

(1) IECC Confident...

to register their complaints with IECC officials.

Zabihullah Wagari, head of Nangarhar IEC, said sensitive materials had been delivered to different offices and would be reaching districts according to a timetable.

He said 395 polling stations and 2,534 polling booths had been setup in Nangarhar, in which 28 directors, 158 deputy directors and 16,000 officials would discharge their duty on polling day.

He said the lack of women employees in far-flung areas remained, and the issue had been shared with the central office. (Pajhwok)

(2) Over 400 Polling ...

center of provinces.

Mr. Ibrahim added that they have launched the process of dispatching election materials to district centers where around 200,000 staff members are involved.

He also said that over 60,000 observers have registered themselves in the IEC in order to monitor the upcoming elections.

On the other hand, Sayed Shah Saqim, a spokesman for the Independent Directorate of Local Governance called on all governmental staff to remain impartial during the election. The Afghan presidential election is set to be held on September 28 this month. (ATN)

(3) Pakistan's FO ...

Pakistan once again called upon the Afghan government to do the needful to secure areas across the Durand Line, especially along the sensitive points, to maintain the level of cooperation needed to effectively counterterrorist elements in their areas. (Pajhwok)

(4) Over 110 Militants ...

stepped up operations since the cancellation of the peace talks and challenging government forces in several provinces.

The armed outfit has gained ground and even blocked the main highway linking the national capital Kabul to eight northern provinces.

According to Abdul Qadir, a power company official, Taliban militants have destroyed three pylons in the northern Baghlan province and thus cutting some electricity supply to Kabul. (Xinhua)

(5) Afghanistan Beat...

danger of early elimination.

The win ensured 11 consecutive T20Is without a defeat for Afghanistan - incredibly it is the second time they have hit that number and only Australia have gone better (12). (Pajhwok)

(6) Baghlan Women ...

in election," she added.

According to Halima, the situation had worsened in the provincial capital besides districts and people were in panic.

Other women held similar views about the issue.

Noorullah Paigham, IEC provincial office head, said ensuring security during elections was the duty of security forces.

"We will hold election in stable areas based on security assurance and would ignore insecure areas," he added. He said 450,000 people had registered as voters in the province. Responding to a question, he said: "It will be earlier to say how many women will take part in the election." Police chief Niaz Mohammad Niazman said a proper plan had been devised to ensure election security. He assured the people that security of all polling stations would be stable on the election day (September 28). (Pajhwok)

(7) Leaders of Turkey...

talks in Moscow in August to "normalize" the situation in the region, after Syrian troops encircled rebels

and a Turkish post in a move Ankara said threatened its national security. While Putin and Erdogan have forged close ties over a range of issues like energy and defense cooperation, recent attacks by Syrian troops have also strained ties between Ankara and Moscow.

The fighting in northwestern Syria has also raised the risk of a new migrant wave towards Turkey, which currently hosts some 3.6 million Syrian refugees.

The United Nations has said that more than 500,000 people have been uprooted since late April, most of them escaping deeper into the rebel bastion and towards the border.

While Erdogan has said that Turkey could not handle such an influx of refugees, he has also previously threatened to "open the gates" for migrants to Europe unless Ankara receives more international support. On Friday, Erdogan reiterated his warning and said Monday's summit would aim to stop the migration from Idlib and establish a ceasefire to prevent any further civilian casualties.

"The expectation here is not a momentary ceasefire. First, it is to put a stop to the migration here," he told Reuters. "Second, to ensure a ceasefire here. Third, to seriously get terrorist organizations under control," he added.

"Turkey, which is hosting 3.6 million refugees in its home at the moment, cannot take the millions of people that will arrive from there," Erdogan said. "We cannot carry that weight." (Reuters)

(8) Delivery of Second...

exclusive interview on Saturday that S-400 missile systems would be activated despite repeated US warnings. "They (US officials) told us 'don't activate them and we can sort this out', but we told them that we didn't buy these systems as a prop," the top Turkish diplomat said, adding that Turkey would be open to buying US-made Patriot surface-to-air missile systems as well.

On September 9, US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Donald Trump's administration was considering imposing sanctions on Turkey over purchase of S-400 systems, but no decisions have been made.

Cavusoglu told private Turkish-language TGRT Haber television news network in an exclusive interview back on July 22 that his country would take retaliatory measures in case the United States slapped sanctions on Ankara over the Russian-made systems.

"If the United States portrays an adversarial attitude towards us, we will take retaliatory measures, as we've told them. This is not a threat or a bluff. We are not a country that will bow down to those who show an animosity towards Turkey," he said.

Cavusoglu added that he did not expect the US administration to take such an action.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Reuters in an interview on Friday that he would discuss a possible purchase of Patriot systems with Trump during a meeting at the UN General Assembly later this month. (Press TV)

(9) Boris Johnson...

He said: "I will be talking to Jean-Claude about how we're going to do it. I'm very confident."

"When I got this job everybody was saying there can be absolutely no change to the Withdrawal Agreement, the backstop was immutable, the arrangements by which the UK was kept locked in to the EU forever, they said no-one could change that."

"They have already moved off that and, as you know, there's a very, very good conversation going on about how to address the issues of the Northern Irish border. A huge amount of progress is being made."

The PM, accompanied by Brexit Secretary Steve Barclay and Number 10's Europe advisor David Frost, will also meet the EU's chief negotiator Michel Barnier during the Luxembourg visit. (Yahoo News)

(10) 'Maximum Lies...

Iran. Senator Lindsey Graham even suggested the US should respond by striking Tehran's oil refineries.

The commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force, Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, warned that Tehran is fully prepared to retaliate if attacked. "Everybody should know that all American bases and their vessels in a distance of up to 2,000 kilometers [from Iran] are within the range of our missiles." (RT)

(11) Trump Says He...

comments just three days before the election on Netanyahu's political future were the latest effort by Trump to back Netanyahu, perhaps his closest personal ally on the world stage. The timing of the Trump tweet appeared aimed at bolstering Netanyahu's effort to remain in power by showcasing his close ties to Trump, Reuters reported.

Opinion polls predict a close race, five months after an inconclusive election in which Netanyahu declared himself the winner but failed to form a coalition government.

Some Israeli officials have promoted the idea of building on Netanyahu's strong ties to the Trump administration to forge a new defense treaty with the U.S.-- focused especially on guarantees of assistance in any conflict with Iran, Reuters reported.

But some of Netanyahu's critics have argued that such an agreement could tie Israel's hands and deny it military autonomy.

Netanyahu thanked Trump for his announcement, saying he looked forward to meeting him at the United Nations General Assembly, The Wall Street Journal reported. (Fox News)

(12) UAE Parliamentary...

many social topics, apart from unemployment and poverty, such as violence, education, health, crime and immigration.

The Division also suggested that the Women's, Children's and Vulnerable Categories Affairs Committee should be in charge of senior citizens' issues, and the Sustainable Development Committee should be in charge of developmental issues in the Arab world.

During its meeting today, the sub-commission, which includes representatives of nine countries, and the Arab Union's General Secretariat, discussed the suggestions of parliamentary divisions from the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Morocco, Algeria, Iraq, Palestine and Somalia. It also approved its work programme and agenda. (WAM)

(13) Hariri Is Telling...

within the scope of the US conflict with Iran. Hezbollah's weapons have been deemed legitimate in a statement by the Council of Ministers.

Hariri was telling international capitals interested in Lebanon's affairs, its stability, its role in the region, its economy and energy reserves at the bottom of its continental waters that Hezbollah does not rule the country but controls the decision of war and peace in it.

He was delivering to whom it may concern the message that, as head of the government of an independent, sovereign country, he was confirming that Hezbollah's address was not in Lebanon, that the party's decisions come from outside the country and that it cannot be dealt with from within Lebanon.

What can be understood of Hariri's comments only weeks after his return from a controversial trip to the United States is that he is gradually

seeking an internationalisation of the Hezbollah issue, not in the sense that might provoke the anger of the Lebanese domestic scene but in the strategic sense of what is being cooked up for the region.

We can only understand from Hariri's logic that he is calling on the international community to relieve Lebanon, with all of its political currents, sects and institutions, from the task of confronting a phenomenon that has arisen for reasons beyond Lebanon's control and having to do with the policies adopted by the international community in dealing with Iran and its regime for four decades.

However, what Hariri was saying is fundamentally different from Aoun's discourse. Some of the opinions expressed by Hariri's inner political circle and even by his wider circles that are hesitantly reaching out to yesterday's allies are in play here.

These circles say Hezbollah's weapons have confiscated the prestige of the state and the unity of its decision on fundamental issues of sovereignty. The weapons glorify the culture of the mini-state, threaten the country's internal cohesion and shake its internal stability. They contribute to the chaos and total disregard for the country's institutions, its standing in the world and its foreign relations.

By considering the issue of Hezbollah's weapons as an external one, Hariri is saying he does not believe in the necessity of them for Lebanon's defence, contrary to what Aoun has been reiterating.

Aoun says the party's weapons are Lebanese in their agenda of defending the country and that they are a structural part of its defence system that should not be rejected but protected by the state and the government. (MEO)

(14) 8 More Local...

Thailand were listed as the three leading investors and sectorally, Myanmar's oil and gas sector attracted most foreign investments, followed by power and manufacturing sectors, respectively.

Regionally, Yangon region attracts 60 percent of both local and foreign investments, followed by Mandalay region with 30 percent and the rest flows into other regions and states. (Xinhua)

(15) Hong Kong...

has broken out on previous weekends with protesters trashing metro stations and setting fires in the streets. The police have responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannon.

The spark for the protests was planned legislation, now withdrawn, that would have allowed people to be sent to mainland China for trial.

The protests have since broadened into calls for universal suffrage.

Earlier on Sunday, protesters gathered peacefully outside the British Consulate, calling on Britain to rein in China and ensure it respects the city's freedoms.

The Sino-British Joint Declaration, signed in 1984, lays out Hong Kong's future after its return to China in 1997, a one country, two systems formula that ensures freedoms not enjoyed on the mainland.

Sino-British Joint Declaration is VOID, one placard read in the protest outside the British Consulate.

SOS Hong Kong, read another.

One country, two systems is dead, protesters shouted in English under umbrellas shielding them from the sub-tropical sun, some carrying the colonial flag also bearing the Union Jack. Free Hong Kong, another said.

China says it is committed to the one country, two systems arrangement, denies meddling and that the city is an internal Chinese issue. It has accused foreign powers, particularly the United States and Britain, of fo-

menting the unrest and told them to mind their own business.

Britain says it has a legal responsibility to ensure China abides by the 1984 declaration.

Hong Kong island was granted to Britain in perpetuity in 1842 at the end of the First Opium War. Kowloon, a peninsula on the mainland opposite Hong Kong island, joined later, after the Second Opium War.

The colony was expanded to include the New Territories, to the north of Kowloon, on a 99-year lease, in 1898. Britain returned all of the territory to China, which never recognised the unequal treaties, in 1997. (India Today)

(16) Iran Secures...

He said Iran is also seeking to use Russian funds for a major railway project linking Incheboron, in northeast, to Garmsar, located to the east of the capital Tehran.

Russia's increasing involvement in projects inside Iran comes at a time of sanctions imposed by the United States.

Iran has sought to use Russian finances for its growing electricity sector. Once fully operational, the Sirik project would add some 12 terawatt hours of power to Iran's current production of more than 300 TWh.

Russia has announced that it is specifically interested in development projects in Iran's oil industry, the main target of American sanctions, with authorities saying that Moscow would invest up to \$10 billion in such projects. (Press TV)

(17) Iran Ranks ...

following two years.

Global economic growth is projected to slow to 2.9 percent in 2019 from a downwardly revised 3 percent in 2018 amid rising downside risks, the World Bank said in its Global Economic Prospects report published that month.

The World Bank said the outlook for the global economy "has darkened" as global financing conditions have tightened, trade tensions "have intensified," and some large emerging markets and developing economies have experienced significant financial market stress. (Tehran Times)

(18) Imran, Malala...

He has already implemented cutbacks in government expenditure and is using his personal credibility to fundraise for a dam," the publication wrote.

A sporting legend, PM Imran played professional cricket for 22 years and is recognised as one of the game's finest all-rounders.

His other contributions include Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre and NUML University, which provides scholarship assistance to over 90 percent of its students.

The youngest Nobel Prize laureate, Malala also gets an honourable mention in the publication. In 2013, Yousafzai addressed the UN, received the prestigious Sakharov Prize and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize which she co-received in 2014 at the age of 17.

She has also been listed as one of the 25 Most Influential Teens of 2014 by Times Magazine and has been granted audiences with royalty and world leaders.

Award-winning scientist, entrepreneur, innovator Dr Umar Saif is also part of the list.

A founding vice-chancellor of the Information Technology University in Punjab and one of the main forces behind the IT eco-system in Pakistan, Saif was named by MIT Technology Review's World's Top Young Innovators for the year 2011.

He was also named Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2010 and is the recipient of Sitara-e-Imtiaz. (Agencies)