

(1) Regional NSA...

At the meeting, the Secretary of the Security Council of Russia Nikolai Patrushev warned that the situation in Afghanistan had deteriorated due to the activities of foreign terrorists, and that Daesh may be repeating the Syrian scenario in Afghanistan.

Patrushev also said that the US military presence in Afghanistan has complicated the security crisis in the country.

"The US military presence in Afghanistan has not only had an effect on stability and security, but it has also made the security crisis more complicated," said Patrushev.

Meanwhile, the Afghan National Security Advisor Hamdullah Mohib said there will be no effective way to deal with terrorist groups unless financial and weapon support to terrorist groups stops.

"As long as Afghan terrorist groups have foreign financial support and weapons, there is no effective way to deal with them," said Mohib.

The role of the participating countries at this summit, hosted by Iran, aims to help the Afghan peace process and end the war in the country.

"Concerning the end of the war and the peace process, these countries help Afghanistan and at the same time grant their neighboring rights," said Sayed Ali Kazimi a parliament member.

"They (neighboring countries) seek their own interests and at the same time they are willing to help if their demands are accepted, otherwise the war in Afghanistan is in their best interests," said Mirdad Najrabi another parliament member.

The establishment of appropriate solutions to threats posed by Daesh after their defeat in Iraq and Syria had been the most important goal of the meeting. (Tolo news)

(2) Health Ministry...

to incidents are managed systematically, holistically and comprehensively.

According to the ministry, \$1 million has been invested into the project.

"We are here today to launch the incident management system in Afghanistan. The incident management system or IMS will help us to better monitor (situations); actually it should help us to even better forecast and prepare and monitor health risks and assist emergency services; and to coordinate a more effective emergency response at a national level," said Richard Pircon, a representative of WHO.

"The incident management system here is comprised of incident command, the incident support of technical teams that constitutes all parts of the Afghan ministry of health," he said.

The incident command center will take charge of operational management of the onsite response to any emergencies including infectious disease outbreaks, he added.

The Public Health Minister said the system would be extremely useful for responses to incidents, adding that "the system that has been established enables us to be instantly aware about incidents, take decisions, act swiftly and coordinate the activities".

The system is connected to all provinces across the country with the main center in Kabul. (Tolonews)

(3) Former Mining...

he was required to report to OPIC any affiliation he had with a vendor. Instead, Doost falsely informed OPIC that he had no affiliation with any of the vendors with whom he dealt, when in fact he had financial relationships with several of them.

The evidence further showed that Doost's business partner was listed on the bank accounts for a number of these vendors and, upon receipt of money from OPIC into the respective accounts, significant amounts of this money were then transferred from that respective account to companies and individuals with whom Doost was associated, or to pay debts Doost owed. For example, Doost's consultant received a commission of \$444,000 for his purported consulting services with the first of three disbursements from OPIC, yet \$40,000 was transferred from the consultant's account to a Doost company in California.

The evidence at trial further showed that when the time came for Equity Capital Mining LLC to repay the loan to OPIC, Doost provided purported reasons to OPIC why it was not able to make those repayments at a time when Doost had control of sufficient funds to make those repayments. Ultimately, Doost and his brother failed to repay any of the principal on the OPIC loan, paying only a limited amount of interest, and ultimately defaulted on the loan, the evidence showed.

SIGAR, with assistance from the FBI, investigated the case. The Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs also provided important assistance in this case. (Tolo news)

(4) Tajik Region...

Dzhamshid, the head of the autonomy, said that everything would be put in order over the next month; but officials are not likely to act until the CIS summit in Dushanbe concludes two days from now lest Rakhmon be embarrassed. But after that, the situation could really get out of hand.

Khorog was a center of resistance to the central government during the civil war in the 1990s, and twice in recent years, in 2012 and 2014, Dushanbe has sought to bring its population to heel by sending in troops. But both geography - the mountains and neighboring Afghanistan - extreme poverty alleviated only by crime have prevented that from happening.

Tensions and fears have been growing in recent months, the Fergana news agency reports; and it says that "there have already been clashes between the military and the local population" which fears the army will try to take away its weapons. "The slightest occasion could provoke a major conflict," the agency says.

If one occurs, the Tajik military might not be able to control the situation; and in that event, Dushanbe might ask Russian forces already in Tajikistan to help lest this border region explode and open the way for the spread of violence from Afghanistan into Tajikistan and beyond. (Agencies)

(5) Nangarhar...

the governors of implementing their ideas and suggestions. He also promised efforts to save civilian lives during operations and raids.

According to another report, UK's Deputy Ambassador Giles

Lever also met Hayat and a number of other officials during his visit to Nangarhar.

Khogyani said, Lever commended the governor's fight against corruption during the visit to Jalalabad airport. He vowed more support for the provincial administration in this regard.

Hayat spoke of security and other issues like social, academic, economic development of the province. He also spoke about upcoming elections, peace, counter-corruption, revenue generation and other issues.

The British diplomat commended the governor's campaign against corruption and reassured him of full support in the campaign to curb graft. (Pajhwok)

(6) Dabs Sets up...

a very good initiative which prevents every type of possible monetary corruption and other technical mistakes."

"We often receive complaints from customers who ask how they can pay their electricity bills on time, and how can we provide better services to them? Therefore, we have made payment services easier and Azizi Bank took the initiative," said Ghalib.

DABS trade affairs chairman Ahmad Khalid Stanikzai said the power company hopes that other banks will also partner with them so that the concept can reach more clients.

"We call on other banks to join Breshna Sherkat in this initiative and talk about cooperation of the system of the Breshna Sherkat with banks. This will help our customers who have accounts at other banks to pay their bills online," said Stanikzai. (Tolo news)

(7) Law Firm Hired...

the company based on the hourly billing rates of the attorneys and other individuals involved as approved by the foreign principal for specific projects.

DLA Piper is a multinational law firm located in more than 40 countries throughout the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. (Pajhwok)

(8) Cricket: Afghanistan...

after the India game in Dubai. "Remember, this is a warning for the World Cup teams."

Afghanistan's progress embodies a fairytale rise since the Russian invasion of their country in 1978 forced millions to flee and lived in refugee camps outside Pakistan's border city of Peshawar.

It was in Pakistan where they were exposed to cricket and, after learning the game, started a continuous rise since 2009, featuring in the World Twenty20 a year later and playing their first World Cup in 2015.

- Bright future -

Afghanistan featuring in the semi-final of Junior World Cup in New Zealand earlier this year and winning the Junior Asia Cup in Malaysia in the presence of India and Pakistan mean they have a bright future.

Asghar is confident things will be in place to fulfill the dream of beating the bigger teams.

"I am just trying to make sure everything gets to the level of the bigger nations," said Asghar, whose first major competition was the 2010 World Twenty20 in the Caribbean.

"We want to beat the bigger teams, that's how we improve. At the end of the day, winning is important to me."

Exposure to Twenty20 leagues in India, Australia, the West Indies, Bangladesh and England have added a new dimension to the

skills of Afghanistan players.

They now have a superstar in leg-spinner Rashid Khan, who became the fastest to 100 one-day international wickets, in 44 games, becoming a role model in his country where cricket has become the number one sport.

He was the second highest wicket taker in the Indian Premier League with 21 this year.

"I think the leagues are very important for our players," said Asghar. "A few of our guys have played different leagues and sharing dressing room with experienced international players has helped."

With the arrival of West Indian coach Phil Simmons this year, Afghanistan's batting has gone to next level.

They posted totals of 249, 255, 257, 246 and 252 in the tournament, with shrewd strategies.

"Definitely, we have improved in our batting," said Asghar. "In the Asia Cup it was okay but when we're going to a mega event like the World Cup, there is still lots to improve."

Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who led the team in place of rested skipper Rohit Sharma on Tuesday, feels Afghanistan have massively improved.

"I think their cricket has gone up a lot," said Dhoni. "If you see how they've continued playing right from the start of the Asia Cup, it's been commendable."

"They're the one country that has risen through the ranks." (AFP)

(9) 300 Women Complete...

Between April 2015 and August 2018, over 1,500 women graduated from the year-long WIG internship program, which includes three months of WLD's leadership training. The graduates are now applying for open positions in the civil service.

"Begin the change from yourself and family to prove yourselves. Once we bring change in our families, only then can we change a society" said Sima Samar, Chairperson for Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission. "Your responsibility starts now after your graduation. Be ready for your other responsibilities", she added.

In addition to the graduation ceremony, WIG and WLD also hosted a networking event for interns and more than 35 representatives from the government, civil society, and private sector organizations.

During the networking event, internship graduates met with potential employers to cultivate strong professional networking skills and facilitate job match-making among the organizations represented. The event acknowledged government agencies and civil society partners that provide support to WIG and WLD. (Pajhwok)

(10) Low Quality...

Industry (ACCI) said meanwhile that this year the total export volume could be 12 tons.

"We exported more than five tons of saffron in the first quarter of this year; maybe this year's figure will reach more than 12 tons," said Mir Zaman Popal, director of export for the chamber of commerce and industry.

Saffron farmers have said however that Iran is smuggling their low quality saffron into the country and exporting it as an Afghan product. They said if this practice continues Afghan saffron will develop a bad reputation on international markets.

A few years ago, Afghanistan government and donors started

promoting saffron as a legal alternative to the cultivation of opium poppy, as a commodity that fits with a market-led approach to Afghanistan's agricultural sector and as a crop that can enhance women's participation in economic activities and their productive role outside the household.

According to the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU) the planting of saffron provides the basis for growth and employment creation envisaged in the country. (Tolo news)

President Proposes People to Change Their Lifestyle

ISLAMABAD - President Dr Arif Alvi Wednesday emphasized that in addition to the governmental efforts, the people should also change their lifestyle and improve their diet for the prevention of heart and other diseases.

He observed that cardiovascular diseases were on the rise and tobacco was a major risk factor for these diseases in addition to lack of awareness in the general population and sedentary lifestyle, a press release said.

The president was talking to Pakistan National Heart Association (PANAHA) Chairman Maj Gen (R) Masud-ur-Rehman Kiani who called on him along with a delegation of PANAHA Trust at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

The president appreciated the service of PANAHA and said its campaigns and camps about the prevention of heart diseases were creating awareness among the masses.

He commended the role of PANAHA in educating and building capacity of healthcare personnel and assured his full support and patronage to this noble cause.

Kiani briefed the president about the activities of his organization in the service of humanity. (Monitoring Desk)

Danish Court Says Inventor must Serve Life Sentence for Submarine Murder of Journalist

COPENHAGEN - A Danish inventor must serve his life sentence for murdering and dismembering a Swedish journalist on board his home-made submarine, the Eastern High Court ruled on Wednesday.

Peter Madsen was found guilty in April of murdering and mutilating 30-year-old Kim Wall on the craft in Copenhagen harbor in 2017.

He had not appealed against the conviction, therefore the Eastern High Court only ruled on the decision to give him a life sentence - which typically lasts for around 15 years in Denmark. (Reuters)

Eying EU, NATO, Macedonians Set for Referendum on Changing State's Name

SKOPJE - Fed up with Macedonia's economic woes, Solomon Bicakcic will vote "yes" in a referendum on Sunday on whether to change the country's name to qualify for European Union membership and - many hope - usher in prosperity. "Something has to change, we cannot continue like this," Bicakcic, a 52-year-old pensioner, told Reuters.

Macedonia's bids for EU and NATO membership were blocked by Greece until June when it struck a deal with Athens on the name of the ex-Yugoslav republic to end a 27-year-long dispute. (Reuters)