

(1) Afghan, Indian,...

was told that the leaders of Pakistan and India were not interested in resolving their issues because their families don't get affected directly, reported Geo TV reported.

Kirby disagreed and said: "That is just not our view in talking to leaders across the spectrum of both governments. They do care."

Emphasizing the need for encouraging both countries to continue dialogue, he said: "Obviously, there are still differences of opinion that exist between them, and we want them to work through those differences."

Kirby continued: "That's all we are asking, that's all we are hoping, that's all we are expecting from leaders in India and Pakistan to do as well. But we don't believe for a minute that they don't take the challenges before them seriously or the lives and security of their children."

He also maintained that the U.S stance on the Kashmir issue had not changed either.

"We want this to be worked out between both sides - the issue of Kashmir. And generally, we obviously want to see the tensions that exist right now be brought down and for dialogue to take its place - meaningful dialogue to try to address these issues bilaterally between the countries," Kirby said.

Asked if the administration would support the bill in the Congress and an online petition that the US should declare Pakistan a "terrorist state", Kirby said, "I have not seen anything specifically about the bill, and obviously we don't."

Refusing to go into the details, Kirby said there was a common threat and common challenge in the region and the US will continue to work with Pakistan, Afghanistan and India.

"So we are going to continue to work with the governments in the region to try to address these common threats and challenges, and we have always said that more can be done about the safe havens and that's - we're going to, again, try to work as co-operatively as we can to that end," he said. (Tolnews)

(2) Presidents Scraps...

fundamental reform plan for the ministry to ensure all state-run hospital improve their services, setting the authorities a one-month deadline for the task.

Deputy Minister Dr. Ahmad Naeem Jan acknowledged Kabul hospitals were not capable of meeting the needs the city population and medical equipment at some facilities was too old to be used any longer. He suggested the construction of new hospitals in the capital. "We have only one orthopedic section in the Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital. For children's treatment, there is only one hospital -- the Indira Gandhi Hospital. These facilities are far from sufficient."

AN advisor to the ministry, Baz Mohammad Sherzad, called for setting up a national board of reforms at MoPH. The employment and reforms processes should be overseen by the president personally, he suggested. The president ordered the inspection of the ministry, saying acting officials should be appointed and the recruitment process monitored by the high reforms council.

He promised greater focus on the public organisations' services. Parallel structures would be eliminated. Doctors should serve all people without discrimination. "Propose your necessary equipment for approval under a specified plan." (Pajhwok)

(3) Farah Province ...

youth have come together and will not let the Taliban enter the city," said tribal elders.

Reports indicate that the air force has also targeted Taliban strongholds. Mahauddin Ghorri, commander of 207 Zafar Military Corps, has arrived in the province and will lead the war against the Taliban, said officials.

However, reports indicate that the Taliban is advancing on the city despite the heavy clashes. Last week, the Taliban attacked security checkpoints in the city and clashed with the security forces. (Tolnews)

(4) Ministry Alarmed ...

implemented. This issue should be taken seriously," said AIHRC spokesman Rafiullah Bedar.

However, the Justice Ministry spokesman Amanullah Riyazat noted achievements in implementing the convention.

"Reform in law is one example for this matter which has been done by Justice Ministry. The Penal Code, family law, the law of prevention of recruiting children in military agencies and others were assessed and reforms were brought," he said. (Tolnews)

(5) Commissioning...

Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, the corridor will provide access to China's extensive rail network and the Asia-Pacific countries.

Roads, power lines and energy pipelines are built simultaneously in areas where the 88-kilometre transnational railway trunk is being constructed, according to the news service. The section between Imamnazar and Akina border posts is three kilometers. (Pajhwok)

(6) Children Seasonal ...

to the hospital for treatment on daily basis," he said.

Faiz said that the number of such patients was probably high because some of the children were taken to private hospitals too.

Murad Ali, a resident of Shor-tapa district of Balkh, said that doctors in Bakh Civil Hospital were not treating people well. The doctors did not paid proper attention to patients during check up and they were not serious.

"Our economic condition is not so good and we have to take our patients to government hospitals," he added.

Doctors should carefully treat patients, particularly children, Ali said.

However, Balkh Civil Hospital director, Dr. Noor Mohammad Faiz, said that sometimes health specialists examine patients with urgent due to high number of referees.

He said doctors have to do their work speedy to examine all patients in a single day. (Pajhwok)

(7) Activists Pitch ...

each other. I call on them, instead of weapons, buy stationery for me to rescue my child from the enemy," said Aimal Lodin, a campaign organizer.

"We want to encourage our people to send their children to school to become educated and not to learn suicide (bombings) and killing," said Esmatullah Muslim, the head of Youth Reaction Association.

The program has especially been welcomed by students and residents of Nuristan and Nangarhar provinces.

"Khogiani district of Nangarhar is an insecure district in which there is no school. This is a good campaign for gathering educational tools for the children," said Parviz Zaland, a student.

"Although Nuristan is a secure province, over the past 16 years, we have not seen any child who has studied up to grade six," said Qadir, a resident of Nuristan. Based on the statistics of the Ministry of Education (MoD), nearly 50 percent of schools across the country do not have buildings and students have lessons in tents.

In addition to this, thousands of students, along with their families, have been displaced recently due to ongoing battles in a number of provinces including Helmand and Kunduz. (Tolnews)

(8) Uplift Projects ...

another four rooms at the provincial civil hospital was also launched with the financial support from Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Zwak said.

He added the new facility was allocated for surgeries and emergency treatment of displaced families' patients. The building was being constructed at a total cost of 170,000 af\$ provided by UNOCHA and its construction work would be completed in four months.

The Laghman Governor Abdul Jabar Naimi expressed happiness over the implementation of projects he termed as his priorities and said the construction projects were being launched as he planned.

The governor was making all out

efforts to reconstruct the province institutions' infrastructure and 90 percent construction work would be completed until the next year.

Elsewhere, construction work on a standard storage for chemical medicines launched in eastern Nangarhar province, Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman said.

He said the facility would be built at a cost of 1.5 million Afghans provided by the provincial agriculture, irrigation and livestock department.

The provincial agriculture director, Rafiullah Rahimzai, said the building would have the capacity to store 250 tonnes of chemical products.

In Paktika, the foundation stone of commerce and counter-narcotic departments' buildings were also laid, Deputy Governor Abdul Wali Sahi said. The construction work of two infrastructural facilities would be completed in one year and were being built in the New Gardez. (Pajhwok)

(9) Afghan Conflict...

Gah the capital of the poppy growing Helmand province, are yet to make comment on the situation.

Meanwhile, an Afghan soldier from the frontline in Lashkar Gah, told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that the Taliban insurgents have tightened the noose to overrun Lashkar Gah, the key city in south Afghanistan.

Similarly, an Afghan army helicopter crashed in the northern Baghlan province on Sunday and all seven aboard died, a statement of defense ministry said.

However, Taliban purported spokesman Zabihullah Majahid in contact with media claimed that the militants shot down the chopper.

Amid intensifying conflict in Afghanistan, 80 police surrendered to Taliban in Balamirghab district of the western Badghis province on Friday, a local official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

However, Badghis police chief Mohammad Rauf Taj, when approached by Xinhua, said 48 police after four days of besieging by Taliban militants in Marich-aq area of Balamirghab, have gone missing.

Taliban militants fighting the government to regain power have intensified activities over the past couple of months and made advancement in the northern Kunduz and southern Helmand provinces. (Xinhua)

(10) Military Helicopter...

sources the circumstances that caused the incident because of communication problems and a lack of access.

Fighting between the Taliban and Afghan government forces has been raging in several districts of Baghlan, including areas close to its capital city, Pule-Khumri, where the Taliban recently gained control of key outposts.

The insurgents have also been engaged in a week of sporadic clashes with government forces in the capital of neighboring Kunduz province.

U.N. officials say the fighting in northern Afghan provinces has undermined the flow of traffic to these areas and caused power outages, food shortages and communication disconnections with the rest of the country, as well as uprooting thousands of civilians. (VoA)

(11) Telecom Services ...

"Our activities and business faces problems when the telecom services are down," said a resident of Helmand.

However, the Ministry of Telecommunication said they will soon resume telecommunication services in the affected provinces. (Tolnews)

(12) 7 Dead, ...

condition was said to be stable. A resident of Tiri Kando area, Mohammad Akbar said, "A Mini Van crashed into a tractor that was moving towards asphalted road from a rough road." He confirmed children and women were also among the casualties.

Such accidents often take place due to driver's recklessness. Five passengers suffered casualties in two-week earlier accident on the outskirts of Mohammad Agha district on Kabul-Gardez

highway. (Pajhwok)

(13) Afghan Migrants ...

criticized "The Joint Way Forward" declaration, which was agreed upon only days ahead of an international donors' conference Wednesday for Afghanistan that pledged \$15.2 billion for the beleaguered country.

Imogen Sudbery, head of the Brussels office of the International Rescue Committee, says the plan "is worrying on several levels."

"Deals made behind closed doors, thrashed out with no civil society engagement and without apparent consideration for people's safety, nor the realities on the ground, set an alarming precedent for the EU," Sudbery said. "The notion that vulnerable women and children can be sent back to a place of war is preposterous."

The document outlines measures to return Afghan citizens, including charter flights, the issuing of travel documents and the possible construction of a separate terminal at Kabul Airport.

The EU declaration said the plan aims "to establish a rapid, effective and manageable process for a smooth, dignified and orderly return of Afghan nationals" who don't receive asylum in the 28-nation bloc.

Afghanistan has been mired in conflict for decades. Clashes have revived recently between government forces and the Taliban around the northern city of Kunduz with civilians increasingly fleeing. Sudbery said 11,000 civilians were killed in Afghanistan last year and 1.2 million people remain internally displaced.

"Afghanistan cannot be considered a 'safe country,'" Sudbery insisted.

Serbia is not part of the EU, making the situation for Afghans stuck here even more complicated. It has asked to be included in the EU-Afghanistan return arrangements.

Some migrants in Belgrade, the Serbian capital, said they are not safe in Afghanistan and have no way to finish schools, find jobs or earn money. The young men - who stand little chance of being granted asylum in EU countries - pleaded with EU nations to let them in so they can have a hope of a better future.

"Life in Afghanistan is too hard for us, we can't live there," said 15-year-old Sulaiman Zazai. "That is why we go to live in Germany, for a good life, for our future."

Saifullah Zamiri, 18, added that "we struggle a lot in these bad conditions and with closed borders."

"We can't go back," Zamiri insisted. "Our government can't control a bad situation, so why do you want us to go back to our country?"

Germany and other EU nations have sought to limit the influx of refugees and migrants after taking in more than one million people last year. The German government says the joint declaration with Afghanistan will provide a "clear and reliable basis" for both voluntary returns and deportations.

IRC's Sudbery blasted as "most damning" the clause that envisages that unaccompanied minors could be returned if "adequate reception and care-taking arrangements" are put in place in Afghanistan.

"It is unclear how the EU will measure or verify this," she said.

Rados Djurovic, from Serbia's Asylum Protection Center, said asylum-seekers from Afghanistan must not be automatically rejected but reviewed individually, considering that parts of the country are still dangerous. "Each application should be taken most seriously," he said.

Afghans account for about one half of more than 6,000 migrants who have piled up in Serbia after EU neighbor Hungary introduced strict limits on asylum-seekers and reinforced the border with a razor-wire fence and heavy patrols.

On Tuesday, several hundred men set off on a protest march toward Hungary, demanding that authorities there open the border. Tired and cold, the marchers gave up the next morning after walking 40 kilometers (24 miles) and spending the night out in the open.

On Friday, Serbian authorities

discovered two Afghan boys, aged 12 and 16, hiding in a truck heading toward EU member Croatia.

In Belgrade, a park close to the railway and bus stations where migrants from Afghanistan spend their days and nights is now dubbed "Afghan park."

On a sunny day last week, some migrants were sleeping on the benches wrapped in blankets at the park. A man was helping his friend shave without a mirror on the park's water pipes. A woman was washing clothes and hanging them on a rope spread between two poles.

At lunch time, hundreds lined up for a warm meal of beans and beets distributed by a Belgrade aid group. Hunched over, the migrants ate their food on the ground or on the limited benches. Aid coordinator Gordan Pannonovic says his Info Park center now delivers more than 2,000 meals a day in what he described as a "dramatic" increase in recent months.

Many migrants said they have already spent 5,000 to 6,000 euros (\$5,600 to \$6,700) to get to Serbia from Afghanistan with the help of smugglers after many European borders closed down in March. They usually travel through Iran, Turkey and Bulgaria before reaching Serbia. (AP)

(14) 2 US Soldiers...

resident of the area, Saleem, said NATO helicopters hovered over the scene, cordoned off by US troops. The blast comes days after a US soldier was killed during an operation against Daesh militants in the Achin district of the province. (Pajhwok)

(15) Pakistani ...

November 2013. He later fled to Afghanistan like many other Pakistani militants and had been living with the Pakistani Taliban in Paktika, which borders Pakistan.

Ajmal is the second senior Pakistani militant commander who has been killed in Afghanistan in nearly two weeks.

The U.S.-led NATO and Afghan forces killed a leading Pakistani Taliban commander, Azam Tariq and his son in Paktika province on September 25.

Omar Masnoor alias Naray, the mastermind of the brutal Army Public School attack that killed nearly 140 students and staff members in Peshawar, was killed in a U.S. drone strike in eastern Nangarhar province, which borders Pakistan.

Tribal sources say that the foreign and Afghan forces also arrested Naseer Wazeer, a senior Taliban commander of Hakik-mullah group during the operation in Paktika.

Most of the Taliban from Waziristan tribal area live in Paktika after they fled to Afghanistan as the result of military operations, according to security forces. (Xinhua)

(16) French UNSC...

commitment to finding a lasting political solution to the Syrian conflict, adding that it stands ready for teamwork in the implementation of existing agreements and coordination of further steps.

On Sept. 10, Russia and the United States announced a landmark agreement on a nationwide ceasefire in Syria, which both sides hoped would lead to their countries' military cooperation to end more than five years of bloodshed there. (Xinhua)

(17) Syrian Gov't...

following hours of fierce clashes.

Syrian government forces inflicted a heavy death toll on Jesh al-Fatah terrorists and drove them out of al-Oweijeh close to al-Jandoul square. (FNA)

(18) Yemen's Former...

killed, including military leaders and government officials allied with Houthis and Saleh. Hundreds of others, mostly civilians, were injured and many bodies were completely burned and turned into ashes, witnesses near the scene said. (Xinhua)

(19) Disliking Other...

is followed by their dislike of her, their determination to vote against her and their decision to vote for Trump as the "lesser of two evils," Gallup said. For Clinton voters, they are a bit more likely to give the "lesser of

two evils" response, followed by saying that they dislike Trump and that he doesn't have the temperament to be president, according to the poll.

Clinton's experience is cited by 31 percent of her supporters in voting for the former senator, First Lady and Secretary of State. (Xinhua)

(20) I'd Never...

the support."

"I never ever give up," the celebrity businessman told the Wall Street Journal. "The support I'm getting is unbelievable, because Hillary Clinton is a horribly flawed candidate."

And in an interview with the New York Times, Trump further insisted he can still win the presidency. "Oh yeah, we can win - we will win," he said. "We have tremendous support. I think a lot of people underestimate how loyal my supporters are." (Monitoring Desk)

(21) Activity at ...

launch pad are covered, it is unclear whether this activity is related to launch preparations or other operations," the analysts noted. (Monitoring Desk)

(22) Britain will...

would be "absolutely no naming and shaming" of companies.

Interior minister Amber Rudd said on Tuesday she would consider whether it should be harder for British companies to employ workers from outside the European Union under a new drive to cut immigration.

The government has said the June 23 vote to leave the European Union was a clear signal from British voters that immigration is too high.

Prime Minister Theresa May vowed last week to restore sovereignty and increase controls over migration, leading to a growing perception that Britain is on course for a "hard" Brexit where restricting immigration take priority over retaining access to Europe's single market.

The British pound took a pasting in the past week, falling to a 31-year low against the dollar, and rattling nerves on trading desks with a "flash crash" in Asian trading early on Friday that has not been completely explained. (Reuters)

(23) 17 Killed ..

active, Turkish Daily Sabah said. The PKK is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union and Turkey. (Xinhua)

(24) China, 19 ...

EU students came to China in 2015, accounting for 11.3 percent of all international students studying in the country last year.

Last year saw over 3,000 EU students receiving scholarships from the Chinese government, a rise of 12 percent on the 2014 figures. (Xinhua)

(25) Turkey Kills...

counter attack near the Turkish border, but the Turkish military statement contradicted this account. Another 17 ISIL militants were killed in air strikes by U.S.-led coalition warplanes in the same areas, the military said in its daily round-up on the Euphrates Shield.

Turkish warplanes later launched their own air strikes against ISIL targets in northern Syria on Sunday morning, killing seven militants and destroying five buildings which they were using, the army said in a subsequent statement. (Monitoring Desk)

(26) China Reiterates...

by the parties and to support and coordinate UN efforts of humanitarian assistance," he said, adding that such actions should be instrumental to the stronger efforts to combat terrorist groups as designated by the Security Council, including the Islamic State (IS), which is also known as ISIS. (Xinhua)

(27) OSCE Consulting...

essential for strengthening security and achieving sustainable development," noted Ambassador Natalya Drozd, head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat. "The OSCE Centre in Ashgabat organized this study visit to facilitate the dialogue between the representatives of Turkmenistan and their Romanian counterparts on effective good governance practices." (Trend)