

(1) Daesh's Main...

difference among Taliban, Al Qaeda and Daesh. Taliban and Al Qaeda never call Shiites as anti-Muslims but Daesh which is supported by world intelligence agencies are sent to us to destroy Muslims and create divisions among them," he said.

Daesh recently increased attacks on Shiites in Afghanistan and carried out four attacks in the past few months, killing 160 Shiites and 20 Sunnis as well as wounding another 600 people, the deputy CEO added.

Mohaqqiq said the main goal of Daesh was to create divisions among people, urging Afghans to maintain religious harmony and join hands in eliminating enemies. (Pajhwok)

(2) Afghan Peace...

countries," said Azad. Meanwhile, the Pakistan government has confirmed that Sartaj Aziz advisor to the prime minister on foreign relations will attend.

"India has been instrumental in scuttling the SAARC summit, and Pakistan despite all negativity of India is going to participate in the Heart of Asia Conference," the foreign office spokesman Nafees Zakaria said at a weekly press briefing.

Aziz was quoted as saying that "unlike India, that had sabotaged SAARC summit in Pakistan by pulling out, Pakistan will respond by participating in the Heart of Asia (conference) being held in India. It's a good opportunity to defuse the tension."

Meanwhile, Shaida Mohammad Abdali, Afghan ambassador to India has said that terrorism has been a common threat to India and Afghanistan, saying the role of India and Afghanistan for sustaining peace and stability in the region is crucial.

"Bilateral agreements with India are very important for Afghanistan and likewise for India. Our president will hold discussions with the Indian prime minister and these discussions will be focused on joint cooperation which will cover all spheres, the issue of security of course will be part of the discussions," he said.

"If we scale down our disputes and problems at home, then we are able to attend these summits in a unified manner which will be more effective. But in the past we attended summits in a manner which had no significant impact on our nation," said political analyst Sayed Iqbal.

Delegations from 40 countries and international organizations are set to attend the summit including India, China, Russia, Turkey, Iran and Saudi Arabia. (Tolnews)

(3) China Suggests ...

president said terrorists should be eliminated without any distinction. About the three-nation team for economic talks, the president said Central Asian states should also be made part of this group.

Ghani added Afghanistan wished cordial relations with all neighbours as joint economic efforts and collaboration would bring happiness to the region.

He called Afghanistan a bridge and a transit platform for energy exports from Central Asia to South Asia. The president sought Chinese assistance in building dams and electricity generation. (Pajhwok)

(4) Russia 'Show...

between Afghanistan, Russia, Central Asia and South Asia will increase.

"Our bilateral trade is very good with Russia and it is improving day-by-day. We export goods to Russia and they have considered special customs exemptions for Afghan traders. Currently 800 Afghan traders are busy in Russia," said Sayam Pesarlay, spokesman of the ACCI.

Economic analysts meanwhile have also said expanding business and trade ties with Russia would be positive and said building transportation links will turn the country into a transit crossroads.

"Building a railway will have good consequences for both Afghanistan and Russia. Afghanistan can import its needed goods from Russia in a shorter time and spend less money," said Mohammad Mazari Sultanzada, another economic analyst.

According to ACCI officials, in the past two years, various transit and transport links were established. This has decreased the trade rate between Afghanistan and Pakistan. (Tolnews)

(5) World Aids ...

self-testing in order to help ease the diagnosis of the virus. According to WHO, the initiative is aimed to help millions of people know their status and help them to get the right treatment.

According to the latest WHO progress report, the "lack of an HIV diagnosis is a major obstacle to implementing the organization's recommendation that everyone with HIV should be offered antiretroviral therapy (ART)." (Tolnews)

(6) ACJC Fails ...

investigation process of major corruption cases.

"Corrupt people and mafia have their influence in the departments of the AGO, Supreme Court and other judicial centers and even they can prevent a major case from being investigated," said Khan Zaman Amarkhel, head of Afghan anti-corruption network.

"If the ACJC cannot tackle the corruption phenomenon, it will impact all the performances of NUG and people will lose their faith in the process of tacked down corrupt people," said Ainuddin Bahaduri, secretary general of Afghanistan's Lawyers Union.

The ACJC has received 53 cases and is currently working on eight of them. In relation to these cases, 31 people have been jailed and the total amount of money involved in corruption in these cases totals more than 10 million AFS. (Tolnews)

(7) AIIB & ...

1, 2016 at the SAARC Development Fund Secretariat in Thimphu, Bhutan and discussed in detail the formulation of strategies and action plan for the strategic growth of SAARC Member States.

AIIB delegates also met His Excellency Lyonpo Namgay Dorji, Ministry of Finance and His Excellency Lyonpo Damcho Dorji, Ministry of Foreign Affairs along with the senior officials from both the ministries.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is an International financial Institution that aims to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia Pacific region. The Bank has 31 Member States (all 'Founding Members'). The Capital of the bank is USD 100 billion. (PR)

(8) Badakhshan ...

the Afghan National Army (ANA) helicopters.

"We have warned insurgents to quit insurgency and join the peace process before we launch our military operation; otherwise, they [militants] will be eliminated. The Afghan National Army choppers will also take part in the mission," said Ghulam Sakhi Kaftan, commander of ANA's 4th Regiment in Badakhshan.

The remarks come after reports that many parts of Yumgan and Warduj districts in Badakhshan are still under control of the Taliban. (Tolnews)

(9) Atal Military...

Afghanistan and six more had been promised to be delivered to them in near future.

Gen. Abdul Wahab said with the help of international community Afghan Air Force (AAF) was getting strength-

ened day by day.

He said currently as many as 250 officials were provided education in different educational institutes and would be ready to serve the country soon. (Pajhwok)

(10) Bulgaria, Afghanistan

Bulgaria, who have volunteered to be returned to their homeland, the statement said. However, he requested the signing of a readmission agreement between Bulgaria and Afghanistan, which "would create a legal basis for a lasting settlement of such cases," the statement said.

It was agreed that interior and foreign ministers of both countries will begin work on the preparation of the document, it added.

Bulgaria is located on the most direct route to refugee flows from Turkey to central Europe. According to data from the Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees, 23,256 Afghans sought asylum in Bulgaria since 1993, and 7,961 of them did it in the first ten months of 2016. Enditem (Xinhua)

(11) Contractors Protest ...

houses and ask for their wages," said Khawja Ghafor, another owner of a company. MoI meanwhile said they are investigating the issue.

"The complaints will be investigated. It is our responsibility to address the complaints," said Sediq Seddiqi, spokesman for the MoI.

The owners of these companies have warned if government does not pay them, they will expand their protest. (Tolnews)

(12) Ghani Terms ...

president hailed Gen. Ghori skill in military affairs planning and said the slain general crushed militants in recent offensives.

He offered his condolences to the families and personnel of Zafar Military Corps over the killing of two brave soldiers of the country. The president also prayed for the speedy recovery of injured.

The president said security forces would benefit from Ghori's valuable recommendations on improving the security situation in the country. The slain officers were posthumously granted promotions in recognition of their services. (Pajhwok)

(13) Sar-i-Pul ...

were still effective and people were worried.

Governor Spokesman Zabihullah Amani acknowledged the presence of Daesh in some part of Sayyad district but said the existing number of forces in Sar-i-Pul were not sufficient to be pushed for offensive against these groups.

He said more troops were needed and the central government had been informed about the issues.

Earlier, governor Mohammad Zahir Wehdat said the rebels remained in control of Kohistanat district over the past 14 months. He asked the central government for urgent assistance to deal with the threat posed by Taliban and other insurgent groups.

The governor said Islamic State or Daesh group had been present in the province over the past six months and coordinated attacks with the Taliban.

However, Daesh and Taliban militants had clashed many times in eastern Nangarhar and other provinces.

About the number of militants operating in Sar-i-Pul, the governor said they numbered between 3000 and 4000. (Pajhwok)

(14) New Mayor ...

to keep Mazar-i-Sharif clean. A resident of Dasht Shor area, Jafar Faisal, said they lived two kilometers from the Blue Mosque, Hazrat Ali Roza, but they could not easily come out of home due to mud unleashed by rains.

He said due to imbalanced development of the city over the past decade, their area was not

given proper attention.

The resident said the municipality would not bother to remove garbage piles along uneven roads.

But the new mayor said people's demands would be considered in carrying out the municipality's affairs. (Pajhwok)

(15) Policemen, ...

spokesman said security forces launched clearing operation in the district and militants had been forced to evacuate some areas.

Taliban claimed killing over 60 security personnel and injuring seven others during clashes in Neash district. The group has not commented over the killing of civilians. Taliban confirmed three of its fighters had been killed and six other wounded. (Pajhwok)

(16)170 Drug ...

were also involved in the smuggling. He said police had never arrested leading smugglers and only detained small dealers.

A member of the provincial council, Roohullah Raufi claimed police used to burn bags full of sand instead of seized drugs which they later sold for high price.

He also said 'lord smugglers' had never been arrested and only small traffickers or laborers were being detained.

"Police burn thousands of kilograms of narcotics in public every year, but actually even 10 percent of the drugs are not real because the real drugs are taken out and replaced with sand to be burnt instead", Raufi added.

Drugs from Takhar are smuggled to Tajikistan, Russia and then Europe. (Pajhwok)

(17)Afghan Army...

15 militants had been killed, nine wounded and one other was detained by Afghan security forces during separate operations in the countryside since early Thursday, the statement added.

The Taliban has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

(18)Dried Veggie...

of them for 200 to 500 afghanis. Agriculture and Vocational Services for Parwan Women head Nazifa Hofyani says her NGO has trained around 400 women.

Over the past two years, the NGO has taught many women from Parwan, Samangan and Bamyan how to identify and dry veggies.

She adds the trained individuals later shared their experience and skills with other women in their communities. The number of such professionals in the area has increased to 4,000.

Khanum Gul, 50, is one of the trained women. She told Pajhwok Afghan News previously they did not know such plants and just dried mint on dusty roofs of their homes.

A resident of the Nasrullahkhel area of Syedkhel district, she can recognise many vegetables and dry them in a hygienic manner -- thanks to training programme.

From May to the end of November, she says: "Two of my daughters also helped me in collecting vegetables. Our economy situation is not good and my husband is busy farming and he cannot meet all our needs."

The 50-year-old adds she earned around 100,000 afghanis from sales of dried vegetables this year which significantly boosted her income.

Gul continues: "We are living in an old house and we want to earn enough money and start work on building a new home."

Her financial status was worse before she started drying vegetables. But her life has appreciably improved now and she has replaced many things in her home.

Malalai, a 45 years old woman from the Laghmani area of Charikar, also received training and has been busy selling dried plants for the past two

years.

Helped by two of her daughters, she earned around 150,000 afghanis this year.

"Our life has improved and we have bought new cupboards and carpets for our home. Our economic condition is no much," she acknowledges.

Besides being sold in the market, Agriculture and Vocational Services for Parwan Women also purchases dried vegetables from women.

Hofyani said the products were sold like hot cakes due to proper processing. For example, the NGO purchases a kilogram of dried mint for 200 afghanis and sells it for double the price. (Pajhwok)

(19)Magnetic Bomb ...

Earlier, a deadly suicide attack targeted a mosque in the west of Kabul city ten days ago, leaving at least 32 people dead and scores of others wounded.

The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group claimed responsibility behind the attack. The attack on Baqir-ul-Olum mosque took place almost one and half month after a similar attack ripped through a shrine in Kabul city, leaving at least 18 dead and several others wounded. (KP)

(20)Migrant Sea...

have perished on the eastern Mediterranean route, while 63 have died on western Mediterranean passages. (Xinhua)

(21)EU Lawmakers

senior European Union (EU) officials have accepted private sector jobs shortly after leaving their posts, leading to questions of conflicts of interest.

The high profile "revolving door" case, involving former European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, who was appointed last summer as non-executive chairman of the U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs International, led to a large public outcry and intense scrutiny of how the Commission handles conflict of interest cases. (Xinhua)

(22)Fighting Displaces ...

and medical aid to those who have done so.

OCHA also said that the UN had acknowledged a Russian proposal to open four humanitarian corridors servicing east Aleppo. (Xinhua)

(23)NEW BOOK...

investment flows into regional markets, by providing scope for diversification, yield and risk mitigation; building product depth of smaller markets; and reducing information opacity for pricing efficiencies. Ideas are both conventional and unconventional. Unconventional ones convert SAARC's unique challenges into ideas for capital markets. Specific rationale for institutions and retail investors is written with each idea. Products have to be viable. Hence, a focus is on how to deepen awareness of new products and markets so that asset flows increase.

Any integrated product has to take into consideration ground-realities. Bringing in an anchor partner might help counter implementation challenges in a geopolitically-sensitive SAARC, i.e. from a country that has bilateral interests with SAARC members individually and is looking for returns from overseas investments. Such an anchor may hold sway with SAARC members, which may enable faster agreements. Even if one or member remains disagreeable, the structure of these product ideas has been kept flexible to allow implementation with only few agreeable members.

In a region which is unexplored as an asset class, performance will be the king-maker. This book includes the author's CDCF Portfolio basket for the SAARC asset class, which selects the best fundamental-performers on a rolling basis. While this may not give equal representation to

all countries, it selects the best performers. Relative comparison of this basket highlights its outperformance on risk-return parameters vs prominent indices of other regions.

It is an opportune time to look at SAARC. Recent years have seen new governments in member countries stressing their commitment towards economic development and regional relations. It makes it a hot iron to strike now.

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(24)Turkey Due...

released from the rocket 57 minutes after it is launched.

It is expected to circumvent the earth approximately every 90 minutes and take more than 60,000 images per year.

The satellite will transmit images at a higher resolution compared to similar models in orbit and also perform remote sensing tasks for public institutions. (Xinhua)

(25)China Opposes...

parties should work together to prevent activities which could irritate and aggravate tensions. "[China] hopes relevant parties act prudently," Geng said. The UN Security Council on Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution to tighten sanctions on the DPRK in response to the country's fifth and largest nuclear test on September 9. (Xinhua)

(26)Every Year

that a holistic strategy has been adopted by National AIDS Control Programme focusing both on prevention and treatment of the disease with special attention to vulnerable groups. In order to minimize the spread of HIV, the Government is providing care and support services through public sector hospitals free of cost including screening of blood and treatment. The promulgation of blood safety ordinance both at federal and provincial level and supply of diagnostic kits and laboratory consumables and equipment to all provincial, AJK FANA and federal centers are critical advances in fight against the disease, he added. He further added that one of the factors inhibiting the fight against AIDS is the stigma surrounding HIV resulting in discrimination against people with HIV and AIDS. On this day, I call upon every citizen, particularly the health service providers, to address the issue of discrimination against people living with HIV, respect and protect their human rights and dignity. I also urge government institutions, civil society, philanthropists, and development partners, NGOs and every citizen to refuse to perpetuate the stigma surrounding HIV in workplaces and communities and thereby help make Pakistan and the whole world free of HIV by 2030. (PR)

(27)Turkmenistan, Iran...

imports raw materials, building materials, steel products and inorganic chemicals, plastic products, rubber, detergents, food and other consumer goods from Iran. (Trend)

(28)Uzbekistan PM...

a stroke in September having run Central Asia's most populous nation, a former Soviet republic, with an iron fist for 27 years. Indicating his status as the likely successor, Mirziyoyev was first named to head a commission arranging the funeral - a nod to Soviet-era political tradition - and then appointed interim president when the senate speaker, given that role by constitution, gave it up in Mirziyoyev's favour. (Reuters)