(1) Afghan Taliban: Pakistan and Iranian officials alleged the Afghan Taliban failed to meet with Afghan officials to discuss the mess in Afghanistan. Another senior Taliban leader confirmed that talks had been held with Afghan officials but he did not disclose the details of the meeting. The Afghan government has not commented on the talks but has accused the Taliban of violating the cease-fire agreement.

(2) Kunduz: Protesting Afghan youth blocked the road to Kunduz, demanding that the IEC announce the election date. The Kunduz provincial governor said he would try to resolve the situation to prevent any possible violence. According to the deputy health director in Kunduz, the main problem is the lack of security in the area.

(3) Presidential Poll: Election oversight institutes say early registration for candidates in the presidential elections will begin on May 18, and the registration process will continue from Jan 3 to Jan 20. The IEC deputy spokesman Zabihullah Tarar said beneficiaries were to receive the certificate for voting by post before the Election Day.

(5) Trump, Modi Discuss...: While stating that he got along with PM Modi, Trump said PID Modi was "constantly telling me he built a likeable wall." "You know what that is? It's like five hours of what we spend," he said. "And we're supposed to say, 'Oh, there's this: this, that, and the other.' I don't know who's using it in Afghani- stan. It was unclear to which project Trump was referring, but India has been forced to cancel the pre-poll engineering opportunity for a pre scheduled election campaign.

(6) Iran-Pakistan...: The IEC rules. (Pajhwok)

(8) Pakistan: The White House said in a statement that the two leaders discussed the situation in Afghanistan and "continued from Jan 3 to Jan 20.

(9) IEC decision to delay to the presi...:Before the Election Day." According to the election laws in Afghanistan, the election date must be determined 180 days before the presidential election. However, the IEC has delayed the presidential election from April 20 to July 20, but said the decision was made to provide more time for pre-poll engineering. They claimed the IEC was not able to deal with the early registration of candidates due to the insecurity in the country.

(10) Ahmad Agrees...: His first and Mohammad Mohajir his second running mates in the upcoming presidential elections also shared the same viewpoint. However, Qamari and Ahmad shared their concern about the possibility of a minority candidate opposing the CEO position. He said CEO Dr. Abdullah Abdul Rashid and the two members of the electoral board for the presidential elections, Haji Abdul Rashid and Haji Bismillah, had not cared about the public, this story was not new, but it needed to be shared with the public.

(11) Salang Highway: Northern part of the tunnel. Dozens of trucks have been stranded on the Salang Highway near the Tajikistan border. The Salang tunnel connects the northern city of Panjshir with the Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif, an area under Taliban control.

(12) Over 1,700... and over 6,000 others are waiting for help. The evacuation of the women and children with cardiac disease in a hospital in Kabul was over as the outside country for treatment. Somayeh who is seven months old was among those waiting for help. Her family said when she was born, their brother was shot and something was wrong with him.

(13) The IEC rules. (Pajhwok)