

(1) Massoud ...

the National Unity Government leaders.

"[Some] cabinet members get excited when they see a problem occurs. They say that the president [Ashraf Ghani] did not consult with us and now he is faced with this problem. This is not true," he said.

A number of cultural activists and foreign officials also attended at the event. (ToloneWS)

(2) Ghani's ...

"The leaders (Ghani and Abdullah) now need to reawaken and tell the people that we couldn't (succeed) and step down and provide the people with a clear path," said Nabil.

He said that Monday's suicide attack in Shahr-e-Naw in Kabul was planned to target his office.

"Haqqani and the Taliban sent me a message only one hour before the attack (on Monday night) that now it is your turn. But still I want to repeat my words about the execution of Anas Haqqani and other Taliban and they must be executed, I do not backpedal from my stance," said Nabil.

Nabil accused Taliban's brutal offshoot, the Haqqani terrorist network of plotting Monday night's attack, asking the Afghan government to finalize the execution of the terrorists who have been sentenced to death.

"The president has conducted a series of consultations and discussions with the security officials to improve the security climate and about the general situations of the country," said deputy presidential spokesman Shahhussain Murtazawi.

"Leaders of national unity government have been working only to pursue their personal and party interests and to weaken each other, they have posed serious harm to national unity," said Nabil.

He said that the country is passing through a critical stage and called on the Afghan political elite to find a way out of the ongoing crisis.

There are some reports that the Haqqani network has placed Nabil on its blacklist after Nabil made several calls for the execution of Anas Haqqani.

Anas Haqqani is the brother of the network's reclusive leader Sirajuddin Haqqani. (ToloneWS)

(3) Kabul Locked ...

42 people were rescued, including 10 foreigners, from houses in the immediate vicinity of the NGO's building.

The attacks on the nation's capital city brought routine life to a stop and most roads into the city center were sealed off by security forces to avoid possible threats against the people.

"It is very unfortunate that such attacks are being carried out even in the capital city of the country and it is not the first time such attacks happen," a resident of Kabul Sayed Shams told TOLoneWS.

"This indicates the weakness of our government toward the people and the citizens of Afghanistan," said another resident Suhaila. (ToloneWS)

(4) Public Support...

and their personalities.

He said the country faced immense problems and challenges and only sincerity, clear direction and strong commitment could steer the country out of problems.

Ahmad Zia Massoud, president's special envoy for reforms and development, said Ahmad Shah Massoud was an independent personality who never wanted to be silent by the enemy.

He said Massoud had the vision for development and wanted to work for Afghanistan's prosperity. (Pajhwok)

(5) US, Pakistan...

the Ministry of Defense in Kabul.

"We offer our deepest condolences to those affected by the attacks and their families," said U.S. Ambassador P. Michael McKinley.

"These horrendous attacks reinforce the callous disregard the Taliban have for the innocent men, women, and children of Afghanistan.

We mourn the loss of all these innocent lives, and those of our steadfast partners in the Afghan security forces. These brave men and women work tirelessly to usher in a new era of peace in Afghanistan. We will stand strong with them and all our friends in Afghanistan as

they strive to improve citizen safety and security and secure lasting peace in this nation," said the envoy in a statement from the US embassy. Meanwhile, Pakistan also condemns the twin terrorist attacks, regretting the loss of precious human lives and injuries to scores of people.

"We extend our profound condolences to the government and the people of Afghanistan and the families of those who lost their loved ones in this brutal terrorist attack. We also pray for the speedy recovery of the wounded. (Pajhwok)

(6) Mol Says ...

thought to have been a car bomb, at 11pm on Monday night.

Sporadic gunfire has been heard throughout the night.

Reports indicate that most roads into the city center are closed off to the public.

Buildings in the surrounding area have reportedly suffered heavy damages.

This explosion rocked the city just after 11pm - which was the third such explosion in the capital Monday.

At about 2.30pm on Monday afternoon twin explosions outside the Ministry of Defense killed over 30 people and wounded dozens more.

In this incident, the first blast took place at the gate of the ministry followed by a suicide bomber who targeted the first responders to the scene of the initial explosion.

A number of high ranking police and military officials were killed including the police chief for PD2 and his deputy. (ToloneWS)

(7) Allen Recommends...

people. "This has impounded a deep sense of insecurity and fear in everyday life," she said.

"We are at a moment of interesting and challenging situation in Afghanistan," Falbab-Brown said ruing that electoral reforms have struck to an end. "There are various views that the current government must come to an end."

Bruce Riedel, a former CIA official, now with the Brookings Institute, said though Al-Qaeda was not destroyed, but its capabilities significantly diminished.

"Our capability in Afghanistan has been largely defensive in the last 15 years," he said, adding continued safe havens in Pakistan made the things difficult.

He said the next US president should consider striking inside Pakistan like the one against Mullah Mansoor and against other terrorist groups inside Pakistan. "We should try to disrupt and dismantle the terrorist safe havens and networks and their capabilities inside Pakistan."

Riedel said Pakistan today had a thriving free press, not necessarily a responsible free press. "We have also seen a transition from one democratic government to other democratic government. This is a milestone," he said. (Pajhwok)

(8) Joint Afghan-Iran ...

sanitary, washers, chicken products, urban services, banking and minerals.

Akbar Torkan, Iranian president's special advisor who was present at the exhibition, said Afghanistan had enormous mineral and water resources.

He said Afghanistan should also be converted into an industrial country and Iran would help in this regard. Torkan asked Iranian investors to invest in Afghanistan and help the country develop its industry.

Afghanistan Economy Minister Abdul Sattar Murad said that trade relations between Iran and Afghanistan were improving with each passing day and Afghanistan was a good market for Iranian products.

"We need Iran's cooperation in commerce and economic development because we share the same religion, language and culture," he added.

He said the Afghan government had devised new procedures and policy to support investment in Afghanistan. He invited Iranian traders to invest in his country.

The exhibition at Oranos Saloon on the Maiwand road would continue for three days. (Pajhwok)

(9) Int'l Community...

praises Afghan forces' efforts but stresses on government leaders' tensions that should be solved.

"We condemned the recent terrorist attacks that had a sharp rise. We seriously support our Afghan forces," said Hasibullah Kalimzay, second deputy speaker of senate.

The Taliban victory in some districts of Afghanistan provinces and their significant territorial gains this year have shocked many in Afghanistan. Known as the "graveyard of empires," Afghanistan has a reputation for humiliating would-be conquerors. Both the Soviets, in the 1980s, and the British, during the 19th century, were forced to beat bloody retreats from Afghanistan, deprived of what looked, on paper, to be easy victories. (Monitoring desk)

(10) Abdullah...

support of terrorist activities in our country".

"Afghan government will have clear words with those financing and promoting the killing of Afghans under the name of Talib, Haqqani and Daesh," he said.

He went on to say that the Afghan government will hold the perpetrators accountable - and that Afghan lives matter.

Warning insurgent groups, Abdullah said: "Terrorists and those that choose to support and harbor terrorist organizations should note the resilience of our people."

"Afghans will continue to persevere. We will bring those responsible to justice." (ToloneWS)

(11) Poor Leadership ...

intelligence and air firepower. This is while the coalition forces have been drawing down from Afghanistan, and Afghan forces have been shouldering the burden of the war against the insurgency alone.

The government of Afghanistan has recently stepped up efforts to get warplanes for the Afghan air force to boost the campaign against the Taliban. (Monitoring desk)

(12) Iran, Afghanistan ...

venture for the use of the country's mines. The Afghan official said that Afghanistan will have access to the Indian market through Chabahar Port.

Afghanistan attaches great importance to development of Chabahar Port, he pointed out. Rasa called for the use of the two countries' potential to boost bilateral cooperation.

Afghanistan is keen on developing cooperation with Iran in industry and transit activities, the Afghan minister said. Rasa also called for launching production lines in his country for manufacturing Iranian goods that could be exported to countries in the region. (Agencies)

(13) Guesthouse ...

area. The fire exchange ended at 10am, with all the fighters killed. One civilian was also killed and six others were wounded during the incident. The guesthouse building was rocked by two big explosions. The overnight blast shattered windowpanes of nearby houses and buildings. A second blast was heard this morning. No group has so far claimed responsibility.

The attack on the guesthouse took place hours after twin suicide bombings killed 24 people and injured 91 others in the high-security capital. (Pajhwok)

(14) Pakistan Made...

and continued to make to bring peace in Afghanistan through an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process.

He also emphasized that the world's powerful countries should influence the sitting Afghan government to initiate a consolidated and well planned reconciliation process.

Only a political solution is in everyone's interest, Pakistan could act as a facilitator, he added. To ensure sustainable peace in the region, Janjua also urged United Kingdom to play a decisive role in resolving Kashmir issue. (APP)

(15) 70,000 Registered...

slightly rose due to the increase in cash grant from \$200 to \$400 per person. UNHCR's mandate in Pakistan only covers registered Afghan refugees with valid Proof of Registration (PoR) cards. (Pajhwok)

(16) Janikhel District...

forces had reached the district centre. "We request the government to help residents because they are the worst-affected and their houses torched."

However, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed Janikhel district was still under their control.

Two weeks earlier, the militants took control of the town. (Pajhwok)

(17) Afghanistan...

searched and found it six hours later. But it was too late and our patient had lost his life," he said.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News after the incident he thought of building an oxygen-producing facility. "I was finally able to open it in Kabul in 2004," the man remarked

Haideri did not provide more information about his laboratory, whose administrative manager, Abdul Hadi, said they had opened branches in Herat, Nangarhar and Balkh provinces.

He added the factory currently produced more than 400 balloons of oxygen with each of them contained 20 to 45 liters of the matter. The oxygen produced in the factories is distributed to government and a number of private hospitals.

Maihan Dost Oxygen Producing Company meets 70 percent requirements of the government hospitals, Hadi added, saying the rest of 30 percent of need for the oxygen was produced by other internal factories.

Dr. Wahid Majrooh, spokesman for the Ministry of Public Health, said Afghanistan had achieved autarky in oxygen. The production of quality oxygen inside the country and its cheap prices in the private sector had caused Afghanistan to stop imports, he said.

"Oxygen is a vital need for any human and any patient referred to the emergency section of a hospital is in need of oxygen, whose availability can help reduce the mortality rate," he added.

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, currently 28 oxygen factories are active in Kabul, Balkh, Herat, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Maidan Wardak provinces. Afghanistan Industrialists Association (AIA) deputy head, Nasir Ahmad Insaif, said the quality of oxygen produced in Afghanistan was becoming better with each passing day.

Afghanistan is self-sufficient in non-alcoholic beverages, juices, mineral water, plastic pipes, disposable dishes, printing houses, chickens, plastic shoes, melting metals, packages, marbles, leather footwear, decorative paints, clothing, salt, dairies, furniture and sweets.

However, some of the products are imported despite the fact they are produced in Afghanistan. Traders have repeatedly asked the government to provide insurtriescheaper electricity, long-term loans to industrialists and force state departments to use domestic products.

Maihan Dost Oxygen-Producing Company officials complained about increased power bills and industrialists' problems. The Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) jacked up power tariff by 25 percent this year.

DABS spokesman, Wahidullah Tawhidi, said power bills would remain the same until the Afghan currency's value increased. The 25 percent tariff hike would be withdrawn when the domestic currency grew in value, he explained. (Pajhwok)

(18) Pakistani ...

grant their Afghan spouses Pakistani nationality.

One of the protestors told journalists: "We are reluctant to go to Afghanistan after receiving threats from individuals living in the neighbouring country. Our husbands have been deported to their homeland." The women belong to Corporation Colony, Madina Colony, Dalazqa Road, Charsadda Road, Patang Chowk, Ghareebabad and other areas. They carried placards inscribed with appeals for bringing their husband back to Pakistan.

With a child in her lap, one woman said: "I have never been to Kabul. How can I live there? My husband, who was born in Pakistan, has been repatriated to Afghanistan. He worked as a driver here, but he has no job there."

Shamim Bibi, another Pakistani woman who married an Afghan refugee, deplored her family had been split. "They have sent my husband to Afghanistan along with my sons."

"They [Afghan men] have taken our children with them," Shamim Bibi said. "Afghan husbands of some of the women are behind bars and so far no one has come for their defence, even the Afghanistan government is not listening to their problem."

Afghanistan had been ruined by decades of conflict, said another protester named Shazia. Her children were born in Peshawar and have not even seen Afghanistan. Her children were studying in schools in Peshawar. (Pajhwok)

(19) 80 Rebels...

ongoing since Sunday night and many Taliban had suffered casualties so far.

He said a large number of insurgents had arrived in the district and last night's airstrikes forced some families to leave their homes. So far four civilians had been injured, he said.

Taliban's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the conflict in Giro but said so far the warring sides had not entered a direct engagement. He said a local police commander was killed and three Taliban fighters were wounded during last night clashes.

Mujahid said the rebels had planted landmines on all roads leading to the district, bringing to a halt all kinds of movement on the roads.

Clashes between security forces and insurgents have recently increased in Giro, Andar and some other districts of Ghazni. (Pajhwok)

(20) Gardez Gets ...

100 students could study in the seminary and had the facility of a dormitory as well.

Gardezi asked the businessmen to contribute to the construction of educational institutes and other welfare projects in the country. (Pajhwok)

(21) Taliban's Multiprnged.

with the intention to capture it, but they were pushed back.

He said currently the clashes were underway in Muher Abad, Kakrak, Dewjoz and Garam-Ab localities of the city.

So far three policemen had been killed and a dozen more injured while 62 militants also suffered casualties, he said.

Sayed Rahman, a resident of Tirkinkot, said the clashes continued throughout the night and they could not sleep. (Pajhwok)

(22) Mother Dies ...

Services (PPS) deputy; Mohammad Sadiq and Abdul Raziq ministry of defense generals; Ahmad Shoaib a police commander from PD2; Sharif Faize logistics and oil officer at the ministry of defense and Mawolan Sadiq deputy city directorate of security in Kabul.

According to social media reports, Faize was had been due to attend his sister's wedding the night of the attack.

Officials have confirmed that more than 30 people were killed in two separate explosions outside the Ministry of Defense in Kabul on Monday afternoon.

The first explosion took place shortly after 2.30pm and was followed by a second explosion which appeared to have targeted the first responders to the scene.

Ministry of Interior spokesman Sediq Sediqi confirmed that more than 30 people were killed and over 90 injured.

According to security officials the first bomb was detonated remotely while the second had been a suicide bomber. Officials also said the suicide bomber had been wearing an ANA uniform. Meanwhile President Ashraf condemned the incident and said that Afghanistan's enemies have once again shown that they are against progress in the country.

Ghani also extended his condolences to the families of the victims and wished all those wounded a speedy recovery. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. (ToloneWS)

(23) Taliban ...

also going on towards Kabul. If they (government officials) cannot secure the people, then they must step down," said Nadira Nahrinwal, a civil society activist. Reports from the volatile region indicate that hardliners associated with the Taliban have been disrupting life for people in the town of Kela Gali in Doshi district - where at least one civilian was killed amid the recent spate of violent acts by the Taliban. "We were working as daily laborers here. Now, neither the Taliban nor government let us work, Taliban shoot from one side and the government from the other," said a resident of Kela Gai, Sher Ahmad.

Amid widespread clashes by the Taliban, some motorists and passengers from Baghlan have asked government to take steps to improve the

security.

"People are faced with enormous problems. The government is really weak at addressing the issue, we call on officials to take steps and re-open the highway so that the Taliban can no longer pose threats to the people," said Abdullah, a Baghlan resident.

Meanwhile, Baghlan provincial council officials have asked the local administration and security forces to stop motorists from using the highways while clashes are underway.

The provincial council warned that the Taliban has managed to advance close to the provincial capital of Pule-Khumri. It called on government in Kabul to break its silence and improve security.

The new development takes place just a few months after the headline movement made a fresh attempt to gain swathes of territory across Afghanistan's northern regions. (ToloneWS)

(24) Heratis Claim...

Turkmenistan declined during the past one month, resulting in increased gas price.

Abdul Wakeel Alami, Herat's petroleum and gas director, confirmed the gas price sharply increased after the number of gas tankers from Turkmenistan reduced to 20 from 100.

Gulam Jilani, the governor's spokesman, also confirmed the hike in gas price and said a committee had been created to evaluate the issue.

"Based on complaints received, a committee comprising officials from different organizations has been tasked with controlling the gas price and preventing the increase in price."

Mohammad Younus Qazizada, Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) head for Herat, linked the increase in gas price to the cut in imports from Turkmenistan during the past two weeks. (Pajhwok)

(25) Experts Laud...

rhythm and durability of the new climate regime will be enhanced as a result of it," the expert said, adding: "The G20 outcome strengthens China's climate leadership."

On Dec. 12, 2015, after hard and lengthy bargaining, climate negotiators of 196 parties to the UN conference on climate change in Paris sealed the climate change pact, aiming to reverse the trend of temperature rises mainly caused by carbon emissions. (Xinhua)

(26) G20 Summit...

judicial assistance and more flexible legal measures could be used to recover stolen money. "Compared with that declaration, these principles will have more extensive influence," said Cai Wei, joint head of the G20 anti-corruption working group. (Xinhua)

(27) U.S. Plans...

may have gone elsewhere to defend Islamic State territory. The Pentagon said it didn't fire on the convoy for fear of hitting civilians.

Military planners said they will design surveillance and other intelligence to determine when militants will quit fighting and attempt to escape. That might allow U.S. aircraft to strike militants before they can grab civilians. (USA Today)

(28) Fresh Combat...

ceasefire was established. A senior commander of independence-seeking insurgents Eduard Basurin said that the situation in the conflict area "remains relatively calm," accusing the Ukrainian army of violating the truce 49 times in the last 24 hours. (Xinhua)

(29) Deadly Bombings...

as authorities and rebels in al-Waer were working to establish reconciliation that might lead to an end to insurgency in the neighborhood, the last rebel-held district inside the city of Homs. (Xinhua)

(30) Tajikistan Investigates.

promised to "congratulate" them on the 25th anniversary of independence celebrated on Sept. 9, the sources said. Security services were investigating the matter. (Reuters)

(31) Turkmenistan Discus...

regional countries are huge," the message said. "But taking into account the great multifaceted reserves, it is possible to say that there are all opportunities to significantly increase the economic cooperation and bring it to a qualitatively new level." (Trend)