KABUL - An international virtual conference on “Efforts of Uzbekistan and Pakistan in resolving the situation in Afghanistan: Prospects for mutually beneficial cooperation” has been held.

The joint event of the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Akramjon Namozov noted that thanks to the efforts of the international community, including regional countries, the situation in Afghanistan is not limited to diplomatic efforts. Today, Afghanistan makes all possible efforts to contribute to the socio-economic situation by implementing specific projects in transport, economy, energy and education, supports the neighboring countries in overcoming the humanitarian crisis caused by the pandemic.

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KABUL - The United States is considering placing former senior Noorzai, an Afghan heroin kingpin, who is imprecisely described as the world’s most wanted drug trafficker, on its list of so-called “most wanted” narcotics traffickers.

Noorzai was given a life sentence in 2009 after being convicted of conspiracy to import heroin into the US and competing to distribute it.

Prosecutors had said Noorzai led an international trafficking organization since 1990 that manufactured heroin in Afghanistan and Pakistan. They said it helped the Taliban to raise money and gave explosives and weapons to return protection of their opium crops.

During a conference call in late June, Michael Williams, the Taliban’s head of political office in Qatar, asked the US Secretary of State to release Noorzai, according to the office’s spokesman, TUNE, citing unidentified US and official sources, reported on Wednesday that US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad has quietly recommended setting Noorzai free.

Putting Noorzai back in action would add one more skilled player to the global drug trade, with Afghanistan already the world’s largest producer of heroin, the proceeds of which western officials say will end up funding the Taliban.

“The Taliban are trying to go back to business as usual,” said Gretchen Peters, who studied Afghan drug trade, and now runs the private intelligence organization CNTOil/traf tracks hidden criminal networks. “Haji Bashir Noorzai was the original financier and protector of the Taliban,” she said while arguing the US for protecting the drug trade.

UN Experts Call on Afghanistan to Prevent Further Killings of Human Rights Defenders

GENEVA – Afghanistan must take effective action to prevent further killings of human rights defenders, UN human rights experts said today, calling attention to the latest spate of attacks.

“The killing of one human rights defender is a tragedy for society; the death of nine defenders since the beginning of this year shows the emergence of a truly alarming trend,” said Mary Luzier, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. “Already in Afghanistan, human rights defenders have been killed in the past few decades.”

“Impunity allows the perpetuation of such crimes and hampers a lack of recognition for human rights defenders’ role in society,” the experts said, noting that investigations in many cases have not yet yielded any results. “There needs to be full accountability and justice,” they added. "human rights defenders still lack any recognition or respect for their work, and it seems that their work still does not bring any change in the situation at all."

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Turkmenistan Sends Aid to Afghanistan

Karbul - Turkmenistan sent another humanitarian aid to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in the form of the essential aid to combat the coronavirus pandemic, the Turkmen Foreign Ministry said on Thursday. The main aid package includes medical equipment from the Turkmen government, the foreign ministry said. In a statement the foreign ministry said: “The 27 Unsound in Afghanistan Within Day”

Karbul - At least 27 people, including 18 soldiers, were killed and about 13 others wounded in separate clashes in Afghanistan’s eastern provinces of Nangarhar and Logar on Monday.

“Situation in Badghis has become grave, if attention is not paid to it, the situation will become more grave,” said Zaiduddin Akar, Afghan army’s spokesman for the Ministry of Interior. But the Taliban has rejected the government’s figures about the civilian casualties.

In the latest incidents of violence, at least 4 people were killed and 4 others wounded after a car bomb exploded near Farah city police headquarters on Wednesday. “4 civilians who were in the city at the time of explosion were wounded,” said Sadiqul Qura, member of Farah’s provincial council. In Kabul, two employees of the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) were gunned down in a Taliban attack in Kabul district in connection with the August 15 attack.

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Outlook Horoscope

Body of Bodies of Tortured, Executed ANA Soldiers Found

Maimana - The district administration chief of Maimana district in northwestern Faryab province said on Tuesday that the Taliban attack while five security personnel were killed and five others were injured in a separate attack, an official said on Friday.

Police Spokesperson Abdul Karim Youresh told Pakistan News the Taliban attacked security forces check-posts in Gerizwan district and the clash continued for four hours.

Four local administration and uprising security members were killed and five others were injured in the clash. The Taliban also suffered casualties during the clash but the exact number of casualties was not known.

Separately, Ministry of Interior In Afghanistan, the administrative and uprising security forces have arrested the Taliban who attacked him. (Pajhwok)
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US Confiscates Iranian Fuel from Four Tankers, Official Says

TEHRAN - The Trump administration on Tuesday officially seized four Iranian tankers illegally laden with fuel for Venezuela, in a move heralded as vindication of U.S. sanctions - despite widespread criticism that the transfers undermine the United States’ ability to be a reliable petro-dollar provider. Senior U.S. officials told Reuters that the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Treasury Department had confirmed the seizure. The officials confirmed to Reuters that the four tankers sailed in Venezuela in recent weeks.

Deputy National Security Advisor William Burns said Monday that the United States is committed to using all legal means to disrupt Iran’s maritime activity.

Several Dead in Ivory Coast

YAMOUSSOUKRO - At least 12 people were found dead on Thursday, a day after protests in the city's port that killed one despite tight security, the government said.

A man who identified himself as a member of the Revolutionary Guard, told a news briefing Thursday, was a direct hit and die from the explosion.

The confiscated cargo, consisting of an oil partnership.

The coast guard has arrested 12 people, a month.

The US Department for International Development (USAID) has welcomed the agreement that the bills would be referred to concerned committees.

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Prisoner Release ‘Dangerous’ But ‘Necessary’: Ghani

KABUL - An advisor to President Ashraf Ghani said on Thursday at a Youth Day that Taliban infiltrators and fighters have established a firm foothold in Kabul and are living as ordinary civilians. Waleed Omar, Ghani’s Senior Advisor and Director General of Public Relations, said that the Taliban sustain themselves in Kabul because of economic reasons. Omar said, “They are a lot of Taliban infiltrators in Kabul. They live like normal civilians, but they are infiltrators and form of military forces.” He added at a conference in Kabul marking International Youth Day: “Peace efforts should not cost the achievements of the last two decades. Government must be used for peace.”

Seize Peace Opportunity, Qureshi Asks Afghans

PESHAWAR - Days ahead of the launch of intra-Afghan negotiations, Pakistan has urged all Afghan leaders and stakeholders to seize this historic opportunity to achieve a comprehensive, inclusive and broad-based and political settlement in Afghanistan.

Watchdog Seeks Clarity on Central Bank Cases

KABUL – A Kabul-based monitoring organization on Thursday criticized a delay in the assessment of corruption cases in the state-owned Central Bank, saying that the issue needs to be made clear as quickly as possible. Five officials of the bank, including the deputy governor, Wahid Nosher, were removed from their posts in less than two weeks in May. The acting governor of the bank, Ahmad, in a tweet on July 1 said the first four officials were removed based on the decision of the Central Bank’s Supervisory Board “in connection with seven corruption cases, three convictions, two warrants, and four officials removed by the president.”

Tourists Flock to Nuristan

NURISTAN - The number of tourists has been on the rise after the announcement of Nuristan province as a national park, local officials said, hoping that more facilities provided to serve the increased visitors. According to local officials, at least 10,000 tourists visited the province in the three days of Eid – July 31 to August 2, flocking to historical places and forests in the province.

Historical Takhar School Gutted in Blaze

TAKHAR - The historical Aliun Oman Takal School in Takhar province was believed to have been intentionally set on fire on Thursday, local officials confirmed. The Aliun Oman Takal School, in the provincial capital Talakan, was destroyed in the blaze. Currently about 3,000 students are registered at the education facility. Freedom on social media Thursday showed how chairs, desks, books inside the building were completely destroyed.

KABUL - The State Ministry for Peace on Thursday asked the Qatari government to support and facilitate media coverage during direct talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

Najia Anwar, spokesperson for the Peace Ministry, said they had arranged a list of media outlet representatives to participate and cover the first round of intra-Afghan talks in Qatar. She said media representatives had tested for coronavirus and their information shared with the Qatar government as well, but a clear message could not be received from Doha in this regard.

“...We hope that the Qatari government would facilitate media persons’ presence for coverage of intra-Afghan talks,” she said.

But Qatari Jilani, a member of the Afghanistan Media Commission and deputy head of the Afghan government delegation for talks, said that 15 media outlet representatives would be picked for the coverage of intra-Afghan talks and the media outlets would pay for their expenses. (Pajhwok)