

(1) Modi Pushes

along the route, we welcome arrangements between the four countries for the pipeline, we underline the need to implement the project quickly and also propose to explore multiple options including the addition possibility of a land-sea route through Iran," PM Modi said. Turkmenistan President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov talked about initiatives to implement the project untimely. "Negotiations have been entered to the final step, the leader of this consortium will be selected and finalized in September this year, and then the project will be implemented soon."

The TAPI gas project is an over 1,800-km pipeline with design capacity to supply 3.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per annum from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India and the project is scheduled to be completed by 2018. (Monitoring Desk)

(2) Daesh Fighters

him last year in October after he sworn allegiance to Daesh along with five other commanders of the group. Meanwhile, the governor of Nangarhar, Salim Khan Kunduzi, accused Pakistani terror groups of backing Daesh in Afghanistan.

"Terrorists are flocking to Afghanistan from across the border to help Daesh," Kunduzi stated.

Daesh, which has seized large cities in Iraq and Syria, have been dramatically growing in Afghanistan as scores of Taliban and other militants have sworn allegiance to the extremist group.

Recently, the Ministry of Interior Affairs (MoI) announced the establishment of a joint unit aimed at heightening coordination among security institutions to more effectively combat Daesh affiliates in Afghanistan. (Tolnews)

(3) NATO Welcomes

their collective desire to bring peace to Afghanistan and the region.

Chris said that NATO welcomed the direct talks recently held between Afghan government and Taliban representatives in Islamabad.

During talks in Pakistan, both the parties exchanged views on ways to bring peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan and agreed that for lasting peace in the region, each side would approach the process with sincerity and commitment.

They agreed to continue talks to create an environment conducive for peace and reconciliation process, the statement said. The next meeting will be held at mutually convenient date after Ramazan.

The Murree meeting comes at a time when the Taliban's annual spring offensive is in full swing, with two bomb attacks rocking Kabul on Tuesday.

The meeting could be a step towards starting a formal peace process with the insurgent group, which was ousted from power by a US-led invasion in 2001. (Pajhwok)

(4) New Parliament

in Afghanistan Mr. Amar Sinha to review the construction works.

Section-B is comprised of a four storey building which will include two halls for general sessions, separate dining halls for the Lower and Upper House of the Parliament.

A library will also be included Section-B of the new parliament building which will include a computer room.

The Section-C of the new parliament building is known as the entrance hall which will have a dome constructed of stainless steel and glass which will have five halls for parliamentary commissions in the second floor.

The new parliament building is being built in 40.6 hectares of land and is five times bigger than the current parliament building.

The new building also consists of 20 lifts, 15 stairs and toilets for men and women in 35 locations.

Marbles from Chesht-e-Sharif district have been used for the floor works of the new parlia-

ment building. A big administration building, a mosque that could house 400 prayers, a modern library, VIP guesthouse and 350 apartments for the lawmakers have also been considered in the new parliament building. (KP)

(5) EU Welcomes

as their representation in decision-making levels.

The Call for Proposals will focus on enhancing civil society-government dialogue, strengthening the relationship between relevant actors, local officials, and traditional actors including dispute resolution bodies. It will encourage a culture of peace at the local level and support the establishment of a protection mechanism.

The statement said the EU's financial support acknowledges for example the role of mothers and ordinary women as key players for local conflict transformation through mediation and dialogue as well as grievances resolution at the community level.

"I congratulate the Afghan government for the launch of the National Action Plan. Enhancing women's participation in public and political life is a key element for peace building in Afghanistan. We expect that by the implementation of the NAP Afghan women would have a better level of participation in decision-making" said the EU Special Representative in Afghanistan, Ambassador Franz Michael Mellbin. (Pajhwok)

(6) India to Help

activate the centres, she said. Oryakhail said they were in contact with labour authorities of Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iran to send Afghan labour with their Afghan IDs.

Dr. Faisal Jamal, head of the Indian centre, said the project cover Jawzjan's centre and districts. He said the project aimed at enhancing capacity of 270 people in carpet weaving. At the end of the project, he said, each person would receive a certificate and 2,240 afghanis.

In the beginning of the year carpet weavers in Jowzjan had complained that carpet prices had fallen 50 per cent, forcing them to take up other professions.

According to local officials more than 20 per cent of Jowzjan residents including women were busy in carpet-weaving industry. (Pajhwok)

(7) Economically

with honesty and sincerity in improving Afghanistan's economy.

"Afghanistan's economy is fragile and there are many challenges in this regard. The only way that can save Afghanistan from this situation is a stable economic growth," he added.

Hajjo said a plan had been prepared and presented to the president and the CEO to improve the country's economy and the situation in AISA. (Pajhwok)

(8) BF Distributes

are here to help needy families in west of Kabul city, the assistance includes foods for the elders and foods for those children suffering from malnutrition."

Mr. Eng, Bayat has also said, "We have not only provided foods for the elders but also 2000 pockets of foods for the children suffering malnutrition," Bayat Foundation has been helping poor families in over Afghanistan for the past 13 years, a foundation which could cover more than a million citizens by providing food assistance. Bayat Foundation has not only assisted foods for the needy families but has built dozens of schools, Hospitals, clinics in different provinces of Afghanistan. (AFP)

(9) Afghanistan Thrifts

and communication within the National Bureau procurement office.

Head of the National Bureau procurement department Yama Yawari said, "189 projects has been confirmed which 8\$ billion thrifts has been made, 14 contracts were presented to the committee 13 of the contracts has been approved so far."

They have also added that out of 13 contracts ,11 contracts

goes to Ministry of Defense.

The 11 contracts which has been approved for the Ministry of Defense has made 103 million Afghani which is all about the Afghan Air force's fueling contract head of the National Bureau procurement department Yama Yawari said.

Its said that Afghanistan has been a big market for the different projects both Governmental and private once, but huge corruption has caused the quality of the projects to be low, it didn't satisfy the Afghan Nation, therefore the National Bureau procurement department has been established to launch more transparency and check the quality of work within the projects across the country. (AFP)

(10) Chicken Meet

Mazendaran province of Iran and therefore the uses of Iranian dairy products have been banned in the country," he said. But Col. Abdul Rahman Sighani, a senior border police official, said they did not receive any letter from government ordering ban on Iranian dairy products. The Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) also said they did not receive any letter from any government organization that ordered ban on the Iranian dairy products. (Pajhwok)

(11) 13 Killed

hit my face and police rushed me to a hospital instantly." He said that another melon seller and a driver were killed in the incident.

Police spokesman Sayed Sarwar Hussaini said a police ranger and a civilian car were destroyed in the explosion. The target of the attack was the police ranger, he said.

Elsewhere, 10 civilians were killed and three others wounded in another blast in Kapisa province.

Kapisa provincial police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Kareem Faiq said 10 civilians were killed and three others wounded when a civilian mini-bus hit by a bomb blast in Shagot area of Tagab district of the province this morning.

An Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander Khawaja Agha Safi also confirmed the incident and said that the bus was coming from Alasai district to capital Kabul when struck by the bomb. Another civilian was killed during a clash after ALP members arrived to the incident area to help the victims, Safi added. He said another civilian was killed during the attack. A resident of the area Shir Wali said the bus was heading to Kabul. No one so far claimed responsibility for the incidents. (Pajhwok)

(12) Landmine

"Taliban, you know, I think the UN has said have caused 70 percent of the civilian casualties, my records shows its close to 90 percent that are caused by the Taliban," he told reporters.

A UN report released earlier this year suggested that anti-government elements are responsible for 72 percent of the civilian casualties in Afghanistan. (KP)

(13) 4 Prisoners

to chase the escapees back. He added that four policemen have been arrested in connection to the jailbreak who are under investigation.

The detention facility in Paktika province does not have a government building with standards. A rented compound is being used as the prison in this province. (KP)

(14) Pistachio Jungle

were killed and eight others wounded. Noor Mohammad, acting director agriculture, confirmed the incident and said 50 acres of people's land and some wheat harvest have been torched during the clashes.

Security officials said they had started investigations. Pistachio jungles in Samangan are government property. Securing the jungles takes place in coordination with local councils and agriculture department. (Pajhwok)

(15) Iran Deal

is going to be a very hard sell for the administration," McConnell said on "Fox News Sunday" when asked about the likelihood of Congress signing off on a deal.

Obama has come under criticism from members of Congress and some U.S. allies in the Middle East who say the administration has conceded too much in the Iran talks. Iran has denied any nuclear weapons ambitions and said its program is intended for supplying domestic energy and other peaceful purposes. (AP)

(16) Russia Considering

national creditors has grown more ugly.

In June, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras during a visit to Russia sealed a preliminary agreement for Russia to build a 2-billion-euro (\$2.2 billion) gas pipeline through Greece, extending the TurkStream project, which is intended to supply Russian gas to Turkey. (AFP)

(17) Turkey

dle East and the Arab world with a more realistic approach," the Dogan news agency quoted Gul as saying at the post-dinner speech in Istanbul.

"Another big development is promised in the region and if a great chaos emerges we could be faced with surprises that we never considered before," he added. (AFP)

The Latest: EU's Juncker 'To Fight' for Greek Deal

BRUSSELS - The latest from Greece's financial crisis (all times local):

Jean-Claude Juncker, the head of the European Union's executive branch, says he will "fight until the very last millisecond" for a deal that keeps Greece in the euro.

Arriving for an emergency meeting of the leaders of the 19-country eurozone in Brussels, the European Commission president gave few grounds for optimism that a breakthrough over the Greek crisis was imminent.

Juncker's caution was echoed in comments from other eurozone leaders including French President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. French President Francois Hollande said he's going to do everything that he can to keep Greece in the euro.

Arriving for an emergency summit of eurozone leaders in Brussels, Hollande said "France is going to do everything to reach an agreement tonight."

He said it wasn't just Greece's future that's at stake. "It is Europe that is at stake," he said.

Hollande also sought to douse any talk that a temporary Greek exit from the eurozone is possible. Greece is either in or out, he said.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras says he's ready for a compromise deal with European creditors and that an agreement later Sunday is possible if "all parties want it."

Arriving for an emergency meeting of the 19 leaders of the eurozone in Brussels, Tsipras said Europeans want to see Europe "united and not divided."

A European official says Greece's European creditors are seeking a deal that would relieve the pressure on the Greek banks that face an acute liquidity crunch as soon as Monday.

The official, who is close to the negotiations, said leaders from the 19-country eurozone are focused on "plan A" that involves Greece living up to its obligations and staying in the euro.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said eurozone leaders hope to issue a statement that would pave the way for the formal for the start of Greek bailout negotiations. The leaders are due to meet later.

That, the official added, would give the "green light" to the European Central Bank to turn up the emergency liquidity assistance it provides to Greek banks. Greek Finance Minister Euclid

Tsakalotos, right, speaks with Managing Director of the International ...

The head of France's governing Socialist Party is appealing to other left-leaning parties in Europe to push for a deal to save Greece's economy.

French Socialist leader Jean-Christophe Cambadellis in particular urged Germany's Social Democrats, the junior partners in Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition government, to push toward a compromise deal.

Cambadellis, who leads the management of President Francois Hollande's Socialist Party, said in a statement that Europeans "do not understand the German over-reaction."

France has been the staunchest ally of Greece's radical left government in recent months. It's urging a deal on the grounds that it's crucial for Greece but also for overall European unity and the Franco-German relationship that underpins it.

Germany, by contrast, has taken a far tougher stance and is urging strict conditions on any Greek bailout deal that may emerge.

If the Greek legislators thought they had done enough by approving the tough austerity proposals of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, they had better think again.

Pierre Moscovici, the European Union's top economy official says the Greek government has to "do more — in the short- and the mid-term."

The Greek government is coming under pressure to enact legislation swiftly, possibly within the next few days, on economic reforms to assuage concerns of creditors that it can't be trusted to deliver what it says in return for billions of euros of bailout cash.

"The deal needs to be ambitious at an economic level and realistic at a political level," Moscovici said.

The meeting of the eurozone's 19 finance ministers will be followed one of the leaders.

Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipila denied his government had been on the verge of collapse over disagreements on a Greek bailout among coalition members.

On Saturday, when finance ministers from across the 19-country eurozone, there were reports coming out of Finland that the government was being pressured by the Finns Party which has previously advocated a Greek exit from the euro.

"Absolutely not, no way. You're living in a world of rumors," Sipila told reporters in Helsinki on Sunday. "The government took a totally united stand."

Finland has refused to reveal its position on Greece publicly for tactical reasons.

The head of the Finns Party, Foreign Minister Timo Soini, refused to comment on the Greek question saying that the pledge of secrecy made by government members will stand.

Italian Finance Minister Pier Carlo Padoan said Greece's European creditors just don't trust the Greek government enough to do what it says it will do on the economic reform front.

As a result, he said a deal that would secure Greece's future in the euro won't be clinched at Sunday's meetings in Brussels, first of the eurozone's 19 finance ministers and then of its leaders. "We continue to work to establish the conditions to start negotiations, which is the real target," Padoan said as he arrived for talks. "It is not about closing a deal."

"Let's face it, the main obstacle to moving forward is lack of trust," Padoan added.

Greece's banks, according to many accounts, have barely enough cash in their vaults to see the country through the week.

Greece's banks have been shuttered for the best part of two weeks and daily withdrawals from ATMs have been limited to a paltry 60 euros (\$67). The economy is in a freefall and the country faces big debt repayments in coming weeks.

Greece has already defaulted on a 1.6 billion euro (\$1.8 billion) payment to the International

Monetary Fund last month. It has another 4.2 billion-euro payment on July 20 due to the European Central Bank.

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The finance minister of Cyprus, a traditional ally of Greece, says a way can be found to secure Greece's place in the euro.

However, Harris Georgiades warned that choices based on "populism, slogans and extremes" won't lead to a deal.

Georgiades spoke as he headed into a meeting of the eurozone's 19 finance ministers. On Saturday, the so-called eurogroup broke up after more than eight hours of discussions having failed to make a breakthrough over the Greek crisis.

"We have to work less on the basis of emotion and more on the basis of reason and the difficult, but necessary choices that will create prospects," said Georgiades.

Georgiades said Cyprus stands firmly behind Greece in tough negotiations with its European creditors because it wants to see the country remain in the eurozone.

Finnish Finance Minister Alexander Stubb said he was "still hopeful" for a deal on Greece's financial crisis, but the two sides were "still very, very far away."

He said in a scale of 1-to-10, Greece and its 18 partners in the eurozone were only "somewhere between 3 and 4" when it came to any agreement.

Stubb denied that Finland was blocking an agreement, saying all countries were trying to find an exit from a "very difficult situation."

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European Union President Donald Tusk has decided to cancel a summit of the bloc's 28 leaders and instead center only on a summit of the 19 eurozone leaders to find a solution on Greece's bailout crisis.

In an early morning tweet, Tusk said the eurozone summit would start in mid-afternoon "and last until we conclude talks" on Greece.

A full day of talks Saturday among the 19 finance ministers hardly brought the sides closer together, with ministers still distrustful over Greece's ability to enact financial reforms

For the Greek bailout talks to be successful, European officials say it's all about trust.

Greece will have another, possibly its last, chance Sunday to convince skeptical European creditors it can be trusted to enact wide-ranging economic reforms that would safeguard its future in the common euro currency used by 19 European nations.

The talks in Brussels resume at 11 a.m. (0900 GMT), just a few hours before the European Union's 28 leaders descend for a summit.

The two sides negotiated for eight hours Saturday where Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top official, says "the issue of credibility and trust was discussed."

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Euro Zone Leaders: Greece Must do more to Earn Rescue

BRUSSELS - Euro zone leaders told near-bankrupt Greece at an emergency summit on Sunday that it must enact key reforms this week to restore trust before they will open talks on any new financial rescue to keep it in the European currency area.

Leftist Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras will be required to push legislation through parliament to convince his 18 partners in the euro zone to release immediate funds to avert a state bankruptcy and start negotiations on a third bailout program.

Six sweeping measures including tax and pension reforms will have to be enacted by Wednesday night and the