

(1) President to....

have a new generation of young blood.” He said the new generation was better aware of economic, political situation of the country and were taking part in the development and progress of nation and country. (Pajhwok)

(2) NDS Blames

Sediqi also accused Pakistan of not keeping promises it has made to Afghanistan.

“Pakistan promised us that it will not allow Taliban to hold gatherings in their country but we see these gatherings are actually happening,” he continued.

“The Taliban is not from Afghanistan,” Sediqi said, calling the group a tool used in Pakistan’s proxy war against Afghanistan.

Referring to the death of the Taliban’s leader Mullah Omar, the NDS spokesperson stated that tensions within the Taliban ranks had increased in the past few days following the announcement of his death. Furthermore, he noted the agency has thwarted a number of planned attacks against Afghanistan in the recent past. (Tolonews)

(3) Etisalat Signs....

Nabi to appear on its commercial and public campaigns as well as become ambassadors for social causes. Hamid Hassan and Muhammad Nabi are the key players of Afghanistan national cricket team who have made their mark in the world cricketing scenario by their outstanding performance and recent achievements. Today’s signing reiterates Etisalat’s efforts in forging strong relations with the sporting community of Afghanistan. This enables the operation to support local talents as well as contribute towards enhancing the sporting spirit among the youth of the country.

“Since the beginning Etisalat has been part of the development process and achievements of Afghanistan in various areas including sports. Today, cricket is the most popular game in the country, playing a significant role in the lives of youth. Etisalat enjoys a long standing relationship in the development of cricket in the country. The two cricketers embody what Etisalat brand is about. They are hard-working, committed and resemble Etisalat Afghanistan in terms of dedication to serving Afghans and giving them the hope of a better tomorrow.” said Dr. Salah Zerguerras, CEO, Etisalat. “Etisalat’s agreement with Hamid Hassan and Muhammad Nabi reaffirms our values focused on excellence, ambition creativity and commitment towards supporting sporting talents in Afghanistan. The brand ambassadors are the perfect role models to the next generation, who look up to them for their outstanding talent and achievements they have achieved in such a short period of time.”

Speaking on the occasion, Hamid Hassan said, “It is an honor to be the face of a prestigious brand like Etisalat and help drive their social causes. A large amount of my success and recognition is attributed to the constant support and superior facilities provided by Etisalat during the early days of cricketing development in the country.”

Muhammad Nabi reiterated, “The partnership with Etisalat sets an example for next generation players in achieving success and positioning Afghanistan on a global map.” He further stated, “I feel proud to be associated with Etisalat family. Etisalat has always been striving to provide Afghans with world class telecom services and has helped Afghans to lead a positive life by shaping their ideas and supporting their programs at different levels. I believe that Etisalat is the sole private company that has done a lot for empowering sports in Afghanistan.” Etisalat has a long history in empowering sports in the country, establishing strong ties with the community. The company is the main sponsor of the National Volleyball Federation and the Cycling Federation among others.

Etisalat has been a part of Afghanistan for the past 8 years. Through these years, Etisalat has enjoyed not just success in terms of pushing boundaries by entering new provinces and providing new services, but its real success has come from the people of Afghanistan, who have bestowed the company with their trust and love. (PR)

(4) Taliban Kidnap

who were traveling to Ghazni City. Two of the kidnapped men managed to escape, he said. The kidnapped civilians have reportedly been shifted to Gilan district. The Taliban, however, did not comment on the incident

as of yet. (Pajhwok)

(5) High-Powered

Taliban leaders who had waged a war against Afghanistan. In addition, Pakistani officials would be asked to stop treatment of injured Taliban fighters and halt their financial support.

Earlier, President Ashraf Ghani said the recent wave of violence showed suicide training camps, facilities used for making explosive devices and sending them to Afghanistan to kill innocent people were still functional in Pakistan.

He called the Peshawar school attack that left more than 150 schoolchildren dead a significant point in the history of Pakistan. “The recent incidents in Kabul mark a significant point for us as well.” (Pajhwok)

(6) Education....

western Herat province, the minister said investigations showed the amount could not be spent due to administrative corruption within the ministry and lack of capacity of officials.

He said the amount should have been spent over different development projects until September 2015, but it wasn’t allocated due to inefficiency of officials.

Officials said they contacted the Ministry of Finance to extend the period for spending the amount for another one year in which they would focus over capacity building of officials and improve the infrastructure of schools. Residential plots would be allocated for teachers, he said, adding that the council of minister intervened in the process and in the first stage plots would be specified for teachers in townships and in the long term homes would be built for them.

Separately, some teachers staged a protest during the address of education minister demanding salaries which had been delayed from the past eight months. (Pajhwok)

(7) Pakistan Not

Islamabad had been employing various tactics to deceive the Afghans.

He said that Pakistan was representing a terrorist group to sign a peace agreement with Afghans. “History proves that extremist groups have always led to ideological governments that never reached an agreement with other political groups,” he remarked.

The first round of peace talks with Taliban hosted by Pakistan with China and United States attended as observers was held last month in Islamabad. The second round of talks was scheduled on July 30 to be held in China or Pakistan, but it was suspended after reports about the death of Mullah Mohammad Omar. (Pajhwok)

(8) US Backs

Abdullah at the latter’s office. A statement from the CEO’s office said Abdullah expressed his concern over Pakistan’s non-cooperative behavior in the war against terror and accused the neighboring country of still tolerating terrorist camps on its soil.

The US ambassador condemned the recent deadliest attacks in Kabul as inhuman and wild. He said Afghanistan’s policy shift towards Pakistan after the attacks was legitimate and the US supported it.

McKinley dubbed terrorism as common enemy of the US, Afghanistan and the international community and stressed the need for a joint strategy to root out the menace.

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(9) 130 Nangarhar....

Nangarhar governor Salim Kunduzi expressed concern over the release of the footage, and rejected the claims about the hostages by Daesh.

“I have seen the footage of the killing of 10 Nangarhar residents by Daesh. It is shocking,” he told TOLONews. “We are not aware of more than 100 Nangarhar residents taken hostage by Daesh, and we are trying to stop the activities of the rebel group.”

It is said the 10 Nangarhar residents who died in the explosion were killed in revenge for a drone strike that killed Daesh members some months back. (Tolonews)

(10) 2015 Sees

Court for Counter-Narcotics. “Those who used to sell death to people have been punished.”

The CJF report also identifies 32 members of the Afghan security forces who have been arrested on drug smuggling charges. The head of the Afghan National Army (ANA) Recruitment Department in Balkh and a police commander in Badakhshan are the most senior officials arrested. “A number of officials who seize drugs keep them for themselves,” Hussainkhel said. “These officials have been sent to justice as well.”

(11) Taliban Seize....

Drug smuggling is one of the major sources of funding for the Taliban insurgency. Since the NATO invasion in 2001, Afghanistan has become consistently the worlds largest opium producer. (Tolonews)

resident said that “everyday there is war in this district and people lose their lives. Why are the Kunduz Governor and the President not paying attention?”

But military forces fighting insurgents in Khan Abad district have said that “the government is not giving permission to launch attacks on the Taliban - otherwise we have the capacity to eliminate the Taliban”.

“The Taliban are not able to get ahead of us and if the government gives us permission we will eliminate the insurgents in anywhere,” a military soldier said.

In the past month Kunduz has become one of the more insecure provinces in the country as the insurgents become more active and attack military outposts. (Tolonews)

(12) Ex-President....

honorable life there,” he acknowledged.

He welcomed the unity government’s serious stance, saying their complaint was against the Pakistan Army and intelligence agency. He warned the Pakistan government, army and ISI would never reach their goals by resorting to destruction and intimidation.

Following recent bombings in Kabul that took the lives of more than 50 people and wounded 500 others, President Ashraf Ghani took a swipe at Pakistan, saying war was being declared from Pakistan’s soil on Afghanistan.

Earlier, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah also slammed Pakistan’s lack of cooperation with regard to the Afghan peace process, saying Kabul had conclusively proved its desire for better relation with Islamabad based on mutual respect and non-interference. (Pajhwok)

(13) Afghans Queue

“I came at 3 am and am still waiting for my turn,” Muzafar said, after standing in line for more than 11 hours.

Officials at the Passport Office, meanwhile, said that in the past, the office issued 1,000 passports per day but now the figure has risen to 7,000.

This is not however helping with the refugee problem as until recently an estimated five million Afghans still live outside the country. This new wave of citizens fleeing the country is adding to that toll.

“The Ministry of Refugees announced that 40 percent of citizens are unemployed, so hearing this, how can an Afghan refugee return to homeland?” said Islamuddin Jurat, spokesman of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation.

The Ministry of Interior Affairs (MoI) officials, meanwhile, admitted there is an exodus of Afghans. They however warned that those who are fleeing the country will face more challenges than they face in Afghanistan. (Tolonews)

(14) Effective Police....

stressed the need to standardize police ranks and further equip the forces.

Furthermore, Ulomi acknowledged complains against police abuse of rights, authority, and also corruption, negligence in duty and improper attitudes.

He however praised the security forces were ready to fight the insurgents with very high motivation.

“The combat troops are ready for the fighting with more motivation than any other time,” he added.

His remarks came following last Friday’s deadly attacks in Kabul.

Nearly 50 people were reportedly killed and over 400 others, including women and children, were wounded after three separate massive attacks and suicide bombings occurred during 24 hours on Friday. (Tolonews)

(15) Helmand

involved in the violence and they do not like fighting.

The residents and security officials of Nawzad and some other districts have expressed their concerns and demanded that their reservations be shared with the central government, he added.

The major problems Helmand people were facing with the shortage of security personnel and equipments

and lack of financial support, Raziq informed.

He blamed the government for paying no attention to improve law and order in Helmand province. Absence of security forces from duties and not filling the positions fell vacant in the wake of murdered soldiers were other problems being faced by the government in Helmand, he added. Some security officials and militants, he said were involved in drug trafficking and extraction of natural resources, he said, demanding the government to deploy Afghan Local Police (ALP) to all districts of Helmand. (Pajhwok)

(16) ‘Afghan SMW

innovative approach for developing aircraft maintenance teams capable of sustaining squadrons of helicopters.

Most maintenance for flight operations is now performed by contract technicians. as new afghan aircraft mechanics complete their training and become more proficient, they are assigned to support the maintenance effort.

One initiative implemented by the US-led train, advise and assist team has improved the work flow and could signal future success of an Afghan-led maintenance program.

Students are organized into teams of five or six that remain intact until they graduate from the program and then assigned to the field as a team—training and then working—together side by side.

Sometimes the Afghan culture of respecting others in positions of authority can impact maintenance procedures, but training technicians to work as a team, has overcome this obstacle.

“If one guy has all the knowledge in one area and is absent for some reason, other technicians working alongside will often wait on him to complete his part of the job before proceeding,” said a U.S. Army maintenance officer. (Pajhwok)

(17) Iran Health....

to Iran illegally and without documents, must be kept away from education and all of them must be registered at Iranian schools,” the supreme leader said.

In January, Iran’s Counsellor in Afghanistan Abbas Ahmadi announced that Tehran has provided special facilities for Afghan immigrants by reducing the time needed for issuing a visa to two days.

He also said those Afghan nationals who had officially married an Iranian will receive further legal facilities by the Iranian government. (FNA)

(18) Kunduzi

Ahmadzai said that government should offer scholarships for talented students to study higher education in foreign universities. (Pajhwok)

(19) Kandahar’s Past

done only in line with the law.”

The governor acknowledged the provincial government in the past had been under influence of powerful individuals but said such interferences had been blocked over the past three months.

“We do not allow anyone to interfere in our administrative principles and affairs. We believe in the supremacy of the law, the system and policy. From me as a governor to an ordinary official, all are only answerable to the law and the rules, not to anyone else.”

These administrative ethics, the governor said, he was trying to promote. He said he had appointed a commission headed by his deputy to promote the administrative culture. He said the panel had been tasked with evaluating departments and implementing reforms. (Pajhwok)

(20) USAID Inked

At the same time a USAID official says the program aims to help Afghan women become leaders in their fields and promote gender equality in governmental institutions.

“USAID has provided this amount of money for Afghan women to be trained through the Institute of civil services and then to be recruited in the governmental institutions.” Mee-na Shirzoy a USAID official stated.

The program is a part of the \$216 million pledged by USAID to advance opportunities for thousands of Afghan women to help them become leaders in the political, private, and civil society sectors under Promoting Gender Equity in National Priority Programs (“Promote”).

According to USAID the Promote program’s main goal is to strengthen Afghanistan’s development by boosting female participation in the economy, helping women gain business and management skills, supporting women’s rights groups and increasing the number of women in

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(21) Fruit Exports

and other fruits in Kandahar were being harvested and Afghan traders had no alternate route and market to shun exporting their goods to Pakistan.

He said many traders had stopped exporting fruits to Pakistan and were selling the harvests inside Afghanistan at low rates.

He said daily 20 trucks loaded with fresh fruits entered Pakistan from Afghanistan compared to 40 trucks before the increase in tax.

He said the trucks carrying fruits to Pakistan belonged to Afghan traders who had signed contracts with Pakistani dealers and had received money and therefore they had no option but to export fruits. (Pajhwok)

(22) Khost Gathering....

Over 50 people had been killed and more than 500 wounded in series of suicide explosion in Kabul.

The recent wave of violence spread anger among common Afghan leadership and common people.

President Ashraf Ghani said on Monday the recent wave of violence showed suicide training camps, facilities used for making explosive devices and sending them to Afghanistan to kill innocent people were still functional in Pakistan.

A high level Afghan government delegation will be leaving for Pakistan tomorrow for talks over recent terrorist attacks, an official said on Thursday.

Deputy Spokesman Sayed Zafar Hashimi told Pajhwok Afghan News Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabani, Acting Defence Minister Masoum Stanikzai, and National Directorate of Security (NDS) Chief Rahmatullah Nabil comprised the delegation. (Pajhwok)

(23) Taliban Leadership....

two of three big suicide bombs last week within 24 hours were in response to rumours the insurgents had been weakened by disputes following confirmation of the death of founder Mullah Mohammad Omar.

“Some of these attacks were already planned, but the aim at this stage was to convey a message to those saying the Taliban had been split into factions,” said Zabiullah Mujahid.

“We wanted to convey a message that the Emirate of Afghanistan is still intact and is capable of carrying out attacks on highly guarded installations.”

Whether the violence in the capital indicates a long-term escalation of the insurgency and an abandonment of fledgling peace talks begun last month may become clearer once Taliban leaders and religious scholars resolve the leadership row.

According to several Taliban sources, a group of around 1,000 religious scholars has been meeting senior figures in the movement opposed to Mansour. He was named leader by a “shura” leadership council in the western Pakistani city of Quetta. (Reuters)

(24) 15 Policemen....

Shah Mahmood Ashna, police spokesperson, said only one security incident in Musa Qala district but he did not have information to share.

Taliban claimed killing nine policemen and seizing huge cache of arms and ammunition in an attack on the check post. (Pajhwok)

(25) Scores Dead....

Dr. Abdul Jabbar Shaiq said the bodies of three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and seven policemen were shifted to Farah Civil Hospital.

Four ANA soldiers and five policemen wounded in the clashes were also shifted to the hospital, he said. Two of the wounded were said to in critical condition.

A resident of the area wishing anonymity said two children were also killed in Sangolak and Kosha villages during the Tuesday fight firefight that ended around 11: 00 pm last night.

He said that 12 militants were killed and five others wounded in the gun battle.

A Taliban spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf claimed killing 27 security personnel and arresting a commander during Pushrod fight. (Pajhwok)

(26) 9 Dead....

Pakistani doctors who treated the injured rebels had been arrested during the operation, the statement said.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, the governor’s spokesman, said security forces had cleared the road between Jalalabad, the provincial capital and Khogyani district and people could travel without fear.

The statement said insurgents

mounted attack on security forces check-posts in the Sokai district of eastern Kunar province but was repulsed by Afghan forces.

Militants suffered heavy casualties in the attack, it said, adding that security forces escaped unhurt in the clashes.

Separately, five insurgents were killed in a US drone strike in the Nakah district of Paktika province, the governor’s spokesman said.

Nabiullah Perkhel said the missile strike took place in the Nakah locality targeting the Haqqani Network militants. The dead bodies of insurgents were handed over to their families. (Pajhwok)

(27) State-Run....

they had no choice but to stop providing medicines to emergency patients also.

He added the problem only existed in capital’s hospitals since their medicines were being provided by the WB.

He said the money provided by the WB to the Ministry of Public Health still has not been made available. “There is a technical problem. They promised many times to resolve it but it still hasn’t happened.”

But WB spokesman Rauf Zia said they donated \$100 million on a yearly basis to the Ministry of Finance then to be allocated to buying medicines, wages of personnel and maintenances.

This year also, he said, the money had been provided to the ministry and it was up to them how they spend. He added the money was donated by 34 countries. (Pajhwok)

(28) Band-I-Amir....

characterised as Afghanistan’s Grand Canyon, and draws streams of tourists. Six years back, it was declared Afghanistan’s first national park.

Situated approximately 75km north-west Bamyan Cityin Yakawlang district, the dam is regarded as the heart of Afghanistan’s tourism, attracting tourists from all over the world. Brightly coloured fish in the lakes add to their beauty.

More than 20 hotels are operational in the area, where as many guest-houses are also rented to the tourists. This tourism season, beginning in April, has seen fewer foreigners coming to Bamyan’s historical sites and recreational facilities.

Information and Culture Department spokesman Ahmad Hussain Ahmadpur told Pajhwok Afghan News more than 4,800 Afghans and 350 foreigners had received tickets to the rare sites last year. This year, however, 144 foreigners and 2,000 Afghans came to Bamyan.

He explains over 90 percent of tourists do not buy sightseeing tickets, watching the breathtaking scenes from afar. Apart from the Buddha statues, surrounded by 3,000 caves, Azhdar Pass, Ghulghulai and Dahak districts are Bamyan’s major attractions. (Pajhwok)

(29) Turkey Denies....

airbase is strategically located beside the Syrian border and is a key military base for various international campaigns in the Iraq war.

The Turkish government granted permission for anti-IS coalition forces, including the United States and other regional countries, to deploy manned and unmanned aircrafts in Turkey’s military airbases, a Turkish foreign ministry statement said on July 24. (Xinhua)

(30) PNG Ousted....

impasse as determined by the Supreme Court,” the spokesman said. The country faced police instability following the decision, with both men claiming to be the rightful prime minister, establishing rival cabinets, police commissioners and governors-general. The situation ended with O’Neill as prime minister, partly on the argument that “parliamentary supremacy” should decide the matter. (Xinhua)

(31) Lawmakers....

discussed, parliamentary sources in Islamabad told the media. Legal experts say that the speaker and chairman of the Senate are bound to forward the resignations to the Election Commission for a final decision. (Xinhua)

(32) Tajikistan,....

Military propaganda unit Central Asia Online, meanwhile, reports on the purported good cop part of Uzbekistan’s anti-terrorism campaign. The National Security Council, a body affiliated to the presidential administration, is spearheading a program aimed at “debunking extremist ideology, supporting traditional Islam” and “promoting harmony among members of different faiths.” (Agencies)