

(1) Road to Peace ...

and prosperous region ran through a stable Afghanistan, "which is achievable through a coordinated approach". According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the participants expressed their desire to improve multilateral military cooperation amongst their countries to coherently meet emerging security challenges.

Gen. Raheel Sharif claimed Islamabad's efforts had turned the tide against terrorism. Pakistan was the biggest victim of the evil both in terms of human lives and finance. (Pajhwok)

(2) Ghani, Hekmatyar ...

Hizb-e-Islami should be lifted and we have talked with foreign ambassadors in this respect. The peace agreement will be signed by President Ghani and Mr. Hekmatyar on Thursday," he said.

Responding to remarks by the human rights commission and families of victims that spoke out against Hizb-e-Islami, Hekmatyar's son said: "More than 80,000 disabled persons are registered in the Hizb-e-Islami council. Our goal is to give privileges to the families of victims of the jihad period." Meanwhile, a number of MPs called on the Afghan government to hold up its side of the agreement with Hizb-e-Islami. "I hope that the two sides fulfill their commitments they made in the agreement," said Asif Seddiqi, member of Meshrano Jirga (Upper House of Parliament).

Another member of the house, Juma Din Giyanwal, said: "The demand of the people is peace and stability. Peace is possible when those involved address their commitments they make in this regard."

Meanwhile, Habiburrahman said his father is in Afghanistan but he did not disclose his whereabouts. (Tolonews)

(3) Executive...

"The national unity government's political agreement has no mention of an end to the executive directorate if a Loya Jirga is not convened in two years," the statement quoted Abdullah as saying.

He said some figures trying to enforce their personal agenda wanted to pave the ground for their entry into the government.

Abdullah said he was only working for enforcement of justice and the Constitution.

About the peace agreement with the HIA, he said he had no fears about the peace deal but was concerned about the ongoing insecurity in Afghanistan.

Peace and stability in the country was the need of all Afghans, he said.

Afghanistan Ulama Council head Qeyamuddin Kashaf said the religion and the government were interconnected and some figures inside and outside of the country trying to separate the two would fail.

He said some circles wanted to hatch different conspiracies and create problems for the national unity government.

Kashaf said those hatching conspiracies could do nothing to damage Afghanistan. He asked all people to collectively support the government and its programs.

All people have the right to criticize government's failures, but Islam allowed no one to insult others, he said. (Pajhwok)

(4) Kabul Stays ...

reported on Tuesday. Afghan Ambassador Omar Zakhilwal told the daily he was unaware why his country had not sent its delegation to attend the seminar. "I am not in the loop and unaware about it."

Bangladesh has not been sending delegates to Pakistan, where such events are attended by officials from embassy in Islamabad. Other SAARC members --India, Nepal, Bhutan, the Maldives and Sri Lanka -- are in attendance.

The seminar is expected to agree on a mechanism for a joint campaign for the elimination of corruption from South Asia. A common strategy to enhance regional cooperation on combating the scourge may be devised. (Pajhwok)

(5) EU-Afghanistan...

involve the international community, and in particular Afghanistan's neighbors, building on an emerging regional consensus oriented towards peace and cross-border economic cooperation.

"The Afghans need peace and stability, and we all, the European Union included, have a strong interest in supporting them", said the High Representative of the Union for foreign affairs and security policy, Federica Mogherini.

"This country has shown its determination, in the face of considerable challenges, to continue on the path to democracy and development. The international community, starting with our European Union, needs to keep supporting the efforts of the Afghan people towards prosperity and peace, not only financially but also politically. Our conference is the moment to do just that," she said.

The High Representative will co-chair the conference on behalf of the EU along with Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for Development Cooperation.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani and Minister of Finance Ekilil Hakimi will co-chair on behalf of Afghanistan.

Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah will also be present.

Hakimi said: "The Government of Afghanistan is looking forward to sharing our plans to achieve self-reliance for our people with our international partners. We are also pleased to let them know about our achievements since 2014. The Brussels Conference is an opportunity for Afghanistan and its partners to reaffirm their commitments to a shared vision of peace, stability and prosperity for Afghanistan."

High level events focusing on women's empowerment and regional integration will take place on the margins of the conference, on Tuesday. (Tolonews)

(6) Senators Reject ..

Senate and their deputies appeared instead.

But the public representatives stressed there was no security issue in Kabul and all topics and questions of the assembly members should be directly asked from the interior minister and the spymaster.

The senators rejected the two deputies to answer their questions after a majority vote.

The lawmakers also expressed their views on the peace process especially the signing of a peace deal with Gulbadin Hekmatyar-led Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) by the government.

Senator Mohammad Hassan Hotak called the peace deal with HIA a major achievement thanks to support from different groups of people and said the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)'s head remarks about the HIA leader were questionable.

"The AIHRC head has expressed concern over the peace deal with HIA and said Hekmatyar should apologise to Afghan people," he said, adding if it was the case then all jihadi leaders who participated in the civil war should apologise to the people. "If cannot happen then the AIHRC head should apologise to Hekmatyar for what she said."

Another lawmaker Dawood Ghafari said: "We support the peace accord with HIA and we don't have any problem with it, but Hekmatyar, who fought for 15 years against Afghanistan government and against Mujahidin shouldn't be compared to other jihadi leaders." He said if the AIHRC head had

asked Hekmatyar for apology, she might have reasons for that.

Nisar Haris, a Wolesi Jirga member, said every citizen of Afghanistan needed security and said: "We pin our hopes on the High Peace Council (HPC) to take more serious steps in this regard so people's desire of seeing a peaceful and stable Afghanistan can be reached."

At the end of the session, Farhad Sakhri also supported the government-HIA peace deal and said: "Every citizen of our country who takes steps toward peace and shuns violence, we support him."

Afghanistan's peace doors were open for everyone, he said, calling the government-HIA peace agreement a great achievement.

The Wolesi Jirga session also discussed hardships being faced by Afghan refugees in Europe. They also debated about elections, electoral reform and the issue of unregistered political parties and others.

The session also welcomed President Ashraf Ghani's move of overseeing police districts. (Pajhwok)

(7) Pentagon Weighs ...

Carter saw opportunities to strengthen the campaign against the Islamic State in Afghanistan with Operation Resolute Support, with coalition partners. (Pajhwok)

(8) Selection Committee ...

head of Afghanistan Civil Society Election Network (ACSEN).

One of the main demands of the electoral watchdogs in selecting the commissioners of election commissions is transparency.

"The process has to be transparent and the people should be aware of what is going on in it," Sediqullah Tawhidi, deputy head of the special commission of electoral reform.

Meanwhile, a number of members of the Selection Committee said they assure the nation that the selection process will be carried out transparently.

"The electoral watchdogs, civil society organizations and media will be allowed to attend the sessions of the Selection Committee and the committee will be responsive in this regard," said Yusuf Rashied, representative of electoral watchdogs at the Selection Committee. (Tolonews)

(9) Saudi Gives...

Abdullah, Jihadi and political leaders, ministers, governors, parliamentarians and the Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) delegation were present.

The Saudi envoy said King Shah Salman had diverted all his attention and resources to the services of the holliest places and Muslim ummah.

He said his country was fully involved in humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and was giving huge importance to the war on terror and actions against terrorist groups.

Al Ghasib said his country established Shah Salman Centre for humanitarian help and would continue to take effective part in bilateral and multilateral cooperation for regional and international peace and stability.

He said Riyadh valued its bilateral relations with Kabul and cooperated in different fields, including humanitarian assistance, aid and security, adding that they would continue to cooperate with Afghanistan on national and international level. (Pajhwok)

(10) Afghanistan's ...

Babur Gardens is one of them and there are other reconstructed historical sites in Herat," said Abdul Azim Saleh, CEO of the foundation. (Tolonews)

(11) Anti-Rabies ...

is nearly always death. A number of patients who referred to the rabies vaccination section of Kabul's Central Hospital in Cinema Pamir area

said they were rejected at the hospital due to absence of vaccine and had to refer to private hospitals for treatment.

Safullah, a 13 years old boy from Qowa-i-Markaz area, is concerned about the grazers that have appeared on his body after dog bite. His family has no money for his treatment at private hospitals.

His mother said government hospital told her the vaccines were unavailable for the past one year. "But I don't have that much money to take my son to a private hospital," she remarked.

Mohammad Aman, a resident of Qala-i-Fatwa area whose son is suffering from rabies, alleged a complete absence of the vaccine. He said his son was bitten by a dog when on his way home from school.

"I hoped my son would be treated at the Central Hospital, but doctors there told me the rabies treatment section was inactive and I had to take my child to a private hospital," he added. Mohammad's financial situation is poor and he could not pay private hospital fees and expenses for his son's treatment.

The father of eight years old Madina, who was also bitten by a dog, said he could not complete her daughter's treatment due to economic problems.

At the Kabul Central Hospital, several patients were turned away and referred to private hospitals. A hospital official, who wished not to be named, said around 30 rabies patients visited the facility daily, but some staffers referred them to a private clinic in the neighbourhood.

Dr. Mohammad Yousaf Alikhel, head of the rabies treatment center at Kabul Central Hospital, refused to share information with Pajhwok and said he was not allowed to talk to the media.

All patients coming to the Kabul Central Hospital for rabies treatment were directed to go to a private hospital equipped with the required facilities. The private facility is located about 30 metres from the state-run hospital.

AbdurRazaq, a resident of Shahrak Tilayee whose son was bitten by a dog, said the doctor in a private hospital charged him 800 afghanis for first vaccination. Full treatment needs three more shots and he has to pay 600 afghanis for each.

Dr. Shah Wali, head of viral diseases control at the MoPH, said that low interest of medical charities and inadequate funds for rabies treatment had caused the shortage at government hospitals.

In the past, the MoPH distributed 22,000 shots to provincial hospitals yearly. Last year, the ministry purchased 12,000 anti-rabies vaccine vials and distributed them to all provinces, he added.

However, Wali said the vaccines in government hospitals in Kabul were exhausted last year because of the high number of patients. Around 1,000 vaccine shots are needed monthly for treatment of rabies patients in the capital.

The MoPH had recently found access to 1,200 anti-rabies vaccines that would be made available to the Central Hospital in the next few days, Wali added. Additionally, the World Health Organization (WHO) has also provided 1,000 vials of the vaccine to the ministry. Around 13,000 dog bite cases were registered last year across the country. The ministry had no statistics for the current year. (Pajhwok)

(12) 77 Cases ...

and hope that such inhuman and anti-Islamic actions will never happen again," Sima Samar said. She added that a thorough investigation by state and security officials was the only way to of improving the situation. According to the report, people suspected of involvement in terrorist attacks and of links to the Taliban

were tortured until they started making confessions.

Inmates were subjected to various kinds of physical abuse from beatings and electric shocks to being beaten with canes, sticks, rifle butts and whips. Many were also forced to stand for hours on end.

Judging from the report, however, almost 300 people across Afghanistan were sentenced either by mistake or without any solid proof of their guilt. These people are the type who could have been subjected to torture. The report also mentioned hundreds of prisoners who went missing in 2015, adding that the past few years have seen a steady rise in the number of such "disappearances." (Sputnik)

(13) Uruzgan Officials...

province at the end of 2013, after a 12-year mission which saw 41 defense force personnel killed and 261 seriously wounded - mostly in the province. (Tolonews)

(14) NSP Projects...

official continued.

"The aim of NSP is to implement fundamental projects in rural areas and villages, creating job opportunities for youth and paving the ground for peace and stability in the country," Sharafmal explained.

He added 1,100 projects worth 11 million afghanis were initiated in the province last year. Some of them have been completed and others are still underway.

Ahmadullah, an engineer working in the construction of a 457 meters retaining wall in the Kara Kori village of Behsud district, said the project was being executed with people's cooperation.

"This project has been approved by the MRRD but people suggested that they themselves will work on it. We only oversee the process," the engineer said.

Hujatullah, 60, resident of a nearby village, was happy over the construction of the wall and said it would benefit all locals.

"In the past, the water of the river passing through the area damaged many homes and farmlands in the rainy seasons. But the problem would be resolved with the construction of the retaining wall," he recalled.

Besides water control, the project also generated job opportunities for many people, he said, asking the MRRD would also construct local roads.

Director Sharafmal promised implementing more projects in Nangarhar in the years to come under NSP. (Pajhwok)

(15) In Shiberghan...

when working with Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces in Shebrghan.

"I am currently suffering a bad situation, I have to beg in order to find some food for eat, no one have so far asked me my life," Sarwar added.

She has also been ignored by charities that distribute food and other essential items to the poor. Currently, she lives in Yaka Bagh area of Shiberghan with her son-in-law. "My son-in-law is a well digger, who rarely finds work. I'm diabetic and cannot walk hard. I have to beg to survive."

Deeply anguished by the death of her sons, she cannot forget her children's childhood memories. "Now that I am alone, no one asks about me. My daughter and son-in-law are in an even worse condition. I have no hope for my future; the only hope for me is God," she remarked. A civil society institute recently distributed food items in Badakhshan. Sarwar also received some stuff. Syed Rassoul Saadat, head of the Afghanistan National Civil Society Association, said the aid provided by local people included clothes, ghee and food items.

"We visit different areas to choose the neediest people for aid; we also plan to launch an education programme for chil-

dren begging in streets. We will also provide them food," he promised. (Pajhwok)

(16) Rebel Commander...

situation was stable in the area. This is the second attack on Juram district within a week. Local officials said 15 rebels were killed and five others detained as a result of the first attack. (Pajhwok)

(17) UN Chief...

scan the global horizon, we face growing nuclear dangers. Progress in multilateral nuclear disarmament has come to a standstill," he added. (Xinhua)

(18) Poll, Experts...

much time explaining his decision for not releasing his tax returns, while failing to attack Clinton more aggressively on her mishandling of her private email servers and corruption allegations against the Clinton Foundation.

"Donald Trump did not quite change his communication style, which to many people may be disappointing," said Jingsi Wu, assistant professor of journalism, media studies and public relations at Hofstra. "I thought Trump pretty clearly lost the debate," said Richard Himelfarb, associate professor of political science at Hofstra, noting that a lot of times Trump had been on his defense.

"I don't think Trump really hit her hard enough on the emails, he talked about it for a minute and then went away," Himelfarb said. (Xinhua)

(19) Vietnam to...

event drew participation of 116 companies. ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. (Xinhua)

(20) Turkish FM ...

"results-oriented strategy," which leads to "mistakes" such as reliance on "terror organizations," Cavusoglu stated.

While the U.S. sees the Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD) and YPG as major strategic partners in the fight against the IS, Turkey regards them as offshoots of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). (Xinhua)

(21) Drones Used ...

exercises will end on Oct. 2. The two countries have been conducting anti-terror drills since 2003. Similar drills were conducted in 2013 in India. (Xinhua)

(22) 87 Turkish...

Turkish government accused of Fethullah Gulen orchestrating the July 15 coup attempt. (Xinhua)

(23) Australia's...

coast tourism trade," he said. Local tourism officials have been lobbying the state government for years for a permanent facility to be built to replace the temporary marquee. "The new terminal will not only attract new cruise ships to the annual cruise season, but could also be used as a home port for cruises, which means for the first time passengers could start and end their journeys in Newcastle," Planning Minister Rob Stokes said. (Xinhua)

(24) IS Claims ...

destroyed several nearby shops and civilian cars, the source said. Hours later, another suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest blew himself up at a busy area in Baiyaa district in southern Baghdad, leaving up to eight people killed and some 30 others wounded, the source added. Earlier, the source said that the suicide attack in Baiyaa left five people killed and 15 wounded citing initial report. (Xinhua)

(25) Pakistani Forces...

and ground operation launched recently in a mountainous region Rajgal in Khyber tribal agency, he said the mountains have been cleared of terrorists and the Pakistani Army is in full control of the Pak-Afghan border in the region. (Xinhua)