, refugee camps and even death.

On most of the occasions they fall prey to the ill intentions of human smugglers, who discriminate them as much as they can.

Furthermore, they have to go through severe kind of psychological depression and strain as they go through the worst sort of experiences.

The migrants and asylum seekers are mostly from the third world countries that suffer from wars, conflicts and political and economic crisis.

Finding no guarantee of Secure life, they move towards the developed countries of the world in search of contentment and bliss but unfortunately, there are many who do not earn the fortunate end.

Though there has been remarkable decrease in this regard, million of Afghan refugees are still living their lives in neighboring countries (like Pakistan and Iran), European countries, Australia and America; while, there are thousand others who are still in different sorts of camps and detention centers around the world waiting for some sort of sympathy

and attention.

The circumstances faced by these refugees are not always welcoming and they have to bear the brunt of different sorts of reactions.

Though in some countries they are welcomed warmly, in others they are treated in a very cruel manner. Moreover they have to go through very risky journey so as to reach their destinations.

So far many people have capsized in the sea while moving from Indonesia to Australia, carrying the unfortunate victims of both social hardships and wrath of nature - the ill-fated migrants.

Afghanistan has been one of the dominant countries that have produced large number of refugees. The political and security situation in Afghanistan has always forced so many Afghans to leave their land and move to other countries to find refuge.

There are many Afghans living in the neighboring countries because of the civil wars and severe social and economic conditions in the last 20 years or so. (ATN)

### (11) Taliban's Shadow ...

the Taliban had suffered heavy losses during the recent security operations in Faryab.

It added the Taliban's shadow governor was trying to escape to the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta through Badghis, Herat and Kandahar.

Faryab Peace Committee head Maulvi Asadullah Jamali, speaking to Pajhwok Afghan News, called the arrest a huge success for the security forces.

He believed the incident represented the arrest of 50 percent of Taliban in the province. "Ayubi is a dangerous man, planning terrorist attacks and suicide bombings."

Facebook users also hailed Ayubi's detention, saying he was fleeing the area as a result of successful operations in the north led by 1st Vice-President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum. (Pajhwok)

### (12) 24 Afghan...

30-year-old driver ran away but was eventually caught and detained by the police.

This rescue operation came after 71 refugees were found dead last week in an abandoned truck in eastern Austria. (IANS)

### (13) Nimroz Customs...

revenue to hard work of customs employees, encouragement of traders to use the southwestern port for their trade activities, provision of more facilities, strict check and balance system and the use of technology.

Governor Mohammad Sami praised customs officials for their hard work and said the installation of the modern system would accelerate trade activities in the province. (Pajhwok)

### (14) 500 Displaced ...

of flour, a 20-kg bag of rice, five kilos of sugar, five litres of ghee and 10 kilos of macaroni in Jurm and Baharak districts.

"The aid is not sufficient for our families. We are confused where to go to save our families in the coming winter," remarked one of the IDPs from the Khostak area of Jurm district, Ahmadullah.

Up to 1,150 families, which left their houses over the past nine months of war in their areas, were identified by NGOs, but more than half of the IDPs were deprived of assistance, the provincial council head said.

Abdullah Naji Nazari warned: "The problems of IDPs will double in the next winter because most of the people are living in open area or in tents. If their shelter problem was not resolved, the situations will become serious." (Pajhwok)

### (15) Zabul Residents...

the end it is nothing," she said while expressing her frustrations.

When the principle of this school was asked about the future of these girls, she said: "after graduation they just go home like their 12 years went in vain." (KP)

### (16) Woman Among ...

Meanwhile, Taliban shot dead two locals, including the father of a local policeman, in the Ghul Boyan area of the district, Kakar said. Taliban commander Mullah Abdul Ahad was killed during a clash with local people and police in the area. Another commander was gunned

down in retaliatory fire from police in the Sherbeg area of the Qush Tepa district of Jawzjan province, the deputy police chief said.

Col. Abdul Hafiz Khashi added a local policeman was also injured in the gun-battle. Taliban wanted to revenge the death of their eight fighters who had been killed last week by Afghan security personnel. (Pajhwok)

### (17) Clashes...

appointment of Mullah Mansour as the group's new leader - a decision widely opposed by some members of the group.

Shindand saw a similar incident about two weeks ago that left 15 Taliban insurgents dead. (Tolonews)

### (18) 12 Rebels,

Against Afghan forces killed eight soldiers and wounded nearly a dozen others.

They said the clashes left three rebels dead and four others wounded.

Kunduz Provincial Council head Mohammad Yousuf Ayubi expressed his concern over the growing insecurity and said thousands of displaced families had arrived in Kunduz City from different areas of Khanabad district.

He said the government had done nothing so far to assist the displaced families. "If the situation persists, the problems will increase," he said. (Pajhwok)

### (19) Young Girl...

in Samangan province, a spokesman for Police Media Office in Samangan, Abdul Munir Rahimi said.

The boy named Abdulla was a resident of Aybak the capital of province. However, the officials did not provide more details about the incident. (Tolonews)

### (20) Afghan ...

base. Afghan authorities, using clothing and possessions found at the sites, identified the bodies of 10 men who had been taken into custody by U.S. forces, according to Human Rights Watch. Eight other men were also believed to have been killed in operations linked to the A-team.

At the time, the U.S. military Denied the allegations. It said several investigations had found that neither U.S. forces nor other military coalition members were responsible for the killings, but none of those probes were criminal ones. The military did open and close a separate 2013 criminal investigation into the matter.

It is not clear when the U.S. military decided to reopen the investigation, or why.

"During the case review Process, information and leads were identified that demand further investigation," Chris Grey, a spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Command in Quantico, Va., wrote in an e-mail response to questions last week. "We are fully committed to investigating the allegations until we are confident that we have exhausted all leads and pertinent information before closing the investigation." (Agencies)

### (21) Sustainable ...

global economic shocks."

"Recognizing these challenges however, the burden is on us, the parliamentarians, to foster advancement, make concerted efforts and prioritize actions to fully realize sustainable development goals," he said. "We must make extraordinary efforts to build a better world not only for us, but for our children and our children's children. We have no time to waste but must act now." (Xinhua)

### (22) Obama...

Iranian regime," Mikulski said in a statement. "I have concluded that this Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is the best option available to block Iran from having a nuclear bomb. For these reasons, I will vote in favor of this deal." (AP)

### (23) Nuclear Power...

tors underway simultaneously," said minister Al-Mazrouei.

The fourth reactor, is the last of a nuclear reactor block built for peaceful energy purposes.

Built under the direction of Korea's Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) at a total cost of 32 billion US dollars, the first reactor is to produce electricity by 2017. (Xinhua)