

(1) Paghman Attack...

blew himself up near the convoy before the second bomber crashed his explosives-laden car into the police buses. Two commissions had been tasked with probing the attack and preventing such incidents in future. (Pajhwok)

(2) Abdullah Promises...

attack as the handiwork of Afghanistan's enemies and foreign agents -- euphemisms government officials often use for the Taliban.

"Our armed forces are guardians of our sovereignty, territorial integrity, honour and dignity. Only coward foreign agents and terrorists would attack the security forces," he said in a statement.

Abdullah accused the foreign-aided terrorists of continuing their contemptible activities even in the holy month of Ramadan in disregard of all Quranic teachings.

The unity government would thoroughly probe the attack, bring the perpetrators to justice and bring to account the security personnel who showed negligence.

"We are fighting against an enemy who has no respect for human dignity, international law or Afghan values. Their only aim is to harm their own country and people to please outsiders," he remarked. (Pajhwok)

(3) Afghan Security...

dets and the second the people who rushed to help the victims, he said.

"This incident during the holy month of Ramadan underscored the extremists' complete disregard for human life and the harm that they continue to inflict on the Afghan people," Kirby remarked.

Such attacks were going to only deepen America's support for the people and government of Afghanistan and their efforts to bring security and stability to the country, the spokesman concluded. (Pajhwok)

(4) India with ...

of Afghan police buses in the western part of Kabul leaving at least 30 people dead. The Taliban later claimed responsibility for the attack. (Agencies)

(5) Pakistan Holds...

refugees to their homeland with honour and dignity. However, emphasis remained on sustainable repatriation where in all out efforts are required to help returnees reintegrate in Afghanistan. It was decided to engage the Government of Afghanistan and UNHCR immediately and devise concrete steps to ensure early sustained returns. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will approach the Government of Afghanistan bilaterally on the political and diplomatic level where as the Ministry of SAFRON will engage UNHCR and Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations (MoRR) Afghanistan to pursue and devise modalities for implementation of early returns as well as the possibility of shifting Afghan refugees gradually from Pakistan to safer and peaceful areas of Afghanistan where the Afghan Government should establish settlements.

Importance of the forthcoming Tripartite Commission meeting on repatriation of Afghan refugees to be held on July 19, 2016 in Pakistan was also recognized where the Government of Pakistan will formally discuss this matter in detail with the Afghan Minister of MoRR and UNHCR. The meeting welcomed the announcement of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees during his recent visit to Pakistan regarding enhancing the repatriation grant from 200 US \$ to 400 US \$ per individual for registered Afghan returnees. This enhancement will incentivize returns and help anchor returnees in Afghanistan. However, it was felt that this incentive has to be complemented by access to land, infrastructural development and provision of basic amenities like health, education and water facilities along with livelihood opportunities by the Afghan Government to sustain returns and reintegration in Afghanistan.

It was reiterated that a stable, prosperous and peaceful Afghanistan is in the best interest of Pakistan and therefore Pakistan will continue to support Afghanistan in its pursuit of peace as well as reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts. In this respect as a gesture of goodwill on the directive of the Prime Minister, the Government of Pakistan will offer free wheat to Afghan returnees in the newly established settlements inside Afghanistan for a period of three years.

The meeting emphasized the importance and need for the international community to support the Government of Afghanistan in its endeavors for reintegration of the displaced population through robust development interventions particularly in the potential areas of return. The donors must ensure that refugees and IDPs are an integral part of the overall Afghanistan's National Development

Strategies and Plans. It was emphasized that the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan through political and diplomatic channels must pursue these objectives with the donors. The upcoming conferences in New York and Brussels would provide the appropriate platforms to highlight the protracted Afghan refugees issue and the need for its resolution.

An Inter-Ministerial Committee chaired by Secretary SAFRON was directed to formulate a realistic action plan in light of the Prime Minister's directive of 28 June 2016. The plan would be finalized in close coordination with Federal and Provincial Governments and other stakeholders, as well as, where required, in consultation with UNHCR and MoRR Afghanistan to ensure effective implementation. This Committee will also oversee and monitor the repatriation process regularly and report on monthly basis. (PR)

(6) India to Invest...

learn more experiences out of Indian companies implementing projects in Afghanistan's infrastructures."

Despite of efforts has been made on the energy sector in Afghanistan still Afghans face lack of energy, where it caused that every Afghan to earn low incomes. (Agencies)

(7) Warsaw Summit ...

will deepen cooperation between the two organizations especially bolstering security in the Mediterranean," he said.

The US department of state has said that close cooperation between Afghanistan, Pakistan and India was key to maintaining peace and stability in the region.

"Pakistan and India, United States and Afghanistan - all these countries have to work more closely together. Many of these terrorist groups operate within that environment and all of these governments in the region have to be diligent in their efforts to combat the current threats," US state department spokesman John Kirby said.

The US has also urged close cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan at a time of heightened tensions between the two countries in the aftermath of recent skirmishes at Torkham crossing in border between the nations. (Tolonews)

(8) Afghans won't ...

a goodwill gesture and permitted Afghan refugees to stay here but they (refugees) fail to abide by rules and regulations after entering the country," the minister lamented.

The first principle is support from the international community and the second is that no refugee would be allowed to purchase property in Pakistan, according to Nisar. (Pajhwok)

(9) All Refugees ...

refugees' registration essential, saying the basic problem was the stay of unregistered foreigners in the province. Serious steps were required to address the issue, he believed.

The overall security situation in the region, repatriation of Afghan refugees and other matters of mutual interest figured at the meeting. Khattak said dealing with challenges jointly was the prime obligation of both countries.

KP police chief, Nasir Khan Durrani, denied any discrimination against the Afghan refugees, but across the board checks were being undertaken and even a Pakistanis faced legal proceedings for not having identity cards. (Pajhwok)

(10) Ghani, Abdullah...

be punished. "We will not allow government officials to put their hands in the pocket of the people of Afghanistan," he said. President Ghani said that staff of the anti-corruption center will be appointed by the office of the attorney general, courts and ministry of interior.

Both Ghani and Abdullah reiterated that no one will be allowed to meddle in work of the center. (Tolonews)

(11) HRW to...

States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) and failed to address the insecurity among refugees, the rights group believed.

Police in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province announced on June 28 the arrests of more than 2,000 Afghan "illegal settlers." Afghan refugees in that province also face major restrictions on their right to freedom of movement.

HRW also referred to the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government spokesman Mushtaq Ghani's warning that all Afghan refugees would be restricted to their camps and would not be allowed to move freely in the province. KP police reported on June 29 arresting at least 500 registered Afghan refugees and forcibly deporting them on the grounds that they were a perceived security risk.

Afghans in Pakistan have experienced a sharp increase in hostility since the so-called Pakistani Taliban, Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, attacked

the Army Public School in Peshawar on December 16, 2014, killing 145 people.

The Pakistani government responded to the attack with repressive measures, including the introduction of military courts to prosecute terrorism suspects, and proposals to register and repatriate Afghans living there. "Pakistan's government should protect Afghan refugees from vindictive reprisals linked to cross-border tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan," Kine said. (Pajhwok)

(12) Over 7,000 ...

Meanwhile, a number of Afghan refugees spoke of mistreatment by Pakistani police against the Afghans living Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "I urge Afghan government to do something for us. Police and even the people mistreat Afghan refugees here in Pakistan. This problem must be solved. Up to 7,000 refugees were arrested over the past few days," said Feda, an Afghan refugee in Pakistan. "Pakistani police ask for our cards. We show our cards, but they arrest us," said Jalil, another Afghan refugee in Pakistan.

Other refugees meanwhile said Pakistani police take money from Afghans living in Pakistan. "Not only police, but civilians harass Afghan refugees in Pakistan. They [Pakistani police] take money from Afghans," said Roen, an Afghan refugee, who lives in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Another Afghan refugee, Khalid, said: "They [Pakistani police] say that they have spent money on refugees. They take between 1,000 to 1,500 Pakistani rupees; particularly from those who are dressed up with Afghan costumes."

This comes after the United States promised to work closely with Pakistan in order to overcome Afghan refugees problems.

Pakistan, which neighbors Afghanistan, hosts about 1.5 million registered and about one million undocumented Afghans refugees. (Tolonews)

(13) US, NATO,...

Ramazan is abhorrent. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those killed and injured today, as well as with the victims' families, colleagues, and friends. We will continue to stand with our Afghan partners and friends as they work to bring peace and security to Afghanistan, it further stated.

Also a press statement from Pakistan embassy in Kabul stated that the Government of Pakistan strongly condemns the terrorist attack in Kabul targeting an Afghan National Police convoy killing a number of personnel and injuring several others.

(14) Caretakers ...

successful outcomes have however been achieved to date. "By continuing the practice of temporarily appointing people in caretaker positions, questions will remain over government transparency and accountability. This is a serious problem," the head of lawyer's association Ainnuddin Bahaduri said. Critics also believe caretakers also have a significant negative impact on the security of Afghanistan.

"The caretaker issue poses a major challenge to the security of the country. If the central government does not take the matter seriously, district chiefs will not be willing to clear the districts of the armed opponents or run their areas of jurisdiction effectively," former military officer Mohammad Mohsin Mukhtar said.

The IDLG, itself is run by a caretaker, has pledged to bring an end to the practice. "We are committed to accelerating the imposition fulltime appointments, because currently this process moves very slowly," said Munira Yousafzada, spokesman to IDLG. (Agencies)

(15) State Department ...

knowingly providing, or attempting or conspiring to provide, material support or resources to the organisation. In a video message in September 2014, Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri announced formation of AQIS. The group is led by Asim Umar, a former member of Harakatul-Mujahidin. AQIS claimed responsibility for the September 6, 2014 attack on a naval dockyard in Karachi, in which militants attempted to hijack a Pakistani Navy frigate, the State Department said.

It has also claimed responsibility for the murder of activists and writers in Bangladesh, including US citizen Avijit Roy, US Embassy local employee Xulhaz Mannan and Bangladeshi nationals Oyasiquir Rahman Babu, Ahmed Rajib Haideer, and AKM Shafiqul Islam.

"Today's action notifies the U.S. public and the international community that AQIS and Umar are actively engaged in terrorism," the State Department said. (Pajhwok)

(16) US should ...

supporting IMF renewal of financial support."

"If Pakistan truly changes course, then the US should be willing to be supportive in a significant way. But we have to substantially escalate the cost of Pakistan's hostile policy in Afghanistan," he added. Khalilzad also called for retaining the current level of forces in Afghanistan and more flexible rules of engagement for US forces until the next President reviews the situation in Afghanistan and decides on a new policy. The remarks by Khalilzad comes as a Pakistani senator earlier criticized the Taliban policy adopted by Islamabad and warned that the dichotomy in the state's policy towards militants has brought Afghanistan and Pakistan close to a dangerous collision.

(17) Pakistan Funds...

in-fact the Taliban militants who have changed their flag and operate as Daesh. They receive financial and technical and military cooperation from Pakistan to destabilize Afghanistan, it is said.

Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, leader of the Hizb-e-Islami has said there are people who were neglecting the war against Daesh. Experts argue that Daesh fighters in Afghanistan have no link with the Daesh group which operates in Iraq and Syria under the command of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

They add that Pakistan, by ignoring international pressure, created Daesh to mislead the world. Clip ahmad wali masoud

The expert views come a day after President Ashraf Ghani's national security advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar, during a trip to eastern province of Nangarhar, described Pakistan as a supporter of Daesh.

"We told Pakistan that they were using terrorism against our country," Atmar said. "If the international community tells Pakistan that it does not want something want Daesh in Afghanistan, the job will be done. For that we need common purpose," former Afghan ambassador to Britain Ahmad Wali Massoud said.

Last year, for the first time, rumors surfaced about the presence of Daesh fighters in Afghanistan. The Afghan security forces launched their first anti-Daesh military operation in Helmand province. Over the passage of time, Daesh has extended operations in eastern regions. In its latest action, Daesh fighters attacked civilian and military areas in Kot district of Nangarhar province.

Daesh killed and wounded dozens of civilians during their offensive launched in Kot district. The attack has raised great alarm among the residents over the presence of the group in their area.

It is believed that Daesh is attempting to infiltrate other central Asian countries through Afghanistan and to get control over the drug smuggling. (Tolonews)

(18) 225 Daesh...

purged of Daesh's insurgency, Khogyani promised. Last week, the terrorist group killed several civilians and torched dozens of houses.

Senior Interior Ministry official Brig. Gen. Salem Ihsas, at the head of a high-level delegation, recently visited Kot and Haska Mina districts to assess the overall security situation there. Khogyani said Gen. Ihsas was accompanied by Nangarhar police chief Brig. Gen. Zarawar Zahid and Border Police Commander Brig. Gen. Wali Khan Shinwari.

Gen. Ihsas praised the sacrifices rendered by the border police personnel in defence of their homeland. Showing remarkable resilience, he said, the security forces had imposed a crushing defeat on the enemy. (Pajhwok)

(19) Dried Fruits...

raises from 500 afs to 550 afs and kilo of chickpeas from 160 afs to 240afs.

According to Wahidullah, a kilo of cake and cookies price also increased from 130 afs to 140afs.

He saw the devaluation of the afghani against foreign currencies as main reason behind the hike in prices.

According to Pajhwok reports, this year the prices of food items increased by 35 percent compared to 1391 solar year. (Pajhwok)

(20) Afghan Singer...

pay the \$7,000 for their son's wedding. The young woman was protested the decision by composing a song titled "Brides for Sale."

In the video, Sonita is shown wearing wedding dress with a barcode on her forehead, requesting her family not to sell her: "I am seen as sheep grown up to be devoured."

Her video went viral on the internet and Afghan TV, diverting public attention to her quest for freedom. Months later, Sonita was given a full scholarship to study music through the Amplify Programme at Wasatch Academy in Utah.

In early 2014, she bagged the 'Best Female' prize in Argus Productions' election anthem song contest with a rap encouraging Afghans to vote in elections.

Sonita has penned rap songs about her life as a refugee in Iran, as well as about Farkhunda, a woman who was stoned to death in Kabul after being falsely accused of burning a copy of the holy Quran. (Pajhwok)

(21) Senior Afghan ...

by unknown gunmen near Quetta city of Pakistan earlier this year.

Mawlawi Alam was a senior leader of the Taliban group and was a loyal commander to the newly-appointed Taliban supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mansoor.

The leadership of the Taliban group and the notorious Haqqani terrorist network are believed to be based in Peshawar and Quetta cities of Pakistan.

The Afghan officials have long been criticizing Pakistan for allowing the Taliban and Haqqani network to use its soil from where they plan and coordinate attacks in Afghanistan. (KP)

(22) 16 ISIS Militants ...

Mohammad Hanif Atmar was forced to visit Nangarhar to meet with the local officials following the attack.

At least 131 ISIS loyalists were killed and several security personnel and civilians lost their lives during the first two days of the clashes sparked by the coordinated ISIS attack. (KP)

(23) Wounded Soldiers...

were wounded in the attack have been transferred to Kabul hospitals for treatment.

"It was a huge explosion, three vehicles were badly damaged, several officers were killed and some others badly wounded. I saw some of them," a wounded ANP soldier Mohammad Jawed said.

"The explosion happened. After that I don't remember what followed next," another wounded soldier Rahman Gul said. (Tolonews)

(24) Austrian Presidential.

be ruled out that the passing on of these results could have had an impact on the outcome of the election. He said that while the decision "makes no one a winner and no one a loser," it serves one primary purpose, to strengthen trust in rule of law and as a result democracy.

"Voting is one of the fundamentals of our democracy," Holzinger said, adding that it is the duty of his court to protect this. (Xinhua)

(25) U.S. Airports...

concerned and focused generally on public events and public places across the nation," said Johnson.

At least 42 people were killed and more than 200 others injured in explosions that hit Ataturk Airport in Istanbul, Turkey on Tuesday.

As of now, no group has claimed responsibility for the attacks. However, Johnson said on Wednesday that the attack "has the hallmarks of an attack" by the extremist group, the Islamic State. Johnson also confirmed that one U.S. citizen was injured in the airport attack. (Xinhua)

(26) Paris, Moscow...

Syria, which is fighting the Damascus regime, Lavrov said.

International efforts to reach a political solution to Syria's five-year war, which has killed more than 280,000 people and displaced millions, have faltered and a February 27 ceasefire brokered by the United States and Russia has all but collapsed.

Damascus and Moscow are continuing air strikes against "terrorist" positions -- where, according to Lavrov, "so-called moderate opposition groups are taking part in hostilities" -- while the US-led coalition against IS is bombing jihadists and backs armed groups on the ground. (AFP)

(27) Putin may...

colleagues, since the government has been ordered to start the process of a step-by-step lifting of restrictive measures imposed by Moscow against Ankara.

On Thursday, Putin signed a decree canceling the ban on charter flights between Russia and Turkey.

Earlier on Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu in the Black Sea resort of Sochi on the sidelines of a ministerial meeting of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation. (Xinhua)

(28) Russia Lifts...

On Monday, Erdogan sent Putin a message in which he apologized for the death of a Russian pilot of the Su-24 bomber and expressed readiness to do everything necessary to restore the traditionally friendly relations between Turkey and Russia. (Xinhua)

(29) 22 Suspected...

suspects, according to the report. The report also said that authorities have identified one of the three suicide bombers as Osman Vadinov, a Russian national with Chechen origins.

On Tuesday evening, three attackers fired at crowds in Ataturk airport then detonated their explosive vests, killing 41 people including 12 foreigners and injuring 239 others. (Xinhua)

(30) UN Security ...

Though no group has claimed responsibility so far, Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim blamed the Islamic State for the attack.

Also on Thursday, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon went to the Turkish Permanent Mission to the United Nations and offered his condolences to the victims. (Xinhua)

(31) Hundreds of...

had fled their stronghold in Fallujah earlier and were heading toward the desert near Tharthar Lake, north of Ramadi, before being hit, the source added.

The latest heavy IS casualties came after security forces and allied paramilitary Hashd Shaabi units recaptured Fallujah on June 26, following a month of intense battles.

Government troops and allied militias have been fighting for months to reclaim key cities and towns from IS militants in the province of Anbar, as militants attempted to approach Baghdad after seizing most of the province. (Xinhua)

(32) Double Suicide...

plagued the Far North Region since 2013. Djankana is near Amchide, another town which was once the target of the group's attacks. (Xinhua)

(33) Assad Blames...

want to achieve? they have achieved nothing. They failed in Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Syria and everywhere."

"They have done nothing but fomenting chaos, and thus if the United States wants to create more chaos it could, but could they resolve the problems they create? No," the president remarked.

Still, the leader, whose country has been gripped by a deadly five-year-old conflict, said he wasn't against cooperating with the United States. (Xinhua)

(34) ADB Approves...

ensure a broad gender and geographical spread, the project aims to extend at least 20 percent of all eligible loans to women-owned businesses, and at least 60 percent to small businesses outside Tashkent. The project will be implemented over 5 years with an estimated completion date of late December 2021. Uzbekistan is an ADB member since 1995.

ADB, based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration. (Trend)

(35) Chinese Vice...

achievements, and reach broad consensus to further deepen China-France people-to-people exchanges.

The Chinese side is willing to work with the French side to plan and promote the people-to-people exchanges between the two countries from a strategic level and a long term perspective, enhance practical bilateral cooperation in various fields, and lay more solid civil and social foundations for the development of Sino-French relations, Liu added. (Xinhua)

(36) 100k Qaem...

Salami added that era of dominance of Israel and the US over the Muslim world has come to an end and they have understood that they must change their policies. The late founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, named the last Friday of the lunar fasting month of Ramadan as the International Quds Day. (Presstv)