

(1) After Trump...

Under the agreement, Iran undertook to put limitations on its nuclear program in exchange for the removal of nuclear-related sanctions imposed against Tehran. (Presstv)

(2) Rabbani Underlines ...

comments, and stressed Tehran's readiness to continue talks on the five specialized committees.

In a relevant development in June, Zarif and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in a meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan, underlined the need for expanding mutual cooperation in different fields.

During the meeting in Kazakhstan's capital, Zarif and Ghani explored avenues for bolstering and reinvigorating bilateral relations in both political and economic fields.

Zarif, for his part, referred to strategic talks in Kabul, saying that working groups have been formed to implement the agreements signed earlier between Tehran and Kabul.

Both sides also exchanged views on the ongoing crisis among the Persian Gulf littoral states, urging them to solve their problems through dialogue. (FNA)

(3) Kabul Rejects ..

President Ashraf Ghani's deputy spokesman, Dawa Khan Menapal, on Saturday said Abbasi remarks were "direct interference" in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Afghanistan is a sovereign country and it maintains relations with all countries keeping in view its national interests." Menapal said Afghanistan and India besides economic and political ties had the common goal of combating terrorism, because it was a common threat to both of them.

"Afghanistan's relations with India are no harm or damage to any country, so no one should worry about it." Earlier, Afghan Ambassador to Islamabad, Hazrat Omar Zalkhilwal, had told a conference that Afghanistan-India ties were not against Pakistan. Last month, US President Donald Trump announced a new phase in the 16-year campaign in Afghanistan, pledging further US military involvement against the Taliban.

Trump also criticized Pakistan for providing "safe havens for terrorist organizations" and called on Pakistan's regional rival India to become further involved in Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

(4) Ghani Orders AGO ..

The letter was widely criticised and the person accused of drafting it said his computer had been misused.

Ghani was offended by reading details of the letter, the Presidential Palace said. "Ghani condemns racism in all forms, particularly in government organs," his office said.

"He would not allow any individual or foundation to damage national unity among Afghans," a statement from the Palace said.

It added the president had directed the AGO to thoroughly investigate the issue and treat those found involved in accordance with the law of the land. "The beauty, power and stability of Afghanistan is dependent on the equality of all tribes of this country. Representing them is my biggest pride," the president remarked. (Pajhwok)

(5) MPs Troubled by ..

taken by four members who failed to consult the other three commissioners. "I want to tell you an example: when we wanted to introduce the head of the IEC secretariat, after the first test, and in the final phase, we did not hold an official meeting to agree on which one of the three candidates will be introduced to the Presidential Palace. That issue was done between four people while the other commissioners were not consulted," Dawlati told TOLONews.

MPs said the commissioners from disadvantaged provinces have been marginalized and that commissioners somehow related to the presidential palace make the decisions.

"The situation is really concerning. The presidential palace issues them (commissioners) orders," Humayun Humayun, first deputy speaker of parliament said.

"Evidence also gets published that there are disagreements within the IEC and they blame one another," MP Zmarak Padkhabi said.

"Commissioners from deprived provinces have been marginalized and the commissioners related to the presidential palace rule the commission," MP Abdul Rahim Rahin said.

The Independent Election Commission has yet to react in this respect.

Despite consecutive efforts made to get comment from the IEC spokesman regarding this, no reaction was forthcoming.

These claims come after a source from within the commission recently stated that commissioners disagreed on a range of issues.

The institutions overseeing the election process meanwhile said most of the disagreements within the IEC are rooted in the interference of external groups in IEC affairs. (Tolonews)

(6) US and Russian ...

for Russian helicopters (MI-17 and MI-35) are not available when we need to repair them. We are trying to get the spares from Russia or another country," defense ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said a while back. Now however the defense ministry said the Afghan government is trying to get more MI-35 helicopters from Russia.

"Government is trying to get more MI-35 from Russia. Right now we have MI-35, but the helicopters need to be repaired," Waziri said. (Tolonews)

(7) Band-I-Amir ..

Mis Ainak Knights finished just four runs short of the target, 154 for seven. Band-i-Amir Dragons came under tremendous pressure when captain Mohammad Nabi was building a partnership with Zimbabwean batsman Sikandar Raza.

But the pressure shifted back to the batsmen when their partnership was broken with the dismissal of Nabi for 27. Mis Ainak needed 12 runs from the last over but Zimbabwean Tendai Chatara bowled well to contain them. Band-e-Amir won by four runs to be crowned as champions of the Shpa-ganza Cricket League 2017. Spin prodigy Rashid Khan Shahidullah put a firm grip on the scoring in the middle overs.

Karim Sadiq of Kabul Eagles was adjudged player of the tournament; national team captain Asghar Stanikzai the best batsman and Zahir Khan received the best bowler award.

Karim Khalili, head of the High Peace Council, Eklil Hakimi, minister of finance, Akram Khpalkwak, presidential advisor, Ambassador Omar Zakhilwal and ACB officials attended the presentation ceremony.

At least 10,000 fans watched the final at the Alokozay Kabul International Cricket Ground. The 12-day event featured six teams, including several foreign cricketers. (Pajhwok)

(8) Kabul Farmers ...

but nowadays they sell them in Kabul.

"We cannot keep cattle because we cannot afford the expenses for their feed," said Sayedajan, a resident of the district.

The Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) meanwhile said they have a plan to distribute dairy cows in Kabul's districts in order to increase dairy products in the capital. "We want to distribute 1,500 cows to vulnerable families in Kabul districts," said Omar Jan Mangal, head of agriculture and irrigation at the ministry.

According to MAIL officials, at least 70 percent of Afghans work in the livestock and agriculture sector. (Tolonews)

(9) E-Sports Debut ...

II, King of Fighters XIV, and Hearthstone.

While in-game IDs such as "Teehee," "xEunji," and "Pingfanzhilu" (the Philippines' John Linuel Abanto, Lao's Nanthanakone Vongxay, and China's Liu Shuda, respectively) may not be household names to 'traditional' sports fans, to millions of e-Sports fans around the world the top players are as respected and idolized as any major league athlete.

11 nations will compete in Ashgabat 2017 e-Sports competition, with Jordan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Mongolia, China, Laos, Vietnam, Taiwan, Philippines, and host-nation Turkmenistan all fielding competitors. Action in e-Sports competition gets underway on 25 September and runs through to 27 September, the final day of Ashgabat 2017. (Tolonews)

(10) Jawzjan: 20 Killed,...

number of Taliban fighters had gathered in Chaqma Choqor village and engaged in intense fighting with Daesh on Saturday morning, the district chief added.

Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, the governor's spokesman, accused Daesh fighters of setting alight five bodies of

Taliban militants after killing them.

Two rockets, six Kalashnikovs, six machineguns, two other type weapons and 17 motorcycles belonged to Taliban also captured by Daesh, he added. In response to a question about the Afghan forces' responsibility for preventing such clashes, he said: "The security personnel are not in a position to do anything in such a situation."

The security forces were in a defensive position, mostly focussed on the security of the district centre, he said: "We send reports about the security situation to the central government on a daily basis.

"The central government, which is being kept posted on the situation, will have to take a decision on when to launch a clearing operation here," he said.

Abdullah, a resident of Bikasrain area of the district, said: "Taliban on Friday surrounded our village and 40 of them came in. Daesh militants were still hiding there as the Taliban thought they had escaped.

"The Taliban gathered in one location and were eating food when they came under attack from Daesh fighters," he said, adding 20 Taliban insurgents were killed and six escaped in injured condition.

"Fighters from both sides, hiding in residential buildings, are prepared for another clash," Abdullah said. A large number of Taliban fighters came from Faryab and Sar-i-Pul provinces to Qosh Tepa to fight against Daesh.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said he had no information about clashes in Qosh Tepa.

According to another report, 10 youths in northwestern Faryab province joined the Taliban militants. Local officials said the youths were sons of local influential individuals who received religious education in Balcheragh district of the province.

A credible security source said Jamshid, a son of Ghafoor Pahlawan, an uprising commander of the Junbish-i-Islami Party, and Tayebullah, son of Mufti Hedayatullah, a supervisor of provincial education department, were among the youth having joined the Taliban.

For his part, Ghafoor Palawan confirmed 10 youths of the district had joined Taliban's ranks but said his son was not among them. "My son has been kidnapped," he claimed.

He said his son was returning from his house of relatives on Saturday morning, when kidnapped by a number of youth who later joined the Taliban.

Mohammad Amin, a resident of the area, said some figures were active, both on government and the Taliban sides, to protect their own interests. He blamed the government for its silence on the issue. (Pajhwok)

(11) 5 Police Killed, ...

A member of the provincial council, Naseer Ahmad Faqire, said five policemen were killed and nine others wounded. He complained the police personnel lacked ammunition.

There has been no comment so far from the Taliban about the attack. (Pajhwok)

(12) All Health Centres in ..

the province was open to take in ailing people.

A member of the provincial council member, Abdul Karim Karimi, urged insurgents to allow the hospitals to resume services.

He said the Taliban had ordered closed all hospitals across the province and the incompetent provincial government was doing nothing to deal with the situation. According to him, currently all health centers in the province were non-operational.

Uruzgan civil hospital director Dr. Aminullah Tokhai said they shut the hospital's doors on Saturday morning after he received a recent threat from the Taliban.

He said he had shared the issue with government officials a few days back, but they didn't cooperate and did nothing in this regard.

Tokhai didn't clarify the reason behind the Taliban's warning, but he was told if he didn't close the hospital, his name would be added to the insurgents' blacklist.

The provincial administration refused to comment on the issue. (Pajhwok)

(13) Foreigners Among ...

others wounded during an airstrike in the Akhondkhel area of Awghaz district.

An air and ground operation was underway in insecure areas of Ghazni, most of which had been purged of militants, Noori claimed.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed airstrikes in Nawa district, claiming the security forces had suffered casualties at the hands of rebels.

Nawa district has been under Taliban control for the past 14 years, and the operation was carried out there after several years. (Pajhwok)

(14) Gold Price up, ...

In food items, the price of sugar slightly decreased. Food Traders Union head, Fazal Rahman said the price of 49 kilograms of Pakistani sugar was decreased from 1,920afs to 1,900afs.

He said that 24kg of Pakistani rice cost 1,850afs, 50kg of Kazkhstani flour 1,160afs and 16 liters of Khurshid ghee 1,120afs, the same rates of last week's. Noor Ahmad Khairkhwah, a tea seller in Kabul Mandavi, said a kilogram of Indonesian green tea cost 280afs and the same amount of African black tea 300afs -- same as last week's.

Ahmad Wali Panjsheri, who owns a grocery shop in Dahn-i-Bagh area, sold a 50-kg bag of Kazakhstani flour for 1,220afs and a 49-kg sack of Pakistani sugar for 2,000afs.

He sold a 16-litre tin of Khurshid ghee for 1,200afs, a 24-kg sack of Pakistani rice for 2,100afs, a kilogram of Indonesian green tea for 300afs and the same quantity of African black tea for 350afs, higher than wholesale rates.

According to Sara-I-Shahzada money-changers, one US dollar accounted for 68.45 Afghans and 1,000 Pakistani rupees 640 Afghans this week against last week's rates of 68.70afs and 641afs respectively. (Pajhwok)

(15) Rehab Center ...

"In close partnership with the National Unity Government, we are working to build increasingly effective, sustainable and affordable Afghan security forces and institutions that are organized, equipped and capable of providing security for all Afghans," said Cornelius Zimmermann, the NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan.

"This will be the leading-edge rehabilitation facility in the country," said Gen. John Nicholson, the NATO Resolute Support Mission Commander. "The men and women of the Afghan military and police are on the front lines in the fight against terrorism. The fighting has been tough, and they have taken casualties.

This facility will be a major addition to the country's ability to provide high quality care and treatment for their wounded and an important learning institution for Afghan practitioners."

According to the press release, Canada is the largest donor of the project and has committed \$27 million USD. (Tolonews)

(16) Herat Man Arrested ...

of knowledge and culture (Herat). Because Hekmatyar has returned after years with the message of peace," another resident of Herat Omid Neday said.

Meanwhile Herat's provincial council members criticized politicians for using mosques as a campaign venue and said these were religious institutions for praying - not for political purposes.

"Mosques shouldn't be misused for political purposes and officials at the mosque must give reasons for having allowed this," Habib-ur-Rahman Pedram, a member of the provincial council said.

"It should be asked why politicians were allowed to use the mosque for political work," another member of the council Abdul Rahim Saleh Timori said.

Meanwhile pictures have been published on social media platforms that show Wahid spoke to a member of Hizb-e-Islami, Juma Khan Hamdard, before the incident. However Hizb-e-Islami has not commented in this regard.

A number of lawyers meanwhile said if Hekmatyar has forgiven the man, then the case should be closed and there is no rational reason for an investigation.

"This incident (throwing shoes) is included in the forgivable crimes. If the plaintiff asks for an investigation, then the accused will be prosecuted. And if the plaintiff does not complain, then the case gets closed," the head of Herat's Association of Lawyers, Rafi Naderi said.

Following the incident at Herat mosque, Hekmatyar said in the past few decades he was targeted many times, but that he is still alive.

"In the past 50 years all the governments in Kabul and their supporters

including ISI (Pakistan's intelligence agency) and KGB(former Soviet intelligence agency) were trying to kill me. But now I am here and they are not," said Hekmatyar.

Since 2001, Hekmatyar is the first leader of a political party to use Herat's mosque for a political campaign. (Tolonews)

(17) 8 Soldiers Injured..

forces had been waiting for order. He said five Taliban were killed after their attack in the Tapa Qashlan and Mughali areas.

Gen. Jannat Gul Karokhel confirmed the military convoy stayed in Khawaja Sabzposh where they have been planning to suppress militants and also reopen the road. He did not say anything about the losses of security forces.

Syed Abdul Hameed, Da Afghanistan Breshna Shirkat Director (DABS), said electricity to 75,000 families in Maimana City and four districts of the province was cut off as power supply cable was severed due to the clash.

He said conflicting parties did not allow DABS officials to restore the electricity supply. (Pajhwok)

(18) 15 Militants Killed ...

was killed and three others wounded in the clash. The injured rebels included a notorious commander Janat Gul, the gubernatorial spokesman said.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban's spokesman, claimed security forces suffered casualties and their two check-posts and some weapons were captured by the fighters. (Pajhwok)

MPs Demand Probe into Graft Charges Against Ibrahimi

KABUL - Some Wolesi Jirga members on Saturday demanded investigation into corruption allegations against the lower house speaker and secretary.

Earlier, Humayon Humayon, first deputy speaker, had accused the Wolesi Jirga secretariat of embezzlement and illegal appointment of hundreds.

The allegations included spending five million afghans on rent for the house and office of the Wolesi Jirga speaker and illegal appointments of a number of individuals.

The debate on corruption charges against Ibrahim comes at a time when the speaker is abroad.

Lawmaker Dr. Ramazan Bashardost told the lower house: "Documents regarding alleged corruption by the speaker have been exposed and the Attorney Office can do nothing in this regard."

He suggested Ibrahimi should be suspended in line with the Article 101 of the Constitution over alleged corruption, which was considered a national treason.

Bashardost termed allegations of corruption against Ibrahimi "a shame" for the lower house and said if the house did not start accountability from its own, they would not be able to held accountable the president and the chief justice.

Mohammad Sarwar Usman Farahi, another lawmaker, said: "Corruption charges against Ibrahim bring a bad name to the Wolesi Jirga."

He said lawmakers should give priority to accountability not compromises. Ibrahimi should be suspended and introduced to the attorney officer, he demanded. Abdul Rahim Ayubi, a lawmaker from Kandahar province said it would be better for Ibrahimi to commit suicide. Lawmakers could not criticise the government for corruption when its chairman was accused of the same, he remarked. Deputy speaker Humayon Humayon tasked the investigation and finance commissions of the house to investigate the issue and present the result of their investigation to the house. (Pajhwok)

2 Killed as Truck Flips Over in Parwan

KABUL - Two people were killed in a traffic accident in the Salang district of central Parwan province early on Saturday, an official said.

District Chief Mohammad Sabir Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place at around 4:00am in the Shekargah area when a Mazda type truck lost its balance due to technical fault and overturned. He said the driver and conductor of the truck were killed in the accident and their bodies were shifted to the Salang clinic. According to statistics it is the 15th traffic accident on Salang Road this year. (Pajhwok)