

### (1) Afghanistan's....

However, the third Anglo-Afghan War started the same year and resulted in the British giving up control of Afghanistan's foreign affairs in 1921.

Within a few months, the new emir had gained the allegiance of most tribal leaders and established control over the cities.

Amanullah's ten years of reign initiated a period of dramatic change in Afghanistan in both foreign and domestic politics. Starting in May 1919 when he won complete independence in the month-long Third Anglo-Afghan War with Britain, Amanullah altered foreign policy in his new relations with external powers and transformed domestic politics with his social, political, and economic reforms.

"The reforms put in place in Afghanistan by him (King Amanullah Khan) are still visible in the country," said Mahbooba Seraj, cousin of Amanullah Khan.

"As founder of the innovation for creating the government and the governance and development, there is no doubt the signs of these efforts are still visible," said Hamidullah Nasir Zia, grandson of King Amanullah Khan's brother.

"He (King Amanullah Khan) created the tripartite bodies in Afghanistan and Loya Jirga," said former minister of economy Mohammad Amin Farhang.

Although his reign ended abruptly, he achieved some notable successes. Before final negotiations were concluded in 1921 on the foreign policy issue, however, Afghanistan had already begun to establish its own foreign policy, including diplomatic relations with the new government in the Soviet Union in 1919.

During the 1920s, Afghanistan established diplomatic relations with most major countries, and Amanullah officially became king in 1923.

On 14 January 1929, Amanullah abdicated and fled to neighboring British India while Afghanistan fell into a civil war. From British India he went to Europe where he died in Zürich, Switzerland, in 1960. (Tolonews)

### (2) NUG Urged...

interest and resolve differences in the largest interest of the country.

"We will not allow anybody to act against the country's constitution and become the puppet of strangers," Gilani warned.

APJPHC stance on current political and security situation come when tension between the two unity government partners, President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah has reached all time high.

Earlier, Abdullah, clinging to his position, insisted on complete implementation of the agreement on forming the national unity government.

"We preferred patience, but I assure people their efforts would not end up in smoke," CEO added. About his Thursday's speech, Abdullah said: "Whatever I said was not my personal anger; it was the truth the people should understand."

He continued: "I have tolerated what I could. Now I'm in a position where I could no longer wait and feel obliged to inform the people of the existing situation." He affirmed his commitment to meeting people's demands. (Pajhwok)

### (3) Youth's Role ...

proud and dignity," believed Ghani.

The president said: "We should take full charge of our geography as Allah bestowed us with immense amount of natural resources and treasury which should be exploited for the benefits and comfort of the people of Afghanistan."

He said the next year would be the year of youth and efforts were underway to stop youth from fleeing the country and taking asylum in other countries.

"We should join hand together and work for the elimination of corruption and be a pressure group against this menace as a result our revenue will increase and it was in the interest of youth than anyone else in the country," said Ghani.

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the Ministry of Information and Culture, was financially supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Based on the innovative programme, 122 youth from across the country, including 33 girls, have found their way to the youth parliament with a two-year term.

Members of the parliament would hold a 4-day-session after every six months and pretending democracy is one of the objectives of the parliament.

The first youth session, launched on Sunday, was inaugurated by President Ashraf Ghani. (Pajhwok)

### (4) Civilians Paying ...

said they are in dire straights. One elderly woman, who fled with her family to Lashkargah, said they are all living in one room without anything, not even a carpet.

"I escaped with only the clothes I was wearing," said Faizullah. In addition to Nawa residents, thousands from Nad Ali and Chah-e-Anjir have taken refuge in Lashkargah in the past three weeks. (Tolonews)

### (5) Kerry Urges...

date on elimination of terrorism in Afghanistan.

"I can't possibly put a date certain on the elimination of the terrorist threat in Afghanistan. And Afghanistan isn't the only country that continues to face a very real threat from terrorism," he said.

"We know that groups like Daesh are trying to expand their influence there and we know that not every member of the Taliban has, and is willing to embrace the political process moving forward," he said in response to a question.

That was why it was important that the United States continued to make clear our intention and our support of a strong, sovereign, secure, stable Afghanistan, he asserted. Kirby said on the occasion of its Independence Day, America's message to the Afghan people and to the Afghan government was that their future mattered to the United States.

"As we have long said, we intend to be a partner, we intend to be a friend on many levels, not just from a security sector but from a diplomatic, economic and a political level of effort and that's not going to change," Kirby said. (Pajhwok)

### (6) Unilateralism...

attempt to resolve their differences after a week of tension between them.

"If they take initiatives and resolve the current situation, it would be a good option, but if others suggest that they can tackle the issue and they do not need others, this could spark a political crisis; this would be the beginning of the crisis and collapse," said Mohaqiq.

Ghani and Abdullah are set to hold the next round of meetings in the coming days.

Meanwhile, The Supreme Council of Jihadi and National Parties Friday pushed for a swift resolution to the differences between the leaders of the National Unity Government. They urged Ghani and Abdullah to also take initiatives to address their promises they made to the public during and after the 2014 elections.

The recent rift between Ghani and Abdullah sparked widespread criticism among Afghans with some accusing the NUG leaders of focusing on how to tighten their grip on the power opposed to addressing issues of national interest.

The Jihadi leaders also called on the leaders of the national unity government to accelerate efforts regarding systematic reforms in the nation's elections law, to announce a timeframe for parliamentary elections, to finalize the rollout of digital national identity cards and to seriously combat corruption.

"They (government leaders) must realize their responsibilities and bring unity back on track and stop fueling the fragile situation," said Hamid Gillani, for the Jihadi parties.

Concerns in recent days have however surfaced that the disagreements between Ghani and Abdullah have also had an impact on the morale of security forces battling the Taliban on multiple fronts.

"Leaders of the national unity government must put aside their disputes and focus on the security forces, from Helmand to Baghlan and onward to Kunduz the war is going on," said Akhtar Mohammad Tahir, head of Maidan Wardak provincial council.

"The president and the chief executive are trying to convene the next meeting in the coming days. We are hopeful of positive outcome," said Omid Maisam, deputy spokesman

for the CEO.

Ghani meanwhile is set to deliver his considerations on the recommendations of the chief executive in the next round of meetings where the two officials are expected to reach an agreement. (Tolonews)

### (7) Strategic Pact ...

that Kabul must ensure the interests of Russia once the gunships have been handed over to Afghanistan. Verkhoturov has further added that Moscow's political and economic interests have not been considered in Afghanistan during the past several years and Kabul must specify on how it can ensure the interests of Moscow in the framework of the strategic pact.

According to Verkhoturov, the growing threats posed by ISIS loyalists can force Moscow to step in and support the Afghan forces, specifically the Afghan Air Force that needs the equipment to suppress the terror group in the country. (KP)

### (8) U.S Air Force ...

strikes, in Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria.

The aging bomber also flew two sorties in Afghanistan recently, dropping 27 bombs in two counter-terrorism strikes. The Air Force did not specify when B-52H operations resumed in Afghanistan. The USAF has conducted more than 140 strikes and flown over 800 sorties since June, when U.S President Barack Obama ordered air power to be used more proactively in the country. (Tolonews)

### (9) US Approves...

17, 2016." According to DSCA, the request Afghanistan includes Major Defense Equipment (MDE), consisting of four thousand, eight hundred and ninety-one (4,891) M16A4 5.56mm Rifles, four hundred and eighty-five (485) M240B 7.62mm Machine Guns, and eight hundred (800) M2 .50 caliber Machine Guns.

The Non-Major Defense Equipment includes M249 Light Automatic Machine Guns; M110 7.62mm Sniper Rifles; MK-19 40mm Grenade Launchers; MK-93 40mm Machine Gun Mounts; M3 Tripod Machine Gun Mounts; Spare Barrels; spare and repair parts; lot validation; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; Quality Assurance Team; U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. (KP)

### (10) Over 300 ...

security lead from the NATO-led coalition forces two years ago.

He said the Afghan Air Force has received several aircraft, including fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft during the past two years and several young Afghans have been serving with the Afghan Air Force, both as pilots and technical staff.

According to Gen. Waziri, over 300 Afghan Air Force (AAF) personnel are being trained abroad, including in India, Italy, United States, Czech, United Arab Emirates, and China. (KP)

### (11) General Rank ...

forces against the projection showed their commitment, management and the will and as a result, Afghanistan received new pledges at the Warsaw Summit.

Chief of Army Staff Gen. Qadam Shah Shahim also spoke on the occasion and praised the security forces. He said the security forces enjoyed full support of the nation. He said the Afghan forces were determined to turning Afghanistan into a graveyard of terrorists.

He said the Afghan forces had strengthened enough and could deal with any kind of threat. "I can say with confidence that Afghanistan will never turn into a safe haven for terrorists and international terrorists will never be able to stand ground in Afghanistan." (Pajhwok)

### (12) Russian Wants...

are ready to continue such cooperation. But NATO made a decision [to cease cooperation]... these issues are never off the agenda, but we are not going to try and persuade anyone. And, of course, NATO countries bear the primary responsibility for such decisions. If they reconsider, that would serve our mutual interests," Grushko said.

Moscow supported the US and NATO forces military intervention in Afghanistan back in 2001 to eliminate the Taliban regime which was considered to be based on extremist ideology and was frontline threat to Russia, but differed had been emerged on the way the west

fought the war on terrorism. Moscow also criticised the west for being failed to eliminate poppy cultivation and smuggling of drugs from the war-torn country. (Pajhwok)

### (13) We Salute...

health, infrastructure, women's rights, economic opportunities, and media freedom," he added.

"Our commitment to the Afghan people is strong, and we look forward to strengthening the bonds of friendship between our nations," Kerry said. (Pajhwok)

### (14) Over 80%....

Kunduz is under the control of militants, but now the percentage has increased after another district fallen to insurgents - including most parts of Dasth-e-Archi district. We are concerned about the situation and so are the residents," said Mohammad Yusuf Ayubi, head of Kunduz Provincial Council.

"Government has only control over four roads. Now Qala-e-Zal district has collapsed, and in addition to that, parts of Imam Sahib and Dasht-e-Archi [districts] have fallen to militants. Nearly 80 to 90 percent of the district is out of government's control, and this is concerning for us," said Zargul Alemi, deputy head of the council.

Meanwhile, a number of Kunduz residents said they cannot travel to the outskirts of the Kunduz city due to the presence of the Taliban. (Tolonews)

### (15) Concerns ...

Muhibullah said. One of the public uprising commanders Pahlawan Agha said that the child and teenage fighters join their ranks on their own accord.

"We never recruit any one by force or by threatening; at the moment those who are fighting in the Taliban ranks all are teenagers," said Agha. Meanwhile, Badakhshan MPs have condemned the practice but have called on responsible institutions to take action to prevent children and teenagers from getting caught up in the war. (Tolonews)

### (16) On World ...

humanitarian emergencies which place further strain on already overstretched and insufficient basic services. Afghanistan has the world's second highest mortality rate for children under five and almost 3 million people are affected by malnutrition. The deteriorating security situation severely hampers the delivery of health services and the displaced people are highly vulnerable to both diseases and malnutrition. In addition, natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, landslides and droughts impact on an estimated 235,000 people every year.

"Nearly a third of the people of Afghanistan are in need of humanitarian aid and this continues year after year. It is critical that the UN works to reinforce the humanitarian partnerships that can support and enhance the response to people's immediate and longer term needs," said Rashid Khalikov, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Partnerships with the Middle East and Central Asia.

The escalating conflict is having a devastating impact on Afghan civilians with increasing civilian casualties, conflict-induced displacement, lack of protection and violations of International Humanitarian Law. A 2016 mid-year UN report records a total number of 5,166 civilian casualties, the largest since 2009, one third of whom were children. The total number of civilian casualties since 2009 amounts to 63,934.

Ambassador Hesham Yousef, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, said: "It is evident to us that much more effort is needed to address the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan. This is why the OIC is exerting extensive efforts to address the escalating conflict. We also hope to be able to benefit from this mission in raising awareness of the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan at the international level and in our Member States with the objective of increasing their assistance and investment in sustainable development solutions for the people of Afghanistan."

The Chairman of the OIC Humanitarian Funds' Board of Trustees, Sheikh Abdul Aziz al-Thani, said: "With this visit marking World Humanitarian Day, and as needs continue to grow, we are looking into how the OIC Humanitarian Fund for Afghanistan can build on 15 years of presence to mobilise greater and more predictable funding for humanitarian programmes."

The United Nations Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Mark Bowden said: "Afghanistan remains as one of the world's most protracted crises that has led to massive levels of internal displacement. Each year sees more families uprooted by conflict many of whom remain displaced and at the margins of survival. In this, the first World Humanitarian day following the World Humanitarian Summit, we must make more determined efforts to live up to international commitments made in Istanbul "to leave no one behind", and better address the needs of displaced people and the victims of conflict to ensure that they are not excluded from Afghanistan's development".

It is critical that Afghanistan invests in sustainable development solutions to reduce the cycles of humanitarian needs. This will require a sustainable and effective health care system; durable solutions for the internally displaced and returning refugees; effective water management to reduce flooding and droughts; and the development of an effective disaster management system including early warning mechanisms.

The current humanitarian situation is already severe and needs are increasing. The 2016 Humanitarian Response Plan, aiming to help 3.5 million people in need, is tightly focused on the most acute life-saving response to displaced people and on life-saving interventions in health and nutrition. As of 30 June, 61 per cent - US\$207 million - of the \$339 million mid-year revised request have been received. Every effort must be made to increase current levels of international humanitarian aid and at the same time invest in long-term, sustainable development solutions to address the recurrent humanitarian needs and strengthen community resilience. (PR)

### (17) Forces Repel ...

and Qari Ihsanullah were killed in the overnight clashes.

He said the corpses of some insurgents were in the battle ground. The governor did not give information about casualties inflicted on security forces but claimed that forces made advancement in the area.

Malem Rohaullah, the resident of Locality, said the Taliban staged strong attacks on security forces. The group's fighters reached near to the district centre and capture some areas, but some security personnel were in the area and clashes were underway between the two sides.

He said the resident were unaware of the situation because nobody could come out of their residency due to heavy clashes. (Pajhwok)

### (18) Kazakhstan ...

Kazakhstan has taken part in multilateral assistance to other countries for the first time. The project is funded by the Government of Japan through the Partnership Fund, UNDP and Japan.

"In recent years, Kazakhstan has done much for the development of the capacity of ODA at the national level. In particular, the law was passed. We have identified the main priorities of the system and the capacity of the ODA. The ODA is a very important part of the OECD, and we are cooperating with the OECD on this issue," Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Erlan Idrissov said. (AKIpress)

### (19) Taliban Rocket...

the first six months of this year, of whom almost one-third were children. The total civilian casualty figure recorded by the UN between 1 January 2009 and 30 June 2016 has risen to 63,934, including 22,941 deaths and 40,993 injured.

According to the UN mission, the anti-government elements remain responsible for 60 percent of the civilian casualties with ground engagements continuing to cause the highest number of civilian casualties, followed by complex and suicide attacks and improved explosive devices (IEDs). (KP)

### (20) Panjwayee...

officials in Panjwayee have said that to date, Kandahar education department has not requested security forces help reopen schools in the volatile district.

Referring to locals concerns, meanwhile, Kandahar education department has said that at least 23 schools are currently providing education to the children with 17 other schools closed due to security reasons and technical issues. (Tolonews)

### (21) Afghan Cyclists...

The United Nations and the world at large through our cyclist champion. "Afghans are tired of incessant conflict imposed on them. They want to

live in peace and be an active member of the United Nations. Our nation has suffered a lot from various violent extremist groups and their divisive and destructive agendas." "We deserve to live in peace and prosperity, with proper security, good governance, and equal rights for all. We urge the United Nations and member states for continued support so that we can prove to be a productive member of this beautiful world."

The two cyclists arrived at the Embassy of Afghanistan on Wednesday and Dr. Shaida Mohammad Abdali, the Afghan Ambassador to India, received them at the embassy. (Pajhwok)

### (22) Road Leading...

shortage of food and medicines and they could not transfer their sick family members to hospitals.

Taliban have not commented about the recent development, but claimed killing of 18 policemen and siege of Durqad district centre. (Pajhwok)

### (23) Baghlan Athletes...

organized a number of sports festivals in many provinces across the country including Baghlan province where the security situation is not encouraging," said Yasin, head of Olympic events.

Meanwhile, civil society activists in Baghlan have warned that if the central government does not send reinforcements to the area, Baghlan will likely collapse to the Taliban. (Tolonews)

### (24) Nangarhar Residents.

sacrifices that today we are celebrating our independence," said Provincial Governor Salim Kunduzi.

Afghan Hindus and Sikhs also celebrated Independence Day and held their own entertainment shows at the Sherzai Stadium in Jalalabad city.

To mark Independence Day, domestic products were also exhibited at an expo in Jalalabad city.

It is said that this year Independence Day ceremonies were celebrated with far more aplomb than in the past in Nangarhar. (Tolonews)

### (25) Afghan Families...

"Now, his son is 14 years old and he is a teenage boy," Karim added.

Karim told the Associated Press that his brother's defence lawyer told him that Obaidullah would be first transferred to a third country for six months to one year and that later, he would be completely free. (Tolonews)

### (26) Merkel Sees...

and supporting pro-Russian forces fighting in eastern Ukraine.

They keep accusing Moscow of destabilizing Ukraine since Crimea decided to rejoin Russia in a referendum in March 2014.

Moscow, however, has strongly dismissed the accusations and rejects having a hand in the crisis gripping the country. (Press TV)

### (27) UN Agency...

are held, and even when detained for short periods of time," said the UN agency.

Therefore, it has been calling on countries to end detention of children for immigration-related purposes or to ensure that alternatives to detention are available in law and implemented in practice. (Xinhua)

### (28) U.S. Strongly ...

In its support for Turkey, a NATO ally and partner, which continues to be afflicted by terrorist attacks that indiscriminately kill and wound both security personnel and civilians, Price said. (Xinhua)

### (29) Water Situation...

to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and rebel groups seeking to oust him have meant that technicians are unable to repair the severely damaged electricity and water systems upon which the population relies on to provide running water. (Xinhua)

### (30) Russia Carries...

a submarine attack. Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu inspected the units participating in the drills in the port of Novorossiisk. (Xinhua)

### (31) 12 Killed...

families who left their homes in the besieged town of Shirqat, some 280 km north of Baghdad, which has been under the IS control since June 2014, the source said. (Xinhua)

### (32) Syrian Jets...

were killed during the two-day escalation in Hasakah.

Meanwhile, the pan-Arab al-Mayadeen TV said the Syrian warplanes struck Kurdish positions in the al-Nashwa district in Hasakah for the second day. (Xinhua)