

(1) MPs Call...

an operation in Dand-e-Ghori against the insurgents and government should move from a defensive position to a position of attack." Rising concerns come after a marked increase in violence in the country compared to previous years. This fighting season has seen insurgents target government facilities and security posts in particular. They have also managed to take control of some districts in provinces around the country. The MPs concerns come just a day after Resolute Support (RS) mission's commander Gen. John Campbell touched on the emergence of Daesh in Afghanistan and said that "the conditions do not support Daesh." He assured the nation that the mission will not allow Daesh to spread across the country.

In addition, he praised the capability of Afghan forces and noted the young Afghan forces are well-trained and continue to improve. Campbell pledged that the Afghan forces will soon be provided with more fixed-wing aircrafts to build their capability. "What we do is to continue to provide our support to the Afghan security forces both the police and army in areas they continue to need development," he said. (Tolnews)

(2) Stanikzai ...

which should follow the establishment of security posts in areas cleared of militants.

"The enemy is applying every tactics. They behead religious scholars and innocent civilians and give it the name of jihad. Who are behind these killings, these are all intelligence projects."

Stanikzai insisted the operation in Kot district would continue and urged local residents to cooperate with the government particularly with the national security forces.

Nangarhar governor Salim Khan Kunduzi said operations in various areas of Kot district were successfully underway and several areas had been cleared of militants.

"A number of our districts are plagued by insecurity, but the armed groups will face the tough response like the Kot district," he said, promising to reopen schools and health clinics which had been closed due to insecurity in various areas.

A tribal elder in Kot, Maulvi Abdul Aziz Khairkwa, said the Daesh group had so far beheaded 21 people in the district and had closed many schools. "Are we Jews or Christians to be killed? This war is of the Pakistan intelligence. Their country is governed by British laws, but they have declared jihad in Afghanistan as legitimate."

The provincial council deputy head, Dr. Nasir Kamawal, urged the Defence Ministry to increase the strength of security forces in Nangarhar and further equip them.

Other speakers announced they would cooperate with the government and would not allow militants to enter their areas. (Pajhwok)

(3) Peace Efforts...

the discussions to date. "Peace is not an easy task; it has lots of dimensions," said Ismail Qasimyar, an HPC advisor.

"There are big interferences and big politics ... We will not achieve a result until we work together," he said.

Meanwhile, the Resolute Support Commander General John F. Campbell said NATO supports the Afghan-led peace talks and blames rifts within the Taliban for the delay in the process.

"I do agree that the peace process will take some time and I think ... the peace process has to be Afghan-led," he said.

"We will continue to see movement although it's not announced yet on who will represent the Taliban up there because they are fragmented," he added.

Meanwhile, the head of the National Islamic Unity Party of Afghanistan, Mohammad Akbari told TOLOnews: "Efforts have been made but there have been fewer achievements. The problem in Afghanistan is not internal; it has regional and even international roots."

"The peace talks will resume if the Taliban accepts Mullah Akhtar Mansoor as their leader," he said. The first round of peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban was held in Muree, Pakistan, a few months ago but the second round was delayed after reports emerged of the death of

the Taliban's former leader, Mullah Omar, two years after the fact. (Tolnews)

(4) Number of ...

announced suicide attacks against the Afghan national army and Afghan national police soldiers entirely un-Islamic," AISS researcher, Mohammad Muhiq said.

Taliban external links and their cause has always been criticized. The research has also focused on the views of the religious students about the Taliban war.

"One of the fundamental questions is to find out whether there is sympathy with Taliban within these Madrasas or not. In response 60 of the teachers and students said that the Taliban were puppets," Muhiq further stated.

"There are certain illegal Madrasas that promote extremism in those areas. The people believe that the government has no control on their educational curricula, funding resources and their links with foreign sources, this is why they could be detrimental" AISS researcher Abdul Ahad Mohammadi said. Activities of illegal and unregistered Madrasas has always been a matter of concern among the people. Many believe that the nonexistence of a comprehensive monitoring system by the government could be one of the main aspects of promoting radicalism and extremism by these Madrasas, an issue that could pose serious threats to the security of Afghanistan. (Tolnews)

(5) Unemployment ...

minister of public works said. Meanwhile, the ministry of Public Works signed a contract with UN-HABITAT office for professional training worth \$1 million.

In this program 1700 people will be trained in Kabul, Herat, Nangarhar and Balkh provinces.

"After this, we will give certificates to our employees which will be valid in international working organizations," Orya Khail said.

The ministry of public works claims that around 1 million people have been professionally trained in the past ten years but recently the escape of youths from the country had a remarkable increase. (ATN)

(6) Iranian ...

from an education and all of them must be registered in Iranian schools," Khamenei ordered.

It should be noted that Giannini, heading a delegation of top Italian academician, scientists, and education officials, arrived in Tehran on Sept. 19.

The Italian minister and Iranian Science minister Mohammad Farhadi signed an agreement on the promotion of educational and scientific cooperation on Sept. 20.

According to the accord agreement, joint expert committees will be formed to plan road maps for future cooperation on scientific research between the two sides.

The two officials also agreed to collaborate on fueling improvement of scientific and technology parks in each other's countries. In addition, both sides accepted to provide joint university projects undertaken from 2016 to 2018 with up to €100,000 of funds. (Trend News Agency)

(7) Etisalat Afghanistan...

the globe that shows no sign of slowing down. Nowadays more and more people are suffering from this pernicious disease and we have to act now and do," said Dr. Salah Zerguerras, Etisalat Afghanistan CEO, "The tour helps us test and develop our mobile health solutions to tackle the issues and provide diabetes with new and easy to access solutions so that they lead a positive life."

Etisalat riders were equipped with advanced vital performance monitoring tools integrated into their uniforms and through wearable devices. The devices worked using Etisalat's award winning Mobile Connect platform, providing real time critical data for a scientific study on the impact of mHealth on the daily lives of people suffering from diabetes.

Ahmad Shekib, the rider form Etisalat Afghanistan said, "Participation in such a big and important event helped introduce the real Afghanistan to the world and is a huge achievement for Afghanistan in the field of sports. Our aim as a member of Etisalat global family was to send the world the message of peace and show our support from all humanitarian causes." He also thanked Etisalat Afghanistan for providing the opportunity and supporting sports

during the past years in Afghanistan.

The tour was split into three stages. Stage 1 began from Brussels and ended in Paris two days later. Stage 2 witnessed riders leaving Paris, crossing the Vosges before ending in Belfort from where Stage 3 began. During the final stage the riders had to tackle a mountain profile stage in the Alps before the finished in Geneva.

The mHealth Grand Tour 2015 aimed to raise public awareness of diabetes, a condition that affects 387 million people, or 8.3% of the global population in 2014. It also aimed to promote the development of mobile health solutions that have the potential to significantly improve day-to-day life for people with diabetes.

According to the International Diabetes Federation, there will be close to 592 million people suffering from diabetes by 2035. (PR)

(8) Blast Victims ...

Another survivor, Nasima Sakhizada, who was seriously injured in a Kabul suicide attack, said she can no longer walk properly as a result of the blast. She called for the end of war and said peace was seriously needed.

Meanwhile, Nasima, a social worker from the Institution of Afghans Affected by Mines said: "We are tired of war and we don't want our children and our youth to be killed or become disabled."

In a separate event at a park in Kabul city, musicians and entertainers, including a circus act and poets, performed for passers-by to mark World Peace Day.

They said that living in a peaceful environment was a fundamental human right.

A call was however put out by a number of civil society institutions who called for the establishment of a center for peace studies.

Each year International Peace Day is observed around the world on September 27. The United Nations' General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

The theme of this year's commemoration is "Partnerships for Peace - Dignity for All" which aims to highlight the importance of all segments of society to work together to strive for peace. (Tolnews)

(9) Hundreds of ...

groups in Pakistan are carrying out attacks in Afghanistan that claim the lives of innocent civilians including children and women and as well as foreign aid workers and Afghan and international security forces.

Protesters warned that the fire which is currently burning Afghanistan would eventually reach to Lahore and Islamabad.

"The aim of the protest is to raise our voice against the killing of innocent Afghan brethren and tell the perpetrators to stop their murderous campaigns. Recent spate of suicide attacks such as the ones in Kabul that took the life of hundreds of innocent Afghans is no more bearable," said Ahmad Farid Mall, from Afghan Association Paiwand and a participant of the demonstration.

Rahela Siddiqui, Refugee Woman for Woman, said "It's now clear to the world that Pakistan is the nest of terrorism. Pakistan military and intelligence agencies provided safe havens for Osama Ben-Laden, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Mullah Omar, Haqqani Network leaders who were responsible for September 11 attacks, 7/7 London bombings and numerous other major attacks around the world. The world cannot afford to stand by and watch Pakistan go about its own business. It must take stringent action against Pakistan to stop the export of terrorism."

"Though the two-faced military regime in Pakistan pledged support in the fight against terrorism, they covertly provided Al-Qaeda, Taliban and Haqqani Network sanctuaries inside Pakistan and supported them to regroup and launch a murderous campaign in Afghanistan," said Awesta Telyar Azada, a UK-based woman rights and civil society activist, insisting that: "The UN security council should consider declaring Pakistan a state sponsor of terrorism."

The protesters demanded Pakistan to immediately put an end to its destructive policies in Afghanistan. Demonstrators ultimately submitted their resolution to Pakistan High Commission and demanded that terrorist sanctuaries must be eliminated in Pakistan. (FNA)

(10) All Villages ...

Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal states in the statement.

Col. Mashriqiwal adds that new security posts would be established in Dre Sare Tapa area of this district to ensure security.

He says that Nangarhar's police chief himself visited the area and advised security posts to the related officials.

Operation Shaheen 09 was jointly launched by personnel from the National Directorate of Security (NDS), Police and Army based on request of the local residents on Saturday. Five members of the Daesh militant group were killed and three others wounded on its first day.

Those killed included a local commander of the group. (KP)

(11) MPs Call on ...

believed to be ensconced within the Afghan political system comes a day after former Jihadi leader Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf claimed that terror attacks conducted in the country are being plotted from within Kabul.

"The enemy is operating under the nose of the system. If these elements weren't identified, we will face damaging consequences," Sayyaf said, warning that if the insurgents are able to work from within Kabul, they will be able to wage war from inside the city limits.

Reacting to Sayyaf's claims, the lawmakers urged the Afghan spy agencies to probe the allegations, adding that Sayyaf must also offer evidence to back up his allegations so as to avoid upsetting the nation.

In recent months rumors over the existence of the so-called fifth pillar inside government has drastically increased and many people believe that the existence of such elements pose a serious threat to national security.

Responding to Sayyaf's claims, parliament's internal security commission on Monday called for action by the NDS to assess the allegations and probe the identities of these so-called spies.

"National Unity Government, particularly the NDS and other agencies, must investigate Sayyaf's claims. I am sure that he will have sufficient evidence to back up such claims," MP Mirdad Khan Nejrabi said.

"There is no place for negligence regarding Sayyaf's statement. There is a need for solid action to be taken to detect the fifth pillar within the system," MP Iqbal Safai said on Monday.

"Sayyaf should clarify his claims, otherwise he should not distress the people," MP Gulalai Noor Safai said.

"The National Unity Government should speak to Sayyaf about the claims and investigate the issue in order to identify the fifth pillar elements and arrest them on the basis of evidence," MP Dawoud Kalakani said. (Tolnews)

(12) 4-Year Plan...

He said the UN-Habitat had allocated more than \$12 million to be spent over the next three years in Nangarhar, Kabul and Herat provinces. The aid would be spent on building health clinics, school buildings and projects like electricity and potable water, he explained.

"In general, we have sought \$553 million from donor countries and they have promised a portion of it for now," he added.

According to Balkhi, a majority of the IDPs currently lived under tents in Kabul, Herat, Ghor, Farah and Badghis provinces.

According to the Refugees Ministry more than one million people have been internally displaced due to insecurity and drought. (Pajhwok)

(13) Islamabad...

over the Badher attack would be more harmful than beneficial due to President Ashraf Ghani's weak writ. The high-level meeting reviewed the overall security situation in Pakistan, with particular reference to the terrorist attack on Pakistan Air Force (PAF) camp in Badher which killed 29 people.

The newspaper quoted the sources as saying that President Ghani's regime was "very weak" and it was not in Pakistan's interest to suspend its relations with Afghanistan over members of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) hiding in Afghanistan. Pakistan maintains that the attackers of Badher had come from Afghanistan and the attack was planned and coordinated from the neighboring country.

National Security Adviser Sartaj

Aziz said on Sunday Islamabad will share the evidence with Afghan authorities. Aziz's comments came a day after Kabul denied that the attack, which left 30 air force and army officials dead on Friday, was launched from Afghan soil.

Maj Gen Asim Bajwa, director general of Pakistani military's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), had said on Friday that the attack was planned in and controlled from Afghanistan.

Taliban leader Omar Mansoor had used his Afghan number to speak to the media in Pakistan to claim responsibility for the attack. He also appeared in a video along with a group of gunmen who, he said, were sent to launch the attack. (Pajhwok)

(14) Detailed Report...

delivery and effective management of the transition facing the country.

In a detailed report - entitled State of Afghan Cities 2015 - the key message that comes across is that "urbanization is not a problem to be solved but, if done well, is an effective instrument and DRIVER of PROSPERITY, stabilization and state building".

Speaking at the launch of the report, Ghani said the State of Afghan Cities 2015 "is for better urban planning and policy-making to improve lives, especially of women and youth".

The assessment project, launched in November last year was developed and implemented by three key partners - the Ministry of Urban Development Affairs (MUDA), the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) and Kabul Municipality. Technical assistance was provided by UN-Habitat and financial assistance by the Australian government.

In his message, Minister for Urban Development Affairs Sadat Mansoor Naderi said that cities worldwide drive economies but in Afghanistan basic information for urban areas does not really exist. However, with this assessment and report, essential data will help harness urbanization as a driver of development.

"It will ensure the outcomes are pragmatic and reflect the ground realities across the country," he said. Kabul's acting mayor, Abdul Ahad Wahid, said that the country's capital is home to the largest share of the total urban population in Afghanistan - a city that has witnessed considerable growth in the past ten years.

He said the findings that have been produced under this program are of enormous value for Kabul as the new land use and dwelling maps now lay the foundation for detailed planning of future districts.

He said: "This will help improve municipal revenue collection." (Tolnews)

(15) Taliban Torch...

equipment on the base but some wooden booths and three security towers were destroyed.

Security forces did not need that base and it was not an achievement for Taliban, the police chief said, adding that Afghan forces had always repulsed Taliban attacks on their active bases.

A resident of the area, Jannat Gul, said the Taliban destroyed everything on the base using tractors.

He said the base was located in a desert area and the militants were currently present in nearby villages. Few days ago, Taliban stormed a military base in Nawrozak area of Baghlan-i-Markazi district and killed to Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and wounded four others, but the attack was pushed back. (Pajhwok)

(16) 'Employment...

Day in Shiberghan, the provincial capital of northern Jawzjan province. Maulvi Abdul Hai Hayat, the provincial council head, told the gathering that as long as the government did not change its policies with regards to peace, war would not come to an end.

"People are tired of the war. Hundreds of youth are addicted to drugs and the major cause of this all is unemployment," he said, adding that people had better job opportunities in the past. Maulvi Hayat said Kazakhstan had promised to build five factories in Jawzjan, providing job opportunities for 5,000 people. He accused the government of negligence in implementing these projects.

Maulvi Mohammad Akram, the provincial peace committee

chief, also voiced his concern about the lack of employment opportunities. He urged the government to pay utmost attention to this problem. "Employment can facilitate the implementation of peace programme." (Pajhwok)

(17) Afghan Militancy, ...

the past two days.

In the latest violent incident, a rocket fired by Taliban militants had killed two children and injured seven others including four children in the eastern Ghazni province on Monday, deputy to provincial government, Mohammad Ali Ahmadi said.

"A rocket fired by Taliban rebels hit Alam Qala village in Deyak district on Monday morning left two innocent children dead and injured seven others including four children, two women and a man," Ahmadi told Xinhua.

Without giving more details, the official added that investigation has been initiated into the case. Taliban militants fighting the government and are active in parts of Ghazni province including Deyak and Andar districts have yet to claim responsibility for the alleged rocket firing.

However, counter-militancy operations carried out by government forces in different parts of the country have left 25 insurgents dead and injured 20 more others over the past 24 hours, a statement of interior ministry released here Monday said. (Xinhua)

(18) Five Terrorists ...

bomb blasts and terror of prominent figures in Jalalabad city.

The statement identifies the detained terrorists as Ihsanullah S/O Sayed Wazir, Mohammad Amin S/O Mohammad Din, Rasoul Khan S/O Abdul Karim, Nasir Ahmad S/O Fida Mohammad and Qudratullah S/O Mullah Jan, residents of Nangarhar province.

The statement further states that a pistol, two magnetic bombs and other terrorist materials were recovered from the possession of the terrorists in Du Saraka area of Jalalabad city. NDS statements usually do not contain the exact date of the achievements but they come after recent activities. (KP)

(19) Despite Ban...

firecrackers, health experts claim, warning that the use of such things makes children aggressive.

For this reason, the Ministry of Interior recently announced a ban on the sale, purchase and use of toy weapons and firecrackers. It also promised collecting such items from the market.

In coordination with the Ministry of Commerce and the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, the MoI plans banning the import and sale of these items by Eidul Adha.

Now that the festival is only days away, toy guns, pistols and firecrackers continue to be on sale in different parts of the capital city, as well as other provinces, in violation of the ban.

The Bailer Street bazaar is awash with such items, which are kept away from police gaze. A Pajhwok Afghan News reporter, posing as a customer, saw these items at a number of shops.

After being shown a variety of artificial weapons, this scribe revealed his actual identity. The shopkeepers, unable to deny what they were selling, agreed to give brief interviews. (Pajhwok)

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(20) China-U.S. ...

unlimited," he said, adding that the two countries can achieve big things together in climate change, anti-terrorism, fighting disease, water scarcity, and other areas.

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(21) New Australian...

whose composition and focus reflect our determination to ensure that Australia seizes the opportunities of these, the most exciting times in human history," Turnbull said at the ceremony.

Abbott was defeated in a surprise leadership ballot of Liberal Party lawmakers last week after he battled poor opinion polling during most of his center-right government's two years in power. (AP)