

### (1) Afghanistan ...

can reflect a combination of geographic, commercial, and economic factors that allow drugs to be produced and/or trafficked through a country. (Pajhwok)

### (2) Abdullah to ...

UN general assembly. Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani and other officials would accompany Abdullah on the trip to New York. During the visit, Mahmood Saikal would be introduced as Afghanistan's representative to the UN. But another source claimed differences had developed between the president and the CEO over the New York trip.

The source said the president had suggested that Salahuddin Rabbani and National Security Advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar should attend the UN General Assembly, but the CEO disagreed and insisted he himself would lead the Afghan delegation.

The 70th meeting of the United Nations general assembly will see the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, the follow-up to the UN's millennium development goals which were set in 2000 with a completion date of this year. (Pajhwok)

### (3) Kabul Residents ...

the parliament building and blocked the road, calling for the legislators not to create trouble for the ordinary people.

Samim Tawan, a Katib University student who participated in the rally, complained he left his home at 7am daily but reached the university two hours late due to frequent road closures.

Ironically, the student added, his home was only one kilometer from Katib University, located near the parliament building in the Darul Aman neighbourhood of Kabul. "The Darul Aman road is blocked daily for lawmakers but no one cares about the plight of the poor residents, who find it increasingly hard reaching their workplaces in time," he said.

Shafiq Ahmad, an officer of the Ministry of Education, said he lived in Haji Nabi Township. He left his home at 6:30am but made it to his office 9:30am due to the road blockades in Darul Aman. He claimed he was marked absent every day.

A mini-bus driver, Karimullah, said the Darul Aman Road was blocked for three hours daily from 7am to 10am after the parliament's summer recess ended. "This situation has forced me to stop driving and start cleaning others' cars."

The protesters warned of continued demonstrations as long as the lawmakers did not put a stop to the practice, which inconvenienced the public. They urged the authorities to address the public-interest issue on priority. (Pajhwok)

### (4) AGO Summons...

mayor, Mohammad Yunus Nawandish, visited the AGO's office on Tuesday and that an investigation has been launched into allegations relating to tax collection and land distribution irregularities. Azizi said that another former Kabul mayor, Rohullah Aman, who is also wanted for questioning has not yet visited the AGO.

"We started investigations into Mr. Nawandish's case yesterday. He was present at the AGO today (Tuesday) in order to respond to corruption charges against him. But Mr. Rohullah has not been present at the office yet and we want him to visit the office at once," he said. The Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee say their initial findings reveal that irregularities have been uncovered in the Kabul Municipality.

"Our findings show that there was corruption over tax collection, spending of budget and land distribution in the Kabul Municipality over the past 13 years and this issue should be taken seriously," said Rashid Behroz, a member of the committee.

He said: "The details about assessing such corruption cases and the transparency in addressing the cases are still matters of concern because the judicial organizations have their own problems."

Rohullah Aman was the Kabul mayor from 2007 to 2008, and Mohammad Yunus Nawandish served in the post from 2012 to 2014. (Tolnews)

### (5) Senators Say ...

and joblessness was on the rise and

a particular family controlled every ministry.

He added corruption and lawlessness were other reasons fueling the large scale migration from Afghanistan.

Gulalai Akbari, another upper house member, said educated and skilled youth were leaving Afghanistan, a country where human resources and manpower were being wasted.

Addressing government officials, she said: "The day would come when you will request these youth for vote you."

Senate Chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar also expressed his concern over the migration and urged the youth not to leave the country. He urged them to stay and help steer the country out of crises.

"Going to the west is not a solution. The youth has the responsibility towards Afghanistan's reconstruction.

The chairman urged the government to take steps that could discourage further migration and generate work opportunities for youth at their door step. (Pajhwok)

### (6) Top Taliban ...

inmates were incarcerated on account of insurgency and that they posed a threat to national security. However, documents in TOLONews' possession puts this number at 158.

Mol announced Tuesday that five officials including policemen and the prison warden have been arrested in connection with Monday's prison break - the second largest in the country's recent history after the Kandahar incident four years ago which saw 500 inmates escape.

The ministry stated it's the task team appointed to investigate the incident has completed its probe and will possibly submit its final report on Tuesday to President Ashraf Ghani.

"Today we may share the final report on Ghazni prison [break] with the government," Mol spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said. "We have arrested five officials who are [suspected of being] directly responsible for the prison's security and they are being interrogated now."

Mol officials have said that a massive search operation is currently underway to re-arrest the prisoners who escaped.

"A few days back we transferred twenty Taliban commanders to Kabul from this jail," Sediqqi said hours after the incident happened. Substandard facilities used for keeping the detainees is said to be the major reason behind the escape of hundreds of prisoners.

Human rights organizations, meanwhile, criticized the government for not having proper detention centers for those who are being held on the charges of killing innocent civilians.

"Most of the inmates are being held at rental houses and they have contacts outside," said Rafiullah Bedar, a spokesman for Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC).

In addition, senators in the Upper House (Meshrano Jirga) on Tuesday also blamed the government for the Ghazni jail break.

"We want the security authorities impeached [to Parliament]," said Anarkali Honaryar, who represents Afghan Sikh community in the Senate. (Tolnews)

### (7) Ghazni Jailer ...

355 inmates fled.

Ghazni police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Hakim Angar told Pajhwok Afghan News the prison's chief had been detained for interrogation and police had launched a search operation to find inmates on the run. He said several prisoners who escaped had been rearrested, but gave no figures.

The provincial council chief, Khaliqdad Akbari, accused the police chief and the jailer of being complicit in the jailbreak. "The police chief is an irresponsible person and should be fired," he said.

He questioned how hundreds of prisoners could escape through the many checkpoints in the area, asking the government to investigate the incident.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior (MOI) said it had sent a delegation to Ghazni for investigation into the incident.

Another provincial council member, Amanullah Kamrani, also called for the police chief to be removed from his job. "The police chief has terminated some district police chiefs which resulted in increased police casualties," he said.

But the police chief said the PC

members should not say anything without proof, saying the PC head had asked him to appoint a district police chief, but he did not accept the illegal demand. (Pajhwok)

### (8) E-NIC Rollout ...

if the situation prevails," he added. The aim is to roll out the e-NIC campaign ahead of parliamentary elections. But experts and MPs have different ideas in this regard.

"As the parliamentary election nears, the first phase of the roll out campaign should involve individuals who are eligible for voting. This will help the election to be held transparently," said Shah Gul Rezaee, an MP from Ghazni. (Tolnews)

### (9) Afghan-Pak ...

that have added to this decrease - issues that include transit problems, the worsening economy and the increase of customs tariffs into the country, said officials.

However, a widespread, yet informal boycott of Pakistani products is being seen around the country - particularly in Kabul.

One city resident, Parwiz Haidari, said his entire family now refuse to buy any Pakistani products. "In the past I bought rice, oil, wheat and other products from Pakistan. Now I look for alternate products from countries such as Russia, Turkey, India and even Kuwait."

He says the price of goods from other countries might be slightly higher but they are usually of a better quality compared to Pakistani products. Last year Afghanistan and Pakistan's trade volume totaled an estimated \$9 billion USD - this year however, projections are that this will top no more than \$5 billion USD. Already, PAJCCI said the recent move has had a negative impact on factories in Pakistan and resulted in the closure of a number of such businesses in the neighboring country.

"Now due to Pakistan's agenda towards Afghanistan, there has been a public move to boycott products manufactured in this country [Pakistan]. Because of this the people don't want to use goods from Pakistan. Bad relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan have caused this drop in trade between the two countries. Even a number of Pakistani investors have raised concerns over the issue," deputy chairman of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) Khan Jan Alokozay said.

As an example, he said that three months ago, more than three tons of oil was being imported into Afghanistan from Pakistan. Today that figure has dropped to just two tons. Alokozay said that "right now even children are refusing to buy Pakistan goods such as biscuits. Because of this, many businessmen have stopped importing goods from Pakistan."

Meanwhile, officials from the Industries Association are optimistic that this will have a positive impact on the domestic manufacturing market. They said: "Right now motivation has been created in the markets to use local products and owners of factories are optimistic over the increase of [sales] of their products." Afghanistan Industrial Association (AIA) head Ahmad Sakhi Payman said local manufacturers can use this to their own benefit and increase production in order to serve the local market.

Importers have meanwhile, turned to other regional markets to fill the gap and are now bringing in goods from Turkey, Iran, China, Turkmenistan, Russia, India and other Asian countries. (Tolnews)

### (10) Iran, Afghanistan...

with Afghanistan, has been used by traffickers as the main conduit for smuggling Afghan drugs to narcotics kingpins in Europe.

Despite high economic and human costs, the Islamic Republic has been actively fighting drug trafficking over the past three decades. (IRNA)

### (11) Nazarbayev...

continue to provide assistance to Tajikistan in maintaining security. Nazarbayev reminded that Kazakhstan has provided \$2.7 million humanitarian aid to Tajikistan this spring.

He also expressed concern over the growing number of citizens of the CSTO countries fighting in conflict zones in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

"Kazakhstan stands for a stable Afghanistan. Astana supports Kabul in many areas, including in the field of education. Kazakh universities

have already given education to 140 Afghans and 30 more are now studying in Kazakhstan," said Nazarbayev. (AKIpress)

### (12) Suicides on ...

said a survey by the World Health Organisation (WHO) showed 1,205 people committed suicide in 2012 in Afghanistan.

They included 643 women and 562 men, she told a ceremony marking International Suicide Prevention Day titled "Help to rescue a life" in Kabul.

She cited sexual violence, family issues, old customs and depression as main reasons behind the growing incidents of suicide among people aged between 15 to 29 years old.

Unemployment, ignorance, poverty and continued conflict in Afghanistan were other factors compounding the situation, she observed.

She called on civil society groups, departments working under the Hajj and Religious Affairs Ministry, Youth Affairs Directorate at the Ministry of Information and Culture, Higher Education Ministry, Women's Affairs Ministry and Counternarcotics Ministry to play their role in halting the growing trend of suicides.

Dr. Warusavithana Supriya, WHO representative in Afghanistan, said suicide cases were a great challenge for health ministries in the world, adding that most people committed suicide due to depression and psychological problems.

Supriya said 196 countries agreed in 2013 to bring down the incidents of suicide by 10 percent till 2020.

The WHO representative said taking own lives in Afghanistan was due to domestic violence, unemployment, drug addiction and the growing mental disorders. (Pajhwok)

### (13) Local Artists ...

This is the first time such work is being exhibited in Mazar-e-Sharif and the theme is harmony, a peaceful life, tolerance and friendship. It is a joint initiative by the association of calligraphers, the local community center and Balkh's branch of Mediothek, a German NGO that promotes cultural and heritage values in Afghanistan.

A large number of young people who visited the exhibition on its first day welcomed the initiative and said such exhibitions are beneficial in encouraging artists in the country.

"When I am looking at these paintings each one of them gives me a different feeling. It gives me feeling of love and a feeling of patriotism," said Bahar a university student.

"With such exhibitions we are able to show our art," said Shabnam another university student.

In addition, a number of Balkh artists also welcomed the initiative and said that events of this nature help them meet and network with other artists and see different types of work.

Hafiz Mohammadi, from Mazar-e-Sharif, who has been an artist for seven years said: "Today I viewed a large number of paintings and as a painter I can compare the different styles on show and see work by Sharar [a teacher] who brought his art from abroad." (Tolnews)

### (14) Ghani Invites ...

Public Protection Force (APPF) member in a Taliban attack two weeks ago. Rahimullah had served his country for four years.

According to Rahimullah's family, the Presidential Palace told them that they will give them an apartment with four rooms.

"I am very happy now that I am going to meet the president and I will tell the story of Rahimullah to President Ghani - what he has done and how he was killed," Rahimullah's mother Fatima said.

Rahimuallah's brother also praised Ghani's action and said: "My brother was killed two weeks ago and after TOLONews broadcast our story the president called us and invited us to Kabul. He [the president] will help Rahimullah's children," he said.

The young security force member had spent most of his four years fighting on the frontline and was known to be honest and patriotic. Rahimullah, who was married with two children, was the family's sole breadwinner. Today, his family has taken on the responsibility of raising his children but on Monday appealed to government to help.

Rahimullah's mother says that her son sacrificed his life to defend Afghanistan's national sovereignty, freedom and territorial integrity. (Tolnews)

### (15) Rights Watchdog ...

organisations.

Qadria Yazdan Parast, a member of the AIHRC, said the rights watchdog was concerned about the rise of early marriages. She said there were no figures about the number of early marriages among girls, but said a nation-wide research on evaluating the causes was necessary.

Yazdan Parast added apart from economic and cultural reasons, there were other causes also that should be identified by the research and a comprehensive strategy be worked out to prevent the phenomenon.

Earlier marriage law was approved by the parliament that determined marriage age at 18. However, the law is yet to be implemented.

Kamal Sadat, deputy information and culture minister, said they had some programmes for preventing early marriages. Public awareness about laws and the negative consequences of underage marriages are part of the programmes to be implemented with the help of religious scholars, local elders, civil society activists and other national and international organisations.

Kamal Sadat said there was still no proper survey about the social issue. But citing 2010 and 2011 figures, he said more than 15.2 percent of marriages involved girls under 15 and 46.8 under 18. (Pajhwok)

### (16) Afghan Refugee...

Aqela Asifi won over her conservative Afghan community and persuaded parents to send their daughters to her makeshift tent school at the Kot Chandana refugee village in Mianwali, a district in Pakistan's Punjab province.

Since then, the teacher has guided more than a thousand refugee girls through their primary education.

"When I began my mission to educate Afghan girls, I could not have imagined that one day it will win me this award. I cannot express my happiness," she told VOA.

According to UNHCR, there are around 1.5-million documented Afghan refugees in Pakistan, nearly half of them school-aged children. But approximately 80 percent of the refugee children currently are out of school.

Asifi was a teacher in Kabul when she had to flee with her family in 1992.

"In Afghanistan I was teaching both girls and boys," she told VOA.

"When I left Afghanistan and ended up in this refugee village with my family I was dismayed to find out that there were no facilities here particularly for women and girls.

They settled in the remote refugee community in Kot Chandana, where she began teaching just a handful of pupils in her make-shift tent, copying out student worksheets by hand. Her tent school has since led to the opening of several permanent schools in the village, teaching more than one thousand children.

The expansion was made possible due to support by UNHCR, local administration and some non-governmental organizations.

UNHCR's Nansen Refugee Award honors extraordinary service to the forcibly displaced, and names Eleanor Roosevelt, Graça Machel and Luciano Pavarotti among its laureates.

The 2015 award ceremony will be held on October 5 in Geneva. The winner gets \$100,000 to fund a project complementing their existing work.

Asifi, a mother of six, has also worked hard to provide a solid education for her own children. She spends almost her entire salary to pay for her son to study engineering at Kabul University. But seeking higher education for her four daughters is difficult because of a lack of financial resources and secondary schools for girls in the village.

The Afghan teacher hopes more and more girls and boys will be encouraged to receive education in Afghanistan so her homeland is known not for war but for higher standards of education.

"I want my mission to be introduced in parts of Afghanistan where conservative traditions and customs still prevent parents from sending their daughters to outdoor schools," she said. (VoA)

### (17) Saudi Pledges...

Fairoz said the Saudi assistance would used to construct buildings for a hospital in Nangarhar, two intermediate medical institutes in Paktia, a training programme for 100 nurses in the eastern zone and purchasing 35 ambulances. Saudi Ambassador Mesfer bin Abdul Rahman Al-Ghaseb hoped the

health projects would be completed in due time and urged the authorities concerned to pay special attention to the projects.

He said the Saudi government would continue assisting Afghanistan in areas of education and development projects. He said other agreements worth \$19 million were being negotiated with Afghan officials and would be signed soon.

Earlier, the Saudi government has provided \$25 million in assistance to Afghanistan for its education, health, food and religious sectors. (Pajhwok)

### (18) 1,000 More...

of Nangarhar province states that General Ahmadzai told Governor Saleem Khan Kundozi in a meeting that these police would be deployed to restive districts.

Looking at General Ahmadzai's statement, these soldiers would likely go to Achin, Chaparhar, Kot, Bati Kot, Ghankhel, Dih Bala, Khogyani, Nazyan and a few other districts which are witnessing the most insecurity since the last few months. Security deteriorated in these districts after Daesh emerged there months before.

Members of the group who now link themselves with IS were previously fighting for Afghani and Pakistani Taliban groups. (KP)

### (19) Operation...

secure traveling the highway. "Most of the people have shifted their houses to Kabul due to serious threats."

Imranullah, who belongs to the Behsud district of Nangarhar province and work for the Ministry of Public Health, voiced his concern at increasing insecurity on the highway. (Pajhwok)

### (20) Kabul-Kandahar ...

reconstructed a 10-kilometre portion of the highway in Zabul province, but residents and drivers demand more work to rehabilitate the road.

Abdul Jabbar, a truck driver, grumbled the existence of ditches on the road created hurdles for them. It takes him two to three days reaching Kabul from Kandahar despite the fact that it is a 10 hours distance. He said insurgency was underway and rebels' activities would harm the road more if the government did not take steps to rehabilitate the damage portion and stop the plantation of roadside mines. (Pajhwok)

### (21) UNHCR Calls...

increased support by the EU and member states to UNHCR to respond to the needs of refugees in Syria's neighboring countries. The UN refugee agency highlighted efforts are needed to address root causes of forced displacement around the world. (Xinhua)

### (22) Anti-Corruption ...

er al-Deen, an activist with a group called "We Want Accountability" told local TV channels during the protest. She estimated that millions of dollars went to the lawmakers who have not convened to review government policies, approve a budget or elect a president because of political bickering. (AP)

### (23) Germany, ...

defending the introduction of border checks.

For his part, Faymann praised Germany's decision to receive large numbers of refugees over the past weeks. He also underlined the need to find a more orderly way of handling refugees entering Europe. (Xinhua)

### (24) Li Calls for...

regional peace and stability, including in the neighborhood of the two nations.

As Iran is in a critical period of infrastructure improvement and industrialization, Li said that China, with its equipment and technology advantages, can cooperate with Iran on industrial capacity in pursuit of win-win reciprocity. (Xinhua)

### (25) Chinese VP...

demonstrate the openness of cooperation between China and Europe in science and technology and innovation. Liu said she believed such cooperation will give impetus to the two countries' cooperation, because by working together, China and Belgium will jointly provide innovative information, data services and product to the world in coping with global food security, climate change, water crisis and other strategic demands. (Xinhua)