

### (1) Seeking ...

the Hizb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) a great achievement, he rejected claims that the government paid a big price for the accord.

Assuring that rights of people were not violated in the agreement and would not be violated in future deals, the CEO said those killing Afghans to achieve their goals and destroying public assets had proved themselves wrong in the past 15 years. (Pajhwok)

### (2) We Believe...

holding a national conference on peace in the future," he said. On Saturday, the Presidential Palace said that government will uphold its side of the peace agreement signed this week.

"The executive committee from government and Hizb-e-Islami will follow all contents of the agreement," Ghani's deputy spokesman Shahussain Murtazawi said at a press conference.

Meanwhile, the second deputy of the CEO, Mohammad Mohaqiq, said it is a good opportunity for the Hizb-e-Islami leader to return to the country.

"I am not aware whether the Hizb-e-Islami leader will return or not, but peace means that he can indeed return," he said.

However, the head of Hizb-e-Islami delegation, Amin Karim, said Hekmatyar will not return until his name has been removed from the UN's blacklist.

"Logic does not allow the return of the leader of Hizb-e-Islami until bans on him are lifted," Amin stated. (Tolonews)

### (3) Afghanistan at

responsible for people, he said, adding if anyone wanted to take the leadership, they should participate in the election process. "The greatest problem of Afghanistan is deprivation, most of the people in rural areas are unable to eat three times a day, eliminating poverty is our Islamic and humanitarian responsibility, all we should focus on ending poverty," Ghani added. (Pajhwok)

### (4) UNAMA Discuss...

UNAMA is encouraged by the Government's readiness to invite members of the Hazara community, including the Enlightening Movement, for talks. The Mission welcomes the willingness of all sides to engage in dialogue, urges them to seize this opportunity, and stands ready to support such a process. While reaffirming the right of all Afghans to peaceful assembly, UNAMA calls for the postponement of planned demonstrations. (PR)

### (5) Sharp Rise...

lacking legal documents to October 2016, the minister said. He said the number of Afghan refugees returning from Pakistan and Iran had unprecedentedly increased as around 8,000 refugees, most of them from Pakistan, returned on a daily basis.

"The repatriation process has highly accelerated to the extent not seen in the past 14 years. The reasons behind the increase in returning refugees could be identified as pressures from host countries and improvement in security situation of Afghanistan," he said.

Based on Afghan government's policy, each returning refugee is provided a land plot to resolve their residency problems, he said. However, Balkhi said a shortage of budget, the lack of cooperation from relevant organizations and the usurpation of township land by powerful figures were main problems of his ministry.

"Work on 61 townships in 29 provinces of the country is underway, the townships would resolve residency problems for refugees once constructed," he said.

He asked Meshrano Jirga members to increase the amount of budget for the ministry so it could meet all needs of affected people.

The MoRR with the current budget could not resolve problems of thousands of refugees returning daily to the country, he said. About repatriation of Germany-

based Afghan refugees, he said "negotiations with the German government are underway. The Afghan side did not reach any agreement on the deportation of Afghan migrants."

He added 154,000 Afghans had applied for asylum in Germany last year. On the other hand, he said the harassment of Afghan refugees in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province increased after a military school came under coordinated attack in Peshawar two years ago. Clashes over border between Afghan and Pakistani forces that took place three months ago could also be a reason Pakistan trying to expel refugees, Balkhi said.

According to UNHCR, around 1.5 million registered and a million unregistered Afghan refugees live in Pakistan. (Pajhwok)

### (6) Afghan Woman ...

built eight schools in total.

"When we started the first building we were very worried that maybe we could not complete it but we succeeded," said Noor.

"I am very happy that a woman has built school buildings for children so children can be educated in peace," said Hedayat Amin Arsalan, a former adviser to the president.

"If we look at Afghanistan's education over the past ten years, we will see that from the perspective of quantity education has improved ten times but from a quality perspective there are still problems," said Deputy Minister of Education Mohammad Ibrahim Shinwari.

Meanwhile grateful students from two of Noor's schools, Ghulam Mohammad Farhad and Akbar Pami in Arzan Qemat, in Kabul, thanked her for having provided them with proper classrooms.

The Afghan Ministry of Education meanwhile said that currently at least 50 percent of all schools in the country are either using rented buildings or tents. (Tolonews)

### (7) National Citizen ...

"Making localities and villages rich and self-sufficient through close relation between the people and the government and providing a trusted environment are primary goals of the government, the Citizen Charter program would help achieve these goals," he said.

The Citizen Charter program is depended on people and budget for its implementation will be used by development councils, Hakimi said, adding the government was aware of all problems of people who should also cooperate with the government in identifying their problems.

Hesaid budget for implementation of the program was estimated more than a billion US dollars of which 630\$ million to be used in the first four years had already been made available.

"The aim of the Citizen Charter program includes partnership between the government and the people, eliminating poverty, particularly to address economic problems of poor people, people with disabilities, widows, displaced families and refugees," he said.

Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) acting head, Abdul Baqi Popal called the Citizen Charter program national and said the government was committed serving people. He also asked people to cooperate with the government.

More than 50,000 councils have been created for the program in cities alone, he said, adding the government must meet people's needs through the program that would also connect villages with cities.

Rural Development and Rehabilitation Minister Nasir Ahmad Durani said the first job generating program of the government was inaugurated last year in November and the third phase of that program would begin in the next two weeks. He hoped the Citizen Charter program would ensure balanced development, generate jobs, improve people's lives and put an end to insecurity in the country. (Pajhwok)

### (8) Egypt Provides...

attended by high-ranking Afghan government official as well as representatives of civil

society organizations and media agencies.

Mohab Nasr, Egypt's Ambassador to Afghanistan, said the assistance proved Egypt's commitment to help the Afghan people and alleviate their suffering after decades of war and conflict.

Nasr stressed on deep ties and historic relations between the peoples of the two countries. Egypt has been assisting Afghanistan in various fields including training of Afghan police and defense officers as well as providing scholarships and humanitarian assistance. (PR)

### (9) Afghanistan...

president thanked the visiting delegation for their cooperation with Afghan officials in their preparation for the upcoming Brussels conference, adding his government tried to implement projects from which the poor people could benefit.

Ghani said he decided to get the trust and confidence of friend countries and launch a decisive campaign against corruption, fight poverty and create job opportunities for the people in the country.

He said he discussed an agreed over the creation of a joint air trade route with India through which both the countries would be able to deliver their export and import.

He said the government was also concentrating over the creation of more ports, economic zones in the airports and work over the infrastructure.

The WB official said they wanted to increase cooperation with Afghanistan and coordinate planes and polices with Afghan government.

He praised Afghanistan's role in regional economic cooperation and connectivity and assured the president of WB complete support. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Mohaqiq Urges..

government leaders will negatively impact Afghanistan's image at the Brussels Summit."

"Rifts and tension inside government will make it weak. We hear news about it nowadays," said Harun Mir, an analyst in political affairs. (Tolonews)

### (11) Hekmatyar ...

Pakistani authorities to join a joint effort to pave the way for foreign troops exit from Afghanistan when complete peace returns to the war-torn country," a source quoted in a report by The News said.

The source further added "A team of journalists who reported the long armed struggle of Afghan nation against Soviet army's invasion of the country for more than ten years may also visit Kabul as soon Hizb-i-Islami Afghanistan chief sets foot in the capital."

According to the paper, diplomatic sources in Islamabad are optimistic about returning of Taliban to negotiation table after Gulbaddin Hekmatyar's joining mainstream politics by shunning arms struggle.

The draf peace agreement between Hezb-e-Islami and the Afghan government was signed during a ceremony attended by high level government officials on Thursday.

The agreement is expected to be signed by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and Hekmatyar in the near future.

The signing of the agreement came as Afghanistan High Peace Council and Hezb-e-Islami delegation participated in a series of negotiations that lasted almost six months. (KP)

### (12) Hajj Pilgrims...

pilgrims, 6,779 had arrived so far from Saudi Arabia on 17 flights. The remaining 17,000 pilgrims would return over the next two weeks, he said.

Calling this year's services offered to pilgrims unprecedented, he said the hajj process from the aspects of management, transparency, food, residency, transport and guiding had been better and the pilgrims were satisfied.

He said 12 of the pilgrims had died during the performance of the hajj while eight others fell ill and were currently under

treatment. Four others were detained over pick pocketing and were currently under investigation by Saudi police.

One of the Afghan pilgrims had gone missing during the Hajj, but police were investigating about the issue, he said.

To a question about sermons by prayer leaders in mosques, Abid said, "From 160,000 mosques, only 5,000 of them are registered with the MoHIA and are overseen."

However, he said efforts were underway to register all mosques in the country and present a single Khutbah in all of them.

Abid added more than 13,000 acres of land belonged to the ministry had been usurped by other government departments and powerful individuals. However, he did not name any department or person.

The MoHIA collects around 60 million afghanis income from 35 acres of land it owns yearly, he said. The amount of revenue would increase once the usurped land was recovered, he added. (Pajhwok)

### (13) Takhar Deputy ...

The group launched numerous attacks in Kunduz and kidnapped several passengers earlier this year from the vicinity of Kunduz as well as the main highway connecting Takhar and Kunduz. (KP)

### (14) UN Chief...

statement.

Ban also called on the international community to "unite to send a clear message that it will not tolerate the use of indiscriminate and ever more deadly and powerful weapons against civilians," according to the statement. (Xinhua)

### (16) UNSC to...

Syrian military positions. The Sunday council meeting will be held to discuss the latest military escalation in Syria's northern city of Aleppo.

Earlier on Saturday, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that he was appalled by the latest escalation in Aleppo, saying that the northern Syrian city is facing "the most sustained and intense bombardment since the start of the Syrian conflict." (Xinhua)

### (17) EU, Not...

should better control the external border, otherwise, internal border control could be negative for EU member states. European leaders gathered in Vienna on Saturday to discuss the ongoing migrant crisis, especially the so-called Balkan route used by Afghan, Iraqi and Syrian refugees to reach Europe. (Xinhua)

### (18) Turkey Ready...

Thursday, Erdogan's spokesman ruled out the possibility of Turkey joining any operation against Deash or IS militants in Raqqa to be joined by the Syrian Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD) or its military wing, the People's Protection Units (YPG).

Erdogan also indicated that Ankara could contribute to the seizure of Mosul, the Iraq's second largest city, from the IS. Turkey sent tanks, warplanes and special operations forces into northern Syria on Aug. 24 in a launch of what it called Operation Euphrates Shield to fight both the IS and Syrian Kurdish militias. (Xinhua)

### (19) UN, Guinean...

hardest hit by the epidemic in 2014. The secretary-general emphasised the importance of implementing the Political Agreement of 20 August 2015, including the holding of inclusive, credible and peaceful local elections, the spokesman said, adding that "he stressed the urgent need to prosecute those responsible for the 28 September 2009 violent incident at the stadium in Conakry," the capital of the country.

Meanwhile, the secretary-general also thanked Guinea for its role in finding a solution to the ongoing

political crisis in Guinea-Bissau, and for its engagement in Mali as a member of the international mediation and a troop-contributing country, the spokesman added. (Xinhua)

### (20) Syrian Army ...

Meanwhile, the rebels' Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, previously known as Nusra Front before breaking ties with al-Qaida, said that the Syrian army and the Palestinian Liwa al-Quds succeeded to take the camp under heavy airstrikes from the Russian air force. (Xinhua)

### (21) World Pharmacists..

to utter disappointment of the stake-holders the Punjab government paid no heed to these recommendations, the official regretted. (Monitoring Desk)

### (22) UN is Key ...

logistics support, recruiting propaganda and the use of modern Information and communications technology (ICT) for the purpose of terror. (UN News)

### Syrian Gov't Open to Political Solution to End Prolonged Crisis: Deputy Prime Minister

UNITED NATIONS - Syria's Deputy Prime Minister Walid al-Moallem reiterated here Saturday his government's commitment to moving forward with the UN-mediated Geneva peace talks to end the five-year-old civil war.

Addressing the high-level debate of UN General Assembly that entered its fifth day, the prime minister said outside intervention fueled the rise of terrorism, and all solutions dictated from the outside are categorically rejected by the Syrian people.

"Everyone knows full well that terrorism would not have spread through my country if it hadn't been for the external support of well-known countries," he said.

Since the onset of the crisis in 2011, the Syrian government has declared that any solution must follow two parallel tracks; counter-terrorism track and a political track through an intra-Syrian dialogue that allows Syrians to determine the future of their country without foreign interference, he said.

"We have always been open to a political track that would stem the bloodshed and end the prolonged suffering of Syrians. We reiterate our commitment to move forward with the Geneva track, under the auspices of the United Nations," he said. (Xinhua)

### Turkmenistan Joins Paris Agreement

ASHGABAT - Turkmen Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov signed the Paris agreement on the sidelines of the General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, the UN News Center said.

The agreement is a «road map» of measures that will reduce emissions released to the atmosphere and strengthen resilience to climate change.

The Paris agreement was adopted by all 196 sides of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change at the 21st Conference, held in Paris December 2015. The agreement was opened for signature on April 2016. The representatives of 191 countries signed the document.

The agreement will enter into force on the thirtieth day after it is ratified by at least 55 countries.

According to the message, some 60 countries joined the Paris agreement. (Trend)

### Britain has lot to do before triggering EU divorce - foreign minister

LONDON - Britain has a lot of work to do before triggering the formal divorce procedure with the European Union but once it is done, the country will not let the process drag on, Foreign Minister Boris Johnson said on Sunday.

Last week, Johnson said Britain would trigger Article 50 of the EU's Lisbon Treaty to start its exit from the bloc early next year. He was swiftly put in his place by Prime Minister Theresa May's aides who said the policy had not changed - Britain would not invoke the procedure this year.

London is under pressure from fellow EU members and millions of Britons who voted to leave the bloc at a June referendum to start

the divorce, and May's aides have suggested that she hopes the formal procedure will be started early next year.

But some members of parliament and government officials say the government has not had time to form a clear negotiating stance and that, by triggering proceedings too early, Britain may land a poor deal.

"I think the crucial thing is that obviously we are not going to do it before Christmas and I think we've got to do a lot of work to get our ducks in order and that is going on," Johnson told the BBC's Andrew Marr programme.

"I think ... what everybody wants ... is clarity and getting on with it. And not letting the process drag on is the key phrase I would use."

May has promised to deliver a «unique deal» for Britain - to get trade deals on good terms while limiting immigration, a combination ruled out by European leaders, who say free trade is only possible with free movement of people.

Her aides and ministers have told reporters the government will not offer a «running commentary» on the divorce but they are clear any decisions will be taken by May.

Jeremy Corbyn, who was re-elected as leader of Britain's main opposition Labour Party on Saturday, added his voice to calls for the government to involve parliament in the divorce after ministers said it would play a so far undefined role.

Asked by the BBC's Andrew Marr whether that was democratic, Corbyn said: «I don't think it's democratic and I don't think it's sustainable at all.»

«This is a huge political issue, it's the most significant economic issue facing Britain in my or your lifetime and I think at the very least parliament should be fully informed.» (Reuters)

### Tens of thousands march against right-wing government in Poland

Tens of thousands of protesters hit the streets of the Polish capital Warsaw Saturday to rally against moves by the rightwing Law and Justice government that they say undermine the rule of law.

Warsaw City Hall officials said up to 30,000 people took part in the demonstration organised by the Committee for the Defence of Democracy (KOD).

The protest targeted reforms of the Constitutional Court that the populist PiS government pushed through soon after it swept to power late last year.

The changes to the top court's decision-making rules, which according to the opposition were intended to paralyse the institution, have notably alarmed the European Union and triggered a string of demonstrations across the country.

Adam Michnik, a leading journalist, leftwing intellectual and former dissident in Poland's historic anti-communist Solidarity union, warned the PiS it would suffer the consequences of its actions at the ballot box.

«The KOD doesn't want to overthrow the government... it wants the government of Jaroslaw Kaczynski to respect the law and the Constitution, but if they don't comply, society will be obliged to remove them from power through democratic elections,» Michnik said.

Although he holds no government office, PiS party leader Kaczynski is widely regarded as the real powerbroker of Prime Minister Beata Szydlo's administration.

«We cannot accept politics that isolate Poland and trigger conflicts with neighbours,» Michnik added.

In late July, the European Commission handed Warsaw a three-month deadline to reverse the changes to the top court or face sanctions for breaching EU norms on the rule of law and democracy. Without a satisfactory response in three months, the Commission, the European Parliament or a group of 10 member states can propose Poland be stripped of its voting rights in EU institutions if it is guilty of serious and persistent breaches of the rule of law.

Kaczynski has responded by saying the European Commission was acting illegally: «This process is totally outside the EU's treaties.» (AFP)