

(1) President, CEO ...

their inappropriate behavior. But Gen. Dostum has already passed many tests." The VP commented.

The jihadi figures appointed by Ghani and Abdullah to key military posts had never seen a military base and could not command even 100 soldiers, Dostum continued.

"We have many experienced generals in our country who are out of job. Why aren't they appointed to the military posts? The 50-50 distribution of power is totally wrong. This way of governance leads soldiers to death," he said.

Dostum urged the president and CEO not to compromise the security system for reasons of political expediency. They should get the National Security Council to pass a resolution against politicisation of the security apparatus, he suggested. "I have told the minister of interior that most of his employees are appointed on the basis of bribes and fraud. Dollars are paid for such appointments. This should be prohibited." He added the corrupt system at the ministry was the reason for the resignation of former minister Uloomi.

Dostum asserted the president could not sack him because he had been elected by the people. "Some people are worried about the current situation in Faryab. But they shouldn't. I can eliminate every threat in a jiffy."

Regarding the operation in Kunduz, he said; "I asked the president the reason for not letting me join the offensive. He replied my participation could raise sensitivities. This sensitivity regarding ISI, Pakistan and the president himself, because Ghani is afraid of my popularity."

He also said the president had told him that the people of Kunduz hated Gen. Dostum. If the presidential statement was true, people would have risen against him, the VP argued.

Concerned at the current situation in Kunduz, the VP said he would never forget the incidents at the university and its hostel. He vowed to protect his people from being captured or killed by Pakistan.

The former Uzbek war assailed government officials for negligence that recently led to the fall of Ghormach district. Whenever ground forces wanted a particular area to be pounded, they did not receive cooperation from higher-ups, he continued. They are often told the army chief has gone home.

The VP accused the provincial police chief, army commander and the army chief of committing negligence in Ghormach. Dostum did not know where these officials received orders from.

He alleged some individuals in the capital were awaiting news of his death. The VP also claimed knowing the people working against him inside the government machinery.

The president and the CEO, who had equally divided government posts between themselves had been unable to address the core issues facing the nation today, he reiterated. The people appointed by them could not be held accountable, he said.

Dostum assailed the president for appointing as defence minister an individual who could not stand on his own feet. He also took issue with the appointment of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) head, calling the spy master a known Taliban. (Pajhwok)

(2) ISIS Trying ...

earlier this year after the Obama administration granted a broader role to the American forces. (KP)

(3) Dostum's Serious...

to misbehaviour and crimes during the recent war by the Taliban and other parties involved in the conflict. (KP)

(4) Bayat Foundation ...

devices and now the foods and stationery items, the consequences of the assistance was also satisfactory the families of the students have expressed their joys for receiving helps for the love once."

Earlier Head of Bayat Foundation Eng, Ehsanollah Bayat had

said," the hearing devices will bring positive changes into life of deaf people, and will enable them to join their family and society back, Starkey Hearing Foundation has been working closely with Bayat Foundation on decreasing deaf numbers from Afghanistan societies since two years."

Despite of distribution of more than 5000 hearing devices since 4 years in Afghanistan, Bayat Foundation has been active on building schools, Hospitals, bridges, clinics, and mosques in Afghanistan.

Bayat Foundation is one of the leading charitable organizations in Afghanistan, assisting destitute families throughout the country. (Agencies)

(5) Music Institut...

head of the Music Institute.

"The anthems composed by the music institute and tens of other artists indicate that there should no longer be oppression," said Assadullah Hanifi, minister of education.

Meanwhile, Save The Children has pledged to increase aid in Afghanistan to uplift the lives of Afghan children and girls.

"we are committed to improve the lives of Afghan children specially girls, and we will continue our efforts towards building a better future to children not only in Afghanistan, but all over the world. It is our common duty and responsibility toward the children of Afghanistan," said Save The Children's Afghanistan Country Director Ana Locsin. The National Institute of Music has also composed a children's anthem, education anthem, women and peace anthems.

Alongside dozens of male students, up to 70 girls are also getting education at the institute. (Tolonews)

(6) Afghanistan ...

operated by the UN, the Afghan government, and other aid agencies to provide aid for returnees before they look for a home in a country many have not seen in years," reports Reuters.

Some Afghans have accused Pakistan of coercing them to return home, an accusation that Islamabad denies. Meanwhile, in Iran, some refugees are being forced to go fight and die on behalf of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad. (Reuters)

(7) Survey Finds ...

of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (MoLSAMD) 40 in ministry of women affairs 30 percent in ministry of education

14 percent in the ministry of higher education

6 percent in the ministry of labor and social affairs

6 percent in the ministry of counter narcotics.

4 percent in the ministry of agriculture.

"to encourage a hospitable environment for female staff working in government institutions and to ensure there is a safe work space for young women to be free of sexual harassment, discrimination and policy gaps that affect the women," said Diana Bowden, director of women projects in Afghanistan.

On August 2015, the Afghan parliament approved an act preventing the harassment of women and girls in government institutions, the law was outlined by the ministry of women's affairs.

But it is believed that no government departments have implemented the regulation except the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG)

"If those who are harassing the women and girls in government and non-government institutions are held accountable, they will no longer commit such acts and this will also decrease the disturbances," said minister of women's affairs Dilbar Nazari.

"Disparaging traditions is one of the key elements of problems for women," said the technical deputy minister of women's affairs.

It has been recommended in the survey that there is need to ensure a healthy working environment for women till 2020 in order to increase the presence of women in government institutions by 30 percent.

President Ashraf Ghani frequently calls for greater women participation in government. (Tolonews)

(8) Ghani Leaves ...

by Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani, Afghanistan Ulama Council head Maulvi Qayamuddin Kashaf, Urban Development Minister Syed Sadat Mansoor Naderi and other high ranking officials, according to a statement issued by the Presidential Palace.

The statement said President Ghani extended his condolences to the family of the former ruler and the people of Qatar on behalf of the people and the government of Afghanistan.

Khalifa ruled Qatar from 1972 until 1995, when he was deposed by his son Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani in a bloodless coup while on holiday in Switzerland.

He was one of the first rulers of Qatar after it gained independence from Britain in 1971.

During his time as leader, he oversaw the beginnings of the transformation of modern-day Qatar into an energy-rich country.

He was also seen as a founding father of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the political and economic union incorporating six states in the region, including Qatar.

After being removed from power, the former emir lived in France. He returned to Qatar in 2004. (Pajhwok)

(9) Sexual Harassment, ...

part of women's in Afghanistan. Government offices are no exception to harassment.

Absence of a mechanism to address women's complaints, is one of the main impediments to female participation in the workforce. A report by Women for Afghan Women found that in government institutions there are frequent accounts of verbal and physical harassment, blackmailing for sexual factors and the use of authority to coerce female employees for sexual acts.

The findings of research mentioned to a complete lack of policies and procedures regarding sexual harassment in government ministries. As demonstrated in the GIROA Partnership Assessment, except the IDLG, none of the ministries, agencies, and provincial offices interviewed had anti-harassment policies and regulations.

It was noticed in the report that the cases of harassment were rarely reported, because the victims feel that their reputation will be harmed. Moreover most of the cases that have been reported were not properly addressed.

In the survey mentioned to nepotism in hiring and firing, lack of supportive policy for women and cultural issues as other challenges that limited women working in governmental organs.

Ramp up insecurity also noticed as a challenge before women, the responders said that while the security situation deteriorates in cities particularly in Kabul capital women's ability to safely and freely commute to work is severely impacted.

Lack of access to long term scholarship and education is other challenge that deterred women from hiring to the high posts.

The ministry asked all government and relevant organs to consider abovementioned women's challenges seriously and take measures for solution. (Agencies)

(10) Pakistan Says...

move aims to offset efforts by the Indian government to isolate the country following the Uri terror attack.

Last year in December the meeting of the Istanbul process was hosted by Pakistan. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj had attended the meeting. It is also not known if there would be any formal interaction between Pakistani and Indian officials.

Pakistan's participation was doubtful due to the ongoing tension with India.

India had recently boycotted the summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) that was scheduled to be held in Islamabad.

Citing continuous cross-border terrorism from Pakistan following the Uri attack, India had said that "in the present circumstances" it was unable to take part in the SAARC summit.

Officials familiar with the development have said that Pakistan

has decided to attend the Heart of Asia conference because it is about Afghanistan.

"There is a growing sense among the stakeholders that Pakistan should attend the Heart of Asia-Istanbul conference," said a senior Pakistani government official, adding that there was no point in boycotting the conference since it was about Afghanistan.

Foreign ministers from 14-member countries, including Russia, China and Turkey, are expected to attend the day-long conference meant to discuss the current Afghan situation and possible initiatives the immediate and extended neighbours of Afghanistan could undertake to restore long-term peace and stability in the war-torn country.

Officials from 17 other nations, including the US, will also attend the meet to be jointly presided over by Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process was established in 2011 at the initiative of Afghanistan and Turkey. Its main objective is to foster efforts for regional cooperation and connectivity with a view to promoting long-term peace and stability as well as progress and development in Afghanistan. (Agencies)

(11) Nine Health...

30 beds hospital in Sarjantal district of Ghor, 30 beds of Maidan Shahr, 30 beds of Zherai district of Kandahar, 30 beds of polfi Khostfreg of Baghlan, comprehensive clinics of Zaranj district and Ghorghori district of Nimroz, expanding of Kabul medical health clinics and construction of surrounding walls of Mullah Tarakhil clinic in Kabul.

The ministry will start the construction work of Nangarhar regional hospital, 100 beds of Panjshir, 100 beds of Zabul, 100 beds of Zabul and 50 beds clinic of Siagerd district of Parwan province in next three months. (Agencies)

(12) Ghani, Abdullah...

statement. Ghani called for the need for common combat at a national and regional level to prevent terrorist activities.

"Terrorism doesn't know any religion, law, race and ethnicity and not respect. So from this point, and in a basic vision and strategy, all without separation over good and bad terrorism, we should combat against them and use force," he said.

He also shared his condolences with the families of the victims. In the meantime, Abdullah said via twitter that "I offer sympathies and condolences to families and friends of those killed in the Quetta attack. Afghans stand with the people of Pakistan."

"State sponsored terrorism, use of proxy forces and differentiation between terrorists will always lead to destruction. Say no to terror," Abdullah said.

This comes after heavily-armed Islamist militants wearing suicide vests reportedly stormed a Pakistani police academy, killing at least 60 people and wounding dozens more, officials said Tuesday.

Three gunmen from a Pakistani Taliban-linked group burst into the sprawling academy, targeting sleeping quarters that are home to some 700 recruits, sending terrified young men fleeing.

"I saw three men in camouflage whose faces were hidden carrying Kalashnikovs," one cadet told reporters. "They started firing and entered the dormitory but I managed to escape over a wall."

The attack on the Balochistan Police College, around 20 kilometers east of provincial capital Quetta, began at around 11:10 pm Monday, with gunfire continuing to ring out at the site for several hours. (Tolonews)

(13) Afghan Refugees...

kept an eye on each other's welfare in the camp.

One of the refugees, Hasan, who worked with a catering unit serving American and Tibetan forces in Kabul after the United States invaded Afghanistan, was ordered by the Taliban to stop working with the US military and that he was a traitor to his country.

"As soon as the foreign forces pulled out, the troubles real-

ly started and everyone who'd been helping them in any way directly or indirectly was targeted. Eventually, the Taliban sent him a death threat, and so he and his whole family left," Miles, who helped support the group through funding from Cornwall-based charity group RefugeeAid.

The 25-year old lost track of both his younger brothers on the Afghanistan-Iran border. Hasan never heard from them again. Once in Calais, the young man took two teenagers - aged 17 and 18 - under his wing. "He does not let them out of his sight. In a way, he wants to fill the void of those younger brothers that he lost, and wants to help these boys."

After getting to know and identifying those most in need in Calais, Miles recently helped distribute phone credit, shoes, coats or battery chargers during the week running up to the eviction, during which there had been much speculation about what would happen during the evacuation. (Agencies)

(14) Afghan Taliban ...

ministry in a statement rejected it as a "propaganda".

The Taliban already have a robust social media presence and a website in five languages including English.

Once seen as uneducated thugs, the Taliban have developed a media-savvy PR team who use digital technology to reach out to audiences worldwide.

When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan between 1996 and 2001, almost all electronic products were outlawed as un-Islamic.

But the Taliban have avidly embraced electronic communication and social media in recent years as a recruitment tool and to promote their propaganda. (AFP)

(15) Army Ranger

our formation ... and in our hearts," Hodne said.

Domeij enlisted in July 2001 after graduating high school in 2000.

During his time as an Army Ranger, Domeij was highly decorated. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his service overseas and will be awarded a third Bronze Star posthumously, along with the Purple Heart, according to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

According to the San Diego Tribune, Kyle Domeij said that his brother was not one to gloat about his accomplishments and told the family that he didn't want media coverage if something happened to him.

"He didn't want to be in the limelight. My brother was a very humble man," said Domeij. "We never even knew all the accomplishments he had. We're just finding out about it now."

The San Diego native, who was living in Washington, is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Also killed in the incident were 1st Lt. Ashley White, 24, and Pvt. 1st Class Christopher A. Horns, 20, according to a U.S. Army Special Operations Command news release. Horns was on his first deployment. (Agencies)

(16) 131 Kg of ...

The dead and wounded Taliban often attacked security convoys on the Kabul-Jalalabad Highway in Wershmin Tangi locality, according to the statement. (Pajhwok)

(17) Teased Female....

faceted harassment but they would stand strong and prove their position in the society.

Jaheda Sadat, who has been a driver for seven years, believes that men and women must enjoy equal rights in the society and there should be no bars against female drivers.

She believes women must fight for their rights in the society and stand strong to earn their rights. Basir Ahmad Muhammadi, a member of a driver's training center in Heart, told Pajhwok though the number of female drivers is increasing in this city, yet the culture of women driving is not institutionalized in the society. "Most of the female drivers are being taunted by some people while driving," he added.

Experts believe the government must pave the way for women to participate in different social activities.

Naimatullah Sarwari, an expert in social affairs, said some men consider female driving as inappropriate and try stop it. "Af-

ghanistan need educated and active women. Women's participation in several social affairs will be useful for development of Afghanistan", he added.

Herat has the highest number of female drivers after Kabul City. (Pajhwok)

(18) British PM...

help secure a successful Brexit. May's official spokeswoman said: "We have been very clear that we should be working together to secure the best possible deal for the whole country. We expect representatives of the devolved administrations to act in that way and to in no way undermine the UK's position."

May said later, "The country is facing a negotiation of tremendous importance and it is imperative that the devolved administrations play their part in making it work." (Xinhua)

(19) ASEAN Regional...

deficit that cannot be addressed through public investment alone. Private capital is needed, but many projects fail to secure funding because investors see them as too risky. Blended finance harnesses flows of official development assistance to alleviate these risks while also allowing private capital to be raised, the WEF said.

RBC members will contribute to highlighting ASEAN's accomplishments on the global stage at the WEF Annual Meeting in Davos in 2017, the year when the ASEAN will celebrate its 50th anniversary of establishment, said the press release. (Xinhua)

(20) Migrant Protests...

camp. Meanwhile, on Monday, groups of refugees and migrants detained at the Moria hotspot on Lesbos island staged another stormier demonstration setting fire to shipping containers, local police told Xinhua.

Approximately 70 people, mostly from Pakistan and Bangladesh, attacked the offices of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), protesting for their detention for several months, according to police.

Twenty-three protesters were arrested, Nikos Ververis, spokesperson for the local police told said. Eight shipping containers were destroyed. (Xinhua)

(21) Mosul Military...

Khalil and Al Adla, south and southeast of Mosul, he said.

Iraqi security forces recaptured more villages last Tuesday from the IS militants, as part of a major offensive aimed at liberating the city of Mosul, the last major IS stronghold in Iraq, a security source said. (Xinhua)

(22) Hollande Urges ...

region and Iraq," Hollande said, calling for "all ethnic and religious groups" to have a say in the future running of the predominantly Sunni city.

He also appealed for measures to shield civilians trapped in Mosul by the fighting and for "vigilance" faced with the prospect of return foreign jihadists returning home from the Iraqi battlefield.

Of the estimated 4,000-5,000 jihadists fighting in Mosul, around 300 are French, according to French officials.

Hollande reiterated French warnings about IS fighters in Mosul fleeing across the border to Raqqa, the group's stronghold in Syria. "We must clearly identify them," he said. (AFP)

(23) Spanish Multinational

Europe and the second richest man in the world according to Forbes Magazine and is behind high street brands such as Zara, Massimo Dutti and Pull and Bear. It was forced to make the declarations following a report on the BBC investigative program Panorama, due to be broadcast on Monday night.

"We audit all of our factories and carry out inspections throughout the year. When we find a problem, we impose a plan of correction and the provider has six months to implement it," the spokesman added. (Xinhua)

(24) UAE Seeks ...

promoting relations between the two countries in several sectors were also held. Among the sectors include hydropower, aviation, logistics, infrastructure, and food security. (Monitoring Desk)