

**(1) Ghani, Abdullah...**

their issues is slim and they reiterated calls to Ghani and Abdullah not to remain careless about this matter.

"The Jamiat-e-Islami party of Afghanistan is mentioning the implementation of the political agreement and the fulfillment of the commitments of the government leaders. If the commitments are not implemented, we will announce our stance in this aspect," said Waqif Hakimi, spokesman for Jamiat-e-Islami Party. (Tolonews)

**(2) Russia Expresses...**

concerns comparing to our Government about the deteriorating of political system in Afghanistan, specially increasing of IS Daesh militancy, the following issue not only threatens the security and stability of Afghanistan but also the regional countries, We will push our efforts along our partners to ensure security and political and economy stability in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile officials in Ministry of Defense have confirmed the neighboring countries concerns. Ministry of Defense Deputy Spokesman Mohammad Radmanish said, "We do need the regional cooperation for combating Terrorism, we need to act together to ensure peace and stability in the country."

Experts believed that Russian cooperation for Afghanistan will be important and vital on combating terrorism.

Military expert Sarwar Niazi said, "Russia Government has been interested to cooperate Afghanistan on ensuring peace and stability, Afghan Government should immediately react about this issue and make sure that Russia not to feel unsafe, if the mutual cooperation on fighting against Terrorism doesn't take place the Russia will support the enemies of Afghanistan."

The Russia concerns come after that the regional countries have butter flies in their hearts for increasing of insecurity and IS Daesh militants in Afghanistan. (Agencies)

**(3) Saffron Production...**

laboratories, training and issuing standard licenses for improving the production of saffron and extending its irrigation areas.

MALI is committed to issue ISO licenses to nine saffron processing companies for exporting the product to foreign countries with standard quality, the source added.

The source said Afghanistan saffron was identified as best saffron in the world, therefore the ministry trying to increase its cultivation and replace it with narcotics.

The current amount of saffron product is 5.3 tons, but the amount would be increased to 14 tons in the next five years based on the MALI plan, the statement added. (Pajhwok)

**(4) Admin Reforms, ...**

program.

"In most cases, it has been seen that people are first appointed in a government post and then they are included in the CBR program and this shows that this process lacks transparency," said Maruf Qaderi, head of the union.

Meanwhile, a number of dismissed government officials said the capacity building program paved the ground for corruption.

"The CBR program has no legal place and it is a tool for taking relatives of officials to the highest positions in government," said Hassamuddin Taluqani, former legislative head of the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled.

"Anyone that is in the leadership should appoint figures based on their work capacity. This paves the ground for improving the system," said Nasrin Oryakhail, the minister of labor, social affairs, martyrs and disabled. However, the CBR program officials linked the delay in their activities with the current political situation, saying that

they have made achievements since the beginning of the program.

"There are a number of issues of taking sides in this program, but the new political commitment made by President [Ashraf Ghani] gives us the hope to overcome the problem as soon as possible," said Najibullah Wardak, head of the capacity building program. (Tolonews)

**(5) Continuation ...**

Justice process in Afghanistan party insisted that two headed system will never be the in the favor of the Government and people.

"Any Tensions between the two leaders is in the favor of our enemies, there is no integration, the ongoing tensions indicate that huge part of the responsibility for the Government of Afghanistan has yet to be felt, this will further provoke more concerns of the Nation Head of the Justice process in Afghanistan party Hameeda Wardak said,"

Experts believed that any decisions are made by the National Unity Government leaders will directly impact over the life of every single resident in Afghanistan. (Agencies)

**(6) Center Criticized ...**

started its work last month; however, a number of analysts said they believe the center has not taken any steps towards assessing big corruption cases.

"Different organizations were established for the purpose of fighting endemic corruption, but at the end of the day, that body was changed into a corrupt institution," said Asif Baktash, a political commentator.

The Attorney General's Office would not comment on the matter.

Meanwhile, other political commentators said the reason behind the delay in assessing big corruption cases was because of unwanted influences.

"The anti-corruption judicial center will not resume its activities as long as there are powerful figures or those related to government officials. All of them will be appointed as ambassadors or in other posts in foreign countries and then the center will start its work on poor people and it will assess weak corruption cases," said Tahir Hashemi, a political analyst. Afghanistan will attend the Brussels Summit in October. The serious fight against corruption is one of the main commitments by the Afghan government to the international community - which it has to report back on at the summit. (Tolonews)

**(7) Islam Karimov ...**

asked people to pray for his health.

Earlier on Friday, the government said on its website that the situation of Karimov had worsened and he was in a critical condition. (Xinhua)

**(8) NUG Slammed ...**

government has not fulfilled its promises to the people and that it has not implemented the articles of the accord.

The NUG leaders vowed at their inauguration ceremony that they would stamp out corruption and that they had serious plans to maintain security.

They also said to the people that they would provide job opportunities and would create a number of commissions in various fields to conduct affairs in a fair manner.

Mohammad Amin Farhang, a political analyst said: "There is a proverb that says if you do not want to get results from work, then form a commission. The NUG also created the anti-corruption high council and still its functions are not known. They promised to bring peace, but you hear the head of the peace council also resigned. As the NUG goes forward, the tensions between the leaders and political parties got serious which caused the international community to distrust the government." Hadi Miran, a political analyst said: "We have not seen the NUG sentencing any corrupt

person. The NUG needs to have strong motivation to fight corruption."

Furthermore, in the past two-years of the NUG, the electoral reforms process also faced numerous problems. Members of parliament rejected the president's decree for electoral reforms twice and said that the NUG wants to put the blame on parliament.

"Unfortunately over the past two-years the NUG has not taken any practical steps toward bringing electoral reforms. We were concerned and voiced this, but until now nothing happened," said Mohammad Naeem Ayoubzada, head of Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan (TEFA).

Mohammad Asif Sediqi, a senator said: "It is necessary that parliament members who are against the electoral reforms process support it. And that government also has to implement whatever promises it made to the people."

The NUG leaders accept that the commitments have not been implemented, but insist they will fulfill the promises.

Javid Faisal, spokesman for the CEO said: "We have done important activities in the past two years, but still lots of work remains. We are motivated to implement the promises and to get the international community's trust."

Despite all this, the NUG has not taken any steps to hold a Loya Jirga to amend the constitution. As the NUG approaches its second anniversary, some opposition groups have said that if government does not fulfill its promises to the people, they will offer an alternative instead of NUG. (Tolonews)

**(9) Fall of Hesarak...**

for ensuring security on the road and said, "There is need for the establishment of six joint check-posts with security officials in Sarobi district with each post having 20 security-men," he suggested.

Abdul Khaliq asked the government to take steps for reopening of the road and said it would positively affect security situation in Nangarhar's Hesarak, Logar's Azra and Kabul's Sarobi districts.

The situation was fragile in the district and no government official could perform his duty there, he said, adding support of the local was mandatory to improve the law and order situation.

Meanwhile, Attaullah Khogyani, the Nangarhar governor's spokesman, confirmed security situation in Hesarak was unstable and said there were reports about clashes and gun battles.

The spokesman did not go into the details of ongoing situation, but said security forces were committed to launch a clearing operation against rebels in Hesarak.

Mohammad Naeem, a tribal elder and civil society activist, said roads leading to the district were blocked and people were running out of food. He warned of looming humanitarian crisis if immediate steps were not taken for the reopening of the road connecting Hesarak with Nangarhar and Kabul.

However, Khogyani said two vehicles loaded with food stuff and necessary commodities had reached the district last week and the problem regarding food shortage has been resolved. Over the past two weeks fighting was ongoing and forces were unable to drive away militants from the district and secure government buildings and machinery. (Pajhwok)

**(10) More Policemen ...**

prevailing law and order situation in Ghazni, the MoI should have increased the number of police despite cut off," he believed.

According to Khailullah, the situation was terrible and fighting was ongoing in parts of the province with low number of force.

Lal Mohammad, a resident of Paindi area of Andar district,

said: "I have been serving with Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces from the past one year, we have captured many areas from Taliban, but the number of ALP force are limited and we cannot extend our presence." Provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel acknowledged lack of number of police force.

"Police have been shifted from one place to another due to the lack of personnel. There is no other way but to manage situation technically," he said. He said he shared the issue several times with the MoI, but there was no satisfactory response.

The MoI had to resolve the problems, or the security situation would get even more worse in a number of areas, he warned.

Earlier, Amerkhel offered resignation and dispatched resignation letter to MoI. According to him he was forced to resign because of the injustice in the MoI.

MoI has yet to accept his resignation. (Pajhwok)

**(11) Daesh Militants...**

Hamidullah a resident. After Daesh militants suffered heavy casualties in Afghan air strikes in Nangarhar the group now appears to have started activities in Kunar and Nuristan provinces. (Tolonews)

**(12) Taliban's Chief...**

group has not commentd regaring the report so far.

Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the other insurgent groups frequently use Improvised Explosive Device (IED) as the weapon of their choice to target the security forces but the ordinary civilians are often targeted in such attacks.

This comes as the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan released the latest civilian casualties report late last month which stated at least 3726 civilians were killed or wounded between January and June of this year.

The UN mission said the civilian casualties in the country has reached to a record number since counting began in 2009, with 5,166 civilians recorded killed or maimed in just the first six months of this year, of whom almost one-third were children. The total civilian casualty figure recorded by the UN between 1 January 2009 and 30 June 2016 has risen to 63,934, including 22,941 deaths and 40,993 injured.

According to the UN mission, the anti-government elements remain responsible for 60 percent of the civilian casualties with ground engagements continuing to cause the highest number of civilian casualties, followed by complex and suicide attacks and improved explosive devices (IEDs). (KP)

**(13) Balkh Student...**

I will make those machines." Demonstrating his water sprinkler vehicle, which he made from wood, he said he can make modern machines but cannot afford the material.

His teachers have said Zainullah is a talented young student despite being only 13 years old. Naiem, his teacher said: "He picks up the lessons quickly. One day he came to me and said I can make some devices if someone provides the necessary tools."

Sayed Hadi, another teacher said: "We urge government and rich people to support talented students such as Zainullah so as to help them serve the country in the future." Zainullah thanked his parents for sending him to school and allowing him the freedom to build such projects. (Tolonews)

**(14) Afghan Held...**

to questions about the source of the money, was taken into custody, said GovindGarg, deputy commissioner of customs.

Under relevant rules, a foreign national coming to India has to declare on arrival if he/she has more than 5,000\$. The passenger was arrested under Section 104

of the Customs Act. (Pajhwok)

**(15) ILA Honours...**

transform lives through literacy, so we are thrilled to welcome him to our growing list of 30 Under 30 honorees," said Marcie Craig Post, executive director ILA.

"Today, there are still 781 million people around the world who can't read or write, 126 million of whom are youth. This list highlights the next class of leaders who are taking steps to advance literacy..."

Formerly known as the International Reading Association, ILA believes in the transformative power of literacy to create more successful societies, healthy communities and prosperous economies. (Pajhwok)

**(16) Taliban Confirm...**

wounded.

The majority of the victims of the incident were ordinary civilians, according to the Afghan officials. In the meantime, the group released the latest video of the American and Canadian hostages in a bid to force the Afghan government prevent imposing death sentence on Anas.

Haqqani network was formed in the late 1970s by Jalaluddin Haqqani. The group is allied with al-Qaida and the Afghan Taliban and cooperates with other terrorist organizations in the region.

The US Department of State designated the HQN as a Foreign Terrorist Organization on September 2012. (KP)

**(17) Hillary Clinton ...**

use their judgement when emailing her and could not recall anyone raising concerns with her regarding the sensitivity of the information she received at her email address," said the summary. (Xinhua)

**(18) UNEP Lauds...**

emissions, in order to come into effect.

Experts said both countries joining the Paris Agreement could help bring the accord into affect by the end of the year. (Xinhua)

**(19) Putin Hopes...**

building houses display aquariums with a total capacity of 10,000 cubic meters, themed installations, a -70meter-long underwater tunnel with a moving track, a dolphinarium, and a dolphin therapy department. (Xinhua)

**(20) Trump's Tough...**

in the United States, two members of Trump's Hispanic Advisory Council announced their resignation following the nominee's Wednesday speech. (Xinhua)

**Chinese Banking Sector Reports Healthy Green Credit Growth**

BEIJING - The Chinese banking sector reported growing credit into the green sector and a lower bad loan rate amid surging green financing demand, according to the country's banking regulator. The outstanding green credit of 21 major banks stood at 7.26 trillion yuan (1.09 trillion U.S.dollars) by the end of June, accounting for about nine percent of total loans, according to the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC).

Outstanding loans for new energy, new energy vehicles and other strategic emerging sectors reached 1.69 trillion yuan while those for energy conservation and environment protection projects and services totalled 5.57 trillion yuan, which might save 187 million tonnes of standard coal, according to Ye Yanfei, a senior researcher with CBRC.

All the outstanding green credit was offered according to commercial standards without any government subsidies, Ye added.

Meanwhile, the bad loan rate for green credit stood at 0.41 percent by the end of June, about 1.35 percentage points lower than that of other loans during the same period. (Xinhua)

**Hamilton Takes Italian Grand Prix Pole Position**

ROME - Lewis Hamilton secured pole position for the Italian Grand Prix with a fastest lap for Mercedes on Saturday's qualifying at the Monza circuit.

The British defending world champion dominated all three sessions in qualifying to post a best time of 1 minute 21.135 seconds for the 56th pole position of his career. His teammate and title rival Nico Rosberg was second 0.478 seconds adrift. Sebastian Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen will line up their Ferraris on the second row of the grid. (Xinhua)

**Iraq's Shiite Cleric Calls for Strike against Corruption**

BAGHDAD - The Iraqi Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr called Friday for a two-day strike of government employees, along with a hunger strike, in protest against wide corruption and reluctant reform plan by Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. In a statement issued by his office, Sadr urged Iraqi people, in particular his followers and government employees except security forces, to strike on next Sunday and Monday.

Sadr said that those employees, who will go on strike, must stay in front of their government offices, and only to work on emergency cases from outside the buildings of their offices, the statement said. Sadr also called on all Iraqi people to go on hunger strike inside Sunni and Shiite mosques, churches and other houses of worship, as well as in cultural and social institutions, starting from Sept. 9, after the weekly Friday noon prayer, until the morning of Sept. 11, according to the statement. Last year Abadi launched several package of reforms after massive demonstrations in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad and several other south cities to protest against slack public services, power shortage and massive corruption. (Xinhua)

**Turkmenistan, Qatar Mull Cooperation Prospects**

ASHGABAT - Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov discussed the topical issues of bilateral cooperation at a meeting with Qatar's Foreign Minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, the Turkmen government said.

Stressing the broad prospects for the development of trade and economic relations, the sides called for intensifying fruitful partnership in various fields.

The oil and gas sector was stressed as one of the key vectors of interstate relations.

The two countries, which are among the leading exporters of natural gas, attach particular importance to the diversification of cooperation in this strategic direction. Investments, trade, high technologies and construction are among the promising areas of the Turkmenistan-Qatar cooperation. (Trend)

**Xi Says China Opposes U.S. THAAD Deployment in ROK**

HANGZHOU - President Xi Jinping said China opposes the deployment of a U.S. missile shield in the Republic of Korea, asking the United States to respect China's strategic security interests.

Xi made the remarks Saturday when meeting with his U.S. counterpart Barack Obama in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou on the eve of a G20 summit.

Xi said China has been sticking to denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula, safeguarding peace and stability of the peninsula, and solving relevant issues through dialogue and consultation.

He urged all parties to refrain from any act that could escalate regional tension and collectively make positive efforts to put the situation back on the right track.

China opposes the deployment of the anti-missile system of Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) by the United States in the Republic of Korea, Xi said. (Xinhua)