(1) WJ Summons...

station, votes are cast only for candidates from the relevant area.

Abdul Oader Zazai, a lawmaker from Kabul, claimed the president could not issue a 3rd decree until the fate of the 2nd was not determined.

Hitting out at the ICOIC, the lawmakers said amending laws was the discretion of parliament, but ICOIC members had transferred the power to the president.

He suggested ICOIC members be summoned to brief MPs on violations of the laws they are committed to enforce. "Why didn't the commission advise the president earlier. In fact, this act was a reaction to the house's decisions on previous decrees," he questioned.

Mirbat Khan Zazai, a lawmaker from Paktika province, said: "No commission or authority has the right to violate or curtail the powers of parliament. As the fate of the 2nd decree remains unclear, how can the president issue the 3rd one?"

He alleged the ICOIC was tilting towards the government and said advice of the commission represented the government's will.

Speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahimi said the fate of the 2nd presidential decree on election reforms was yet to be decided. The house will take a decision on it when a majority of members are

The speakers also sought the views of ICOIC members and ordered the house panel concerned to summon members of ICOIC. (Pajhwok)

(2) Two Million ...

, said he has to feed his family as his father's earnings are not enough to cover all their expenses.

He said he has to hammer out two iron rods every day for his employer to make a cradle for new-born babies. For this, Mujtaba is paid a measly 120 Afs a week.

"We are six brothers. My father's earnings are not enough. I work for 120 Afs per week and then give it to my mother," Mujtaba said.

Changing the lives of worker-children is one of the commitments pledged by the National Unity Government (NUG) and an issue that will be discussed at next month's Brussels Sum-

However, the Human Rights Commission said that the NUG has taken no important steps against this prob-

"The NUG has not taken any serious steps toward changing the situation of worker-children. It shows that the NUG does not have enough motivation to help these vulnerable children. We want the NUG to take steps to change the situation of these children," said Latifa Sultani, head of the children's department at the Human Rights Commission.

Sociologists meanwhile believe that these children will face serious challenges in future. They say that these children are often abused and that this will also have a detrimental impact on their futures.

The problem is expected to be discussed on the sidelines of the Brussels Summit. (Tolonews)

(3) NUG Legitimac...

Khan Menapal, deputy spokesman of president.

But lawyers have said that it is impossible for the NUG to hold a Loya Jirga ahead of the second anniversary and that the NUG leaders need to do something to legitimize the NUG once the two-year mark is passed.

Parliament and district council elections have also not been held - another prerequisite in terms of the agree-

As such, the question is whether the NUG will still be legitimate after 12 days.

Gul Rahman Qazi, former head of the monitoring commission for the implementation of the constitution said: "... It is obvious the people should decide about the future of the country."

"According to the law, there is no other option to ensure the legitimation of the NUG except by holding a Loya Jirga," said Ainuddin Bahaduri, executive director of Afghanistan's lawyers union.

NUG leaders had promised the people it would convene a Loya Jirga to amend the constitution within the first two years to decide about the political system of Afghanistan.

"We cannot shorten the period of the NUG government based on the political agreement, because the amendment has not been brought to the constitution, the shortening of the period of presidency is against the constitution. If they are losing their legitimacy, it is because they have not fulfilled the promises they made to the people," said Abdul Samad Azizi, a lawyer.

Based on the political agreement, after holding the Loya Jirga and bringing an amendment to the constitution, the CEO's position will change to that of prime minister. (Tolonews)

(4) Ghani, Abdullah ...

promises they made to the people. One commitment was that of a Loya Jirga to amend the constitution in order to create the position of prime minister for the CEO. This has not however been done.

"The NUG is made up of two teams. The disagreements between the teams have delayed progress, an example is the delay of five months in work by the electoral reforms commission,"

According to the political agreement signed between the two leaders, the CEO's position should be changed to that of prime minister following a presidential decree and that all the authorities and duties should be speci-

"People want change, people want good politics, people want good economics," said Dawood Ravoush, Chairman of the United National Progressive Party of Afghanistan.

'NUG wanted to delay its work. They should have fulfilled their commitments they made to the people and to the international community, but they failed," said Ghulam Hussain Nasiri,

The presidential palace and the CEO's office did not comment in this regard. (Tolonews)

(5) No Obstacles...

members expressed concern at differences over the the deal. They said all the problems regarding the process should be removed and the deal signed as soon as possible.

Nazir Ahmad Ahmadzai, representing the nomadic Kuchi community in the lower house, said differences over the peace process with HIA should be

Peace has been a longstanding demand of the nation, but some specific figures in the government obstruct an accord with the Gulbadin Hikmatyarled party, according to him.

Mirbat Khan Mangal, a legislator from Paktia province, also said the peace deal should no longer be delayed and any differences on the issue should be sorted out immediately.

But a lawmaker from Kandahar province, Mohammad Naim Lalai Hamidzai, said the agreement with HIA had been finalised and would be signed in a day or two. He hoped the country would witness stability after the peace greement was signed.

An official, wishing not to be named, confided to Pajhwok that Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah was opposed to some parts of the agreement.

On the first day of Eidul Adha, President Ashraf Ghani had said he would not accept any opposition to the deal because both sides had almost reached a full agreement. (Pajhwok)

(6) Kabul Asks...

is a good step forward in terms of fighting terrorism.

'Now the situation in the region and the world requires that no one should provide safe havens for terrorist groups. If any country helps terrorists, they should be isolated like North Korea," said Mohammad Rad Manish, spokesman for the ministry of defense. This week, the American Senate put pressure on Pakistan to fight the Taliban and other terrorist groups.

However, as Washington mounted pressure on Islamabad, other countries in the region pledged continued and further assistance to Kabul in its fight against terrorism.

"The recent military aid and commitments by India, aid from China - a strategic partner of Pakistan - for Afghan forces and Afghan people, and the pressure by the United States on Pakistan will make Pakistan not support terrorist groups anymore," said Najib Danish, deputy spokesman for the ministry of interior.

However, American officials said earlier that terrorist groups will not be eradicated unless Pakistan changes its policies.One question raised however was what will happen if Islamabad fails to change its position in fighting terrorist groups?

"Pakistan is in a difficult situation. Out of its four neighbors, India, Afghanistan and Iran have deep-rooted problems with Pakistan and China on its own cannot defend Pakistan against the international community," said

Haroon Mir, a political analyst. Currently Afghan forces are fighting the Taliban, Haqqani network and other foreign terrorist groups on a number of fronts in the country - groups Pakistan is accused of sup-

Washington has also said that Pakistan's support of the Taliban and Haqqani network is against the United States' interests.

The senate this week urged the White House to withhold aid to Islamabad. The U.S senators said that Pakistan has failed to change its policies on Afghanistan and the terrorist groups, accusing Islamabad of a double standard policy toward Washington.

They said that on one hand Pakistan promises to fight the terrorists while on the other hand, they continue their backing of the militant organizations. (Tolonews)

(7) Residents Want...

and would be launched to retake captured areas from rebels.

He said a commission had been tasked with surveying the displaced families and some charity organizations had promised help towards them.

According to the governor, a number of security forces had been arrested over negligence that led to the fall of Dehna Ghori.

Danha Ghori, 25 kilometer from Puli-Kumri, the provincial capital, has a population of more than 30,000 people. (Pajhwok)

(8) Paktika Farmers...

that produced around seven tonnes of

"The grapes are about to spoil, I don't know what to do, there is no proper market for its purchase," he said.

He said there were no cold storage facilities in the province where he could preserve the fruits. The disappointed farmer said most residents of his village fulfilled their economic needs through income from orchards, but exports had turned out to be a huge

He said some businessmen visited orchards and offered a very low rate for the grapes, which was not economical for growers.

Other farmers of the province expressed similar views and asked the government to explore ways for export of the country's products.

Dad Mohammad, a local expert in economic affairs, said the strained relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan had a negative impact on the country agriculture sector and most of the exports had been restricted, inflicting losses on farmers.

He said earlier most of the grapes and apples produced in Loya Paktia region were exported to foreign countries through Pakistan, something that did not happen this time.

Suhbat Khan Kharotai, deputy direc tor of agriculture, acknowledged the lack of market for farmers and agriculture products in the province. He said most of the products were spoiled as there were no storage facilities.

The official, however, said a few cold storages had been constructed in the capital, Sharana, and Khair Kot and Urgun districts, adding that farmers could store their fruits there for some

Kharotai said due to the closure of the Angoor Ada border crossing into Pakistan, most of the fruits could not be sent out of the country.

Earlier Pakistani officials constructed some military installations and a gate at the Angoor Ada border crossing and since then the crossing has been

Pakistan officials, however, announced the installation had been handed over to Afghan officials, but according to reports only the gate was handed over to Afghan border security forces. (Pajhwok)

(9) Heratan's COGD...

unprecedented surge in this year's revenue.

He said Central Asia was now connected with the port through water and railway lines making easy exports and imports through the dry port to a greater extent.

Azami said COGD collected 17 million afghanis in revenue during the first three months of last solar year compared to 52 million afghanis so far collected during the first four months of the current year.

He said his department had 22 private sector installations where crude oil could be stored and a large portion of the revenue was earned through these facilities. He said the port had more capacity to store crude oil and gas than any other port of the country, thus having the chance for even increased revenue in future.

He said besides the privately owned storage facilities four state-owned storage facilities for crude oil also existed at the port with the capacity to store 89,000 tonnes of crude oil.

The official said six refineries had been established at the port and all had obtained permits from the central government

According to Azami, COGD has 350 employees who work for protection and processing of crude oil at the port. In addition, 150 individuals from other provinces also work in the department. (Pajhwok)

(10) Ghani, Abdullah...

government officials including National Security Advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Cabinet members and politicians attended the memorial service, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

The president once again offered his condolences to families of the slain security officials and prayed for the departed souls. (Pajhwok)

(11) Kabul, Islamabad...

of the situation and evolve a concrete diplomatic and political mechanism to strengthen socio-economic ties.

He said that cordial relations were a prerequisite for regional peace and stability. QWP would continue to raise its voice for the rights of Pakhtuns living in Pakistan and Afghanistan, he promised. (Pajhwok)

(12) 100 Badakhshan...

International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), were poor people who could not pay fee to attend private educational programmes.

She said the women received training in processing dairies and vegetables. They are currently supplying their vegetable and dairy products to the market in return for competitive

Soraya, a participant of the vocational training course, told Pajhwok Afghan News she could process different agricultural products. She earns earn enough from her business to support her family. (Pajhwok)

(13) Security in ...

situation had returned to normal after the arrival of reinforcements.

Kharoti did not provide information about casualties and the damage caused by the attacks, but promised police ranks would be reformed for stability in the city. He called on people to return to their homes.

On the other hand, residents insisted militants were still in the city and the security forces were not able to push them back.

Mohammad Sabir, an inhabitant of the Sar Shakhlo area of the provincial capital, said the Taliban were still hiding in village and firing rockets into the city every day.

The militants were only a few hundred metres from the police headquarters, he said, adding his village had become a front line. Telephone services have been down in Tirinkot for several

Another resident of the city, Qudratullah, said the Uruzgan-Kandahar highway was also blocked as result of fighting that caused an increase in prices of food items in local markets. The Taliban had once blocked the highway about six months ago but later Afghan forces reopened it after suffering heavy casualties. (Pajhwok)

(14)Gold Prices...

for 2,450afs and a 24-kg bag of rice for 1,800afs.

He sold a 16-liter tin of Shahista ghee for 1,150afs, a kilo of African black tea for 280afs and the same quantity of Indonesian green tea for 260afs - higher than wholesale prices.

The rates of fuel also remained steady A filling station worker in Wazirabad locality, Abdul Hadi, said one litre of diesel cost 37 afs and the same quantity of patrol 41afs, the same rate as of last week's.Mohammad Salim, a liquefied gas seller in Pul Padsha neighborhood, said the rate of one kg of gas was unchanged at 65afs.

According to Saray Shahzada Moneychangers Union, the buying rate of one US dollar stood at 66.90afs while 1,000 Pakistani rupees accounted for 628afs. Last week's exchange value of the dollar stood at 66.80afs and 1,000 Pakistani rupees at 626afs. (Pajhwok)

(15)Salar Canal....

Ministry of Water and Energy in a statement said Minister Ali Ahmad Osmani had signed a contract for the Salar canal's rehabilitation.

The statement said the canal rehab project would help bring under irrigation large swaths of land and improve farmers' economy.

It said the rehabilitation project would cost \$61 million to be provided from the World Bank's grant.

Mohammad Salim, a resident of Teshi village on the outskirts of Asadabad, said if the canal was properly con-

structed, it would help prevent water A farmer in Narang district, Sarwar Jan,

hoped the rehabilitation project would enable the water to reach all areas under the canal.

He said previously millions of afghanis had been spent on the canal, but had no benefit. (Pajhwok)

(16)4 Dead, 5...

were killed and a fourth wounded in the roadside bombing near Nijrab dis

On the other hand, resident, Zahidullah said a brother of lawmaker Mirdad Nijrabi was also injured in the blast.No grouph as so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

(17)2 Ghazni...

virus. Public Health Minister Ferozud din Feroz termed Congo virus a challenge and said 12 percent of Afghans had lost their lives to the virus.

Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) is a widespread tick-borne viral disease that is endemic in Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East and Asia.

The virus is a member of the Bunyaviridae family of RNA viruses. It is a zoonotic disease carried by several domestic and wild animals. (Paihwok)

(18)Afghans Deported...

by Iranian authorities and deported to Afghanistan.

"We worked for a construction company and earned 1,000 afghanis daily, but all my wages remained with the employer." He has no money to pay in fare and go home.

He recalled: "In Iran, most construction projects are carried out by foreigners, who tend to hire illegal Afghans. The workers are handed them over to police working with the company for months Thus they are deprived of wages."

Abdul Rahim, hailing from western Faryab province, had also gone to Iran unlawfully. He was detained on the way and deported subsequently. Police snatched everything from him, forcing him into begging.

Pledges at national and international levels notwithstanding, poverty and hunger are still a huge challenge to the country, where no step has been taken to mitigate people's suffering. Many Afghans have to go abroad in search of work and asylum.

Sardar, who runs a small shop in the capital of Nimroz, was driven from Iran near the Turkish border one month earlier. He had stolen into to Iran thought Pakistan and was caught by Kurdish

He said the Kurds kept him captive and sought contract numbers of family. They contacted his family and asked for \$15,000 in ransom. He was released after Turkish police raided the area where he was held for 10 days.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Hashim Elham, head of the Afghanistan Red Crescent Society (ARCS), confirmed the presence of deportees in Nimroz. But the organisation has no programme to help them.

Residents of Zarani believe the existence of such people represent a risk for them. Mohammad Akbar alleged deportees-- down and out -- created problems for the people. They sleep on the roads, besides promoting the culture of begging.

Ahmad Hussaini, acting director o refugees and repatriation, said no assistance had been provided by humanitarian organisations for deportees. He asked the ministry to release funds for

Seeking asylum in Europe and other developed countries. 600 individuals are said to have crossed the borders into Pakistan and Iran. En route to Europe, their next destination is Turkey. (Pajhwok)

(19)Protest to ...

treatment when it came to resolving problems."We want the central government to provide us security as well as uninterrupted electricity," he demanded.Nangarhar provincial council secretary Zabihullah Zamarai, who visited the protest camp to express solidarity with the protestors, said the government had lost control over power sup ply from Naghlu dam to insurgents. He said the insurgents had several times cut off the cables in the past and they still controlled the lines.

"The central government has failed in resolving problems of Nangarhar people as it will not resolve a common electricity issue of us," the public representative said.

In a resolution letter, read out by civil society activist Shukrullah Mashkoor, the protestors demanded an urgent and permanent solution to the blackout. The letter asked the government to in-

vestigate why the electricity lines were passed through insecure areas. But local officials in Nangarhar and (Agencies)

Laghman said the problem would be resolved today when the cables would

be reconnected. Nangarhar's deputy governor Mohammad Hanif told reporters in the vicinity of the protest camp that the breaking of cables was nothing new and had become a routine now.

He said the governor, the electricity department head and other high ranking provincial officials had launched their efforts at the central level to find a permanent solution to the problem. The spokesmen of the Nangarhar and Laghman governors, Attaullah Khogyani and Sarhadi Zwak, confirmed to Pajhwok that work on rejoining the broken cables had been launched and the power would be restored by the end of the day. (Pajhwok)

(20)Ex-Jihadi ...

repeatedly promised to disarm irresponsible armed groups, but no action had been taken, he alleged. "The people killed on Friday were educated youth. Unfortunately, our people are killed without any reason."

A week ago, a jihadi commander of the Hizb-I-islami Afghanistan was also killed in a Taliban ambush in Baghlan-i-Markazi district. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks. (Pajhwok)

(21)IS "Minister...

confirmed death of "Dr. Wa'il" is the second strike in the past two weeks targeting a senior ISIS leader involved in ISIS's media operation. Earlier this week, Pentagon confirmed that the group's spokesman al-Adnani was killed by an airstrike on Aug. 30 as he rode in a vehicle near the Syrian town

Wa'il was a close associate of al-Adnani, said Cook. (Xinhua)

(22)Economy Tops...

, debate for the first time on Sept. 26. Indeed, this year's presidential election comes at a time when a large chunk of Americans are dissatisfied with the economy. While the official jobless rate has lowered, economists say the figure hides a number of issues and does not show a full bill of health for the U.S. economy.

Economic problems have been particularly severe among the nation's blue collar workers - the bulk of Trump's supporters - with many families struggling to get by. (Xinhua)

(23)U.S. Designates...

summer of 2013, setting up a unit of French fighters linked to al- Nusra Front, according to French media reports.Although assumed killed in August last year, Diaby, re-emerged in May this year, claiming his death was a ploy to allow him to travel to Turkey for an operation. Diaby came to the attention of French intelligence due to his involvement with a French extremist group and his online propaganda video series, according to the State Department statement. (Xinhua)

(24)Millions of ...

defence, he said.

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker highlighted that European leaders have agreed on contributing significantly to safeguarding the Bulgarian border with Turkey. This will include financial aid in total amount of 108 million euros (121 million U. S. dollars), personnel and equipment support, according to

Juncker. (Xinhua) (25)Trump Finally

certificate showing he was born in Ha-

Earlier on Friday, Obama said he was "shocked" the issue even resurfaced. "I was pretty confident about where I was born," Obama told reporters. (Xi-

nhua) (26)EU Must ...

our people would have a second-class status in the UK only because it wants to meet the political goals and ambitions stirred up by this referendum," stressed Fico.He added that in this point the stance of the Visegrad Four countries(Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) will be uncompromising. (Xinhua)

(27)Uzbek Acting...

scale of grandiose accomplishments, achieved in the last quarter century, is a duty for each of us. Besides, the issues related to industrial development in the region, the pace of organization of cotton harvesting and sowing winter crops were analyzed at the meeting, which took place under a critical mood. The tasks on steady development of reforms carried out in the economy, the works on further development communications, construction of new buildings were discussed.