

(1) Ghani and Erdogan ...

Turkey's president also expressed his country's readiness to help improve relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan and said his country supports the Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process.

Ghani in turn thanked Erdogan and Turkey for its cooperation with Afghanistan, especially with the peace process but emphasized the need for continued good relations, read the statement.

Ghani also touched on the new US strategy on Afghanistan with Erdogan and said the strategy is a comprehensive strategy and is quite clear. Ghani said the regional countries should use the opportunity that the new US strategy has provided, the statement read.

According to the statement, Ghani said Afghanistan wants to have good relations with its neighbors and that the country is ready to hold talks with Pakistan. Ghani said there was a need for a change in the current situation and said regional countries must work towards peace and stability.

Commenting on terrorism, Ghani said the phenomenon was a dangerous threat to the region and the world and said all the countries must work together to overcome extremism, read the statement.

Ghani left Kabul on Saturday afternoon for Astana to participate at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) first ever science and technology summit.

At last year's OIC summit in Istanbul, Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev offered to host the science and technology summit.

The first summit on science and technology was aimed at reducing scientific and technological gaps between Muslim countries and developed countries and also to promote the principles of cooperation and solidarity among the OIC members. The summit is titled 'Science, Technology, Innovation and Modernization of the Islamic World' and Islamic-country leaders will also discuss their long-term economic and political interests.

Nearly 20 presidents and heads of OIC states, along with members and observers, and a number of international and regional organizations are participating at the summit. (Tolnews)

(2) UK Chevening ..

"This year, we are also offering places at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS), which is an academic research fellowship aimed at encouraging an understanding of the culture and civilization of Islam and contemporary Muslim societies." (Pajhwok)

(3) MPs Question ...

order to make price comparisons," said university lecturer Sayed Masoud.

"We have always stated that if the elections are delayed, at least they should be convened once the electoral reform process is completed to make sure that the elections are held transparently and fairly; but we are taking a big decision within two or three days," said Sugra Sadat, spokesman for the Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan (TEFA).

But the IEC secretariat chief Imam Mohammad Warimach has come out in defense against their move and said: "It is in our interests to convene the elections according to the timeline, this is the main benefit."

Sources within the IEC meanwhile said if Prologix fails to meet the criteria, it will not be awarded the contract. Should this happen the contract will be put out for public tender.

But the question remains as to why the IEC and NPA took such a hasty decision in terms of calling for quotes for the equipment.

"It is a major concern to the people of Afghanistan and the lawmakers," said MP Kiramuddin Rezazada.

"This must be investigated and this must be tackled seriously," said MP Safiullah Hashimi.

According to election monitoring groups, up to now systematic reforms have not been put in place in the electoral commissions and the capacity within the election management bodies is not adequate in terms of ensuring transparent elections.

Experts say that government delayed holding parliamentary elections for two years, but now it is making sym-

bolic and hasty decisions. (Tolnews)

(4) 220kv Transmission ...

Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, and local residents.

The completion of the transmission line in Maidan Wardak province has been completed amid persistent tense situation in the province with the rampant Taliban-led insurgency. The provincial police commandment said the anti-government armed militants did their best to sabotage the work of the project but the security forces remained firm to ensure security so that the project completes on time.

According to the officials, it is expected that the transmission line will further connect with the other provinces and will eventually pave the way for the export of electricity from Turkmenistan to Pakistan besides providing electricity to the Afghan provinces. (KP)

(5) China Provides...

implementation, but some people propagate about the security situation here, he added.

"National Directorate of Security (NDS) should identify and arrest those figures who want to disrupt Badakhshan security and take them to justice," Bigzad said.

Ghulam Rabani, information technology director of Badakhshan, said, "The Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) has previously signed an agreement with China on telecommunications, Badakhshan would be connected with fiber optic network through Wakhan border with China under the same agreement."

He said that Badakhshan was connected with Kabul through Kunduz and Takhar province and the network from China would be also extended to the capital.

Six of districts of the province are located on the way of the fiber optic line that would get benefit of cheap internet services, he added. (Pajhwok)

(6) Senators Call ...

people and government is reluctant to step in.

"Up to now more than 125 people have been martyred in one district by the illegal armed groups or drug smugglers, I want to ask how long will the suffering of our nation continue; if government does not take our problem seriously, then we should go and join our people to do something for them," said senator Afzal Shamil.

Government has in the past assigned a task team to probe the situation in the volatile region, but senators said this did nothing to resolve the situation.

Meanwhile, senate chairman Fazel Hadi Muslimyar said he will raise the issue with the president.

"I will raise the issue with the president when he returns from his trip (to Kazakhstan) and ask him to find out the main reason of this issue - whether it is a party issue or a discriminatory issue," said senate chief Fazel Hadi Muslimyar. (Tolnews)

(7) Kabul Seeks ...

"China is willing to invest in Afghanistan and government should not lose this opportunity; government should work on programs which can attract the private sectors investment," said Tawfiq Dawari, deputy chief of ACCI.

This comes a week after the Chinese ambassador to Afghanistan visited some border districts of northern Badakhshan province where he pledged to start a number of key projects in the region.

The CAREC Institute provides knowledge and relevant training to all CAREC partners in support of effective regional cooperation and coordination, and promotes access to and application of international best practices in all CAREC initiatives. (Tolnews)

(8) ARG Urged to Pave ...

vice president; we the senators are very weak compared to him (Dostum), because he is the first vice president; how can we defend his right; he (Dostum) should defend our rights," said senate chief Fazel Hadi Muslimyar.

There is no official restriction in the way of Dostum returning, said the aide, adding that there are however elements plotting against him and that government needs to put a stop to these plots and ensure Dostum's

safe return.

"It is very confusing for the people, the first vice president is in Turkey and cannot come back, if he is the first vice president, then why is he not coming to his office," said senator Dawoud Ghafari.

Four months ago, Dostum left Kabul for Turkey amid growing disagreements with President Ashraf Ghani. However his close aides said that Dostum went to Turkey for medical reasons.

The rift between Dostum and Ghani arose following accusations lodged against the first vice president by former Jawzjan governor Ahmad Eschi who claimed he had been tortured, sexually assaulted and held in detention on Dostum's orders. Following the report, the presidential palace pledged to launch an investigation into the incident.

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) has finalized Eschi's case against Dostum, but the court so far has not issued its verdict in the case. (Tolnews)

(9) Nancy Hatch...

Rover as Louis Dupree excavated prehistoric sites and Nancy wrote a series of witty and insightful guidebooks to a country since torn apart by decades of warfare.

"She called herself an old monument and a lot of Afghans called her the 'Grandmother of Afghanistan,'" said Wahid Wafa, Executive Director of the Afghanistan Centre. "She understood and knew Afghanistan much better than anybody else."

A fixture in the social scene of Kabul during the 1970s, a now-vanished world of smart cocktail parties and mini-dresses, they were forced to leave in 1978 after the Soviet-backed government accused Louis Dupree of being a spy.

Her husband died in 1989 and much of the time before her return to Afghanistan in 2005 was spent in Pakistan, where as well as briefly meeting Osama Bin Laden and working with the growing number of war refugees, she assiduously gathered as much documentation on Afghanistan as she could.

In 2005, after the fall of the Taliban and the installation of a new Western-backed government in Kabul, she returned with some 35,000 documents wrapped up in fertilizer bags, which became the basis for the Afghanistan Centre archive.

A prolific writer, she was director of the Centre between 2006 and 2011 and continued to go into her office after she stepped down, remaining an institution in the cultural life of Kabul and receiving a stream of visitors.

"It was Nancy's aim to preserve Afghanistan's heritage," said Wafa. "She was a very funny, interesting person who loved to talk to anyone coming to visit. She was kind, she was very giving with the information she had and she was always lobbying for the Afghanistan she first knew."

While she could be waspishly critical of both blundering Westerners and Afghans she felt were promoting a bigoted version of their culture, she retained her faith in her adopted country to the end, Wafa said.

"Despite the 40 years of war in Afghanistan she was always hopeful of the future and hopeful for the future of the new generation in Afghanistan." (Reuters)

(10) Azerbaijan ...

NATO mission in Afghanistan, in the first place, the newspaper reported. Turkish Ambassador Says Erdogan Postpones Azerbaijan Visit Due to Busy Schedule

Baku has been developing strategic partnership with the United States and the European Union despite the pressure from some regional powers. Sanctions and other wrongful actions may force Baku to review its foreign policy and choose one-sided approach, according to the newspaper.

Currently, a total of 90 Azerbaijani servicemen, two military medics and two officers of Azerbaijan's engineering troops participate in NATO's Resolute Support mission. Azerbaijan also allowed NATO to carry its non-combat cargo for mission in Afghanistan via Azerbaijan airspace and use its airports. About 40 percent of all NATO cargo pass through Baku on the way to Afghanistan.

On September 4, The Washington Post newspaper slammed Azerbaijani

President Ilham Aliyev for "bribing" some journalists by providing them with flats and putting other journalists such as Director of Turan News Agency Mehman Aliyev in jail for articles criticizing the authorities. On the same day, The Guardian newspaper reported that Azerbaijani leadership was behind a large laundry scheme, which had been allegedly used by Baku for bribing European politicians. In addition, the money was reportedly used by Azerbaijani elites for acquiring luxury goods.

Following the revelations about imprisoned journalists, US Senator Richard Durbin proposed an amendment to the State and Foreign Operations Bill on Thursday banning Azerbaijani officials involved in the arrest of Mehman Aliyev from entering the United States, which was approved by US Senate's Appropriations Committee on Friday. (FNA)

(11) Dr. Bayat Named...

award upon Dr. Ehsan Bayat, in recognition of his historic position as the founding executive of Ariana Television Network - which broadcasts award winning programming to 25,000,000 Afghans, and for establishing Afghan Wireless - Afghanistan's first wireless communications company.

AWCC provides world-class 4G LTE, 3.75G+ and 3G Voice, Data, Internet and My Money Mobile Payment Services to more than five-million subscribers who live in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan. Afghan Wireless - together with its community of dealers, agents and representatives, has employed well over 100,000 Afghans.

Afghanistan's wireless communications sector - the sector which was founded and built up by Dr. Bayat and Afghan Wireless - is the largest and most profitable segment of Afghanistan's

economy. Today, Afghanistan's wireless communications sector provides the Afghan Government with more than 25% of all tax revenues collected in Afghanistan. (PR)

(12) Farmers ...

Gulab Shah, a shareholder of the ostrich farm said.

The farmers invested \$50,000 USD in the farm, but they say their investment has now doubled.

Meanwhile, Herat's agriculture, irrigation and livestock department said a number of these ostriches will be moved to other provinces in order to start up ostrich farming around the country.

"We will do our best and will use all our equipment to support the ostrich farm and expand it in Herat," the head of the agriculture expansion department of Herat's agriculture directorate said.

The farm has meanwhile also become a source of employment for some locals, who feel that as the farm grows, more jobs will become available. (Tolnews)

(13) Military Solution ...

he said. "But you cannot have a peaceful Afghanistan if you ... deploy a level of force which actually is counter to reconciliation.

"We have cleared our area and we are in the process of building 900 posts along the Durand Line. We are in the process of building a fence and constructing gates..." (Pajhwok)

(14) Illegal Armed Men ...

head of a civil society institute in Taloqan, capital of Takhar, said the local government had no will to control illegal armed groups.

Presence of illegal armed men is the biggest challenge for government and law enforcement, he said.

"We have reportedly told the government that illegal armed men are dangerous than the Taliban, most of local powerful men have armed supporters to help them remain in power and press the government, the government should have a clear decision against them," he said.

Hadaf said that presence of irresponsible armed groups also paved the ground for Taliban to recruit more fighters in some districts.

The newly appointed governor of Takhar, Fazlullah Mujadadi, confirmed the mentioned problems and said he was working on a plan with local officials to control illegal armed men.

One of the main problem in Takhar is increasing number of illegal armed men, he said.

"Militants create problems for the government in other provinces, but

in Takhar, illegal armed men do this, we are discussing on an issue to disarm them or bring them to a legal framework," he said.

Afghan forces are currently fighting face to face with Taliban in Darqad, Yangi Qala, Khwaja Bahuddin, Khwaja Ghar and Ashkmath districts of Takhar but illegal armed men are unannounced militants in Taloqan and most areas of the province.

It is unclear who supports the illegal armed groups in Takhar but residents of the province and the local government both complain about them. (Pajhwok)

(15) Senior Taliban ..

the provincial police commandment said.

According to the local officials, the Taliban leaders killed in the airstrikes have been identified as commander Esmatullah, Qari Dil Agha, and Rafiqullah also famous as Haidar.

The officials are saying that the insurgents had gathered in Charka village and were apparently planning their future attacks when they came under fire.

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

Maidan Wardak is among the relatively volatile provinces in central parts of the country, located close to capital Kabul.

The anti-government armed militants are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency activities, mainly in the districts lying along the highway connecting Kabul with the south-eastern and southern provinces. (KP)

(16) US Embassy...

a wonderful example of the strength of U.S.-Afghanistan relations and friendship.

"May we honor her example in decades to come by working for a common goal of building lasting fraternal ties between our nations," it added.

Nancy Hatch Dupree Biography Nancy Hatch Dupree passed away peacefully at 3.30am, 10 September 2017 in the Amiri Hospital, Kabul, having dedicated the last 55 years of her life to documenting and preserving Afghanistan's cultural heritage.

Ms. Dupree arrived in Kabul in 1962. For the next 15 years, she and her late husband, Louis Dupree, a renowned archaeologist and scholar of Afghanistan's culture and history, traveled throughout Afghanistan, conducting archaeological excavations. Following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Duprees moved with Afghan refugees to Peshawar, Pakistan where they continued their work.

Ms. Dupree wrote many scholarly and more popular articles, in particular on the challenges facing Afghan women, reports and a number of guidebooks to Afghanistan (one of which became the inspiration for Tony Kushner's play Homebody/Kabul). Her writings covered all major archaeological and historic sites, as well as a well-known guide to the National Museum, which was the de facto illustrated catalogue of its rare and priceless collection.

Aside from the books, articles, photographs and recordings she leaves behind, Ms. Dupree's lasting legacy to the country she loved and called home is the Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University, which she founded in 2006 and where she was Director from 2006-2011. ACKU grew out of the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief and Development's (ACBAR) Resource and Information Center, which Ms. Dupree founded and directed with Louis Dupree in Peshawar, Pakistan in 1989. Some years later in 1996, Ms. Dupree created the ACBAR Box Library Extension (ABLE), a system of mobile libraries serving the Afghan community in Peshawar.

Her vision for ACKU was that it would contribute to the reconstruction of Afghanistan by gathering in one place scholarship on the country's culture, history and politics, as well as primary data in the form of memoirs, newspapers, photographs and unpublished work produced by the many NGOs, international agencies, scholars and foreign governments working here. Together with its library, archive and research department, ABLE continues to serve Afghans in Afghanistan today. (Pajhwok)