

(1) Abdullah Wants ...

other members of the militant outfit to its sanctions list.

Abdullah also asked the sanctions committee to strengthen their observation and assessment mechanism to limit activities and movement of terrorists and bring their financial resources to a halt. He said this way conditions for peace would be prepared.

According to the statement, UNSC sanctions committee head Umarov reiterated their commitment to working and standing with the Afghan government in preventing security threats and bringing peace to the country.

According to him, they were cooperative in the fight against terrorists, especially the Taliban, and they would give priority to the Afghan government's suggestions.

He expressed gratitude to the Afghan government for preparing needed conditions for better functioning of the committee inside the country. (Pajhwok)

(2) Noor Says He ...

has hundreds of contracts and every contract involves bundles of papers. How can a person be the president and at the same time handle these papers," said Noor.

"I am not interested to become head of the procurement commission, I was offered a ministry but I did not accept. If I take a decision, then I will nominate myself for the presidential election," Noor added.

Noor said the current situation is worse than that during the Taliban regime and said government leaders are incapable of handling the situation.

According to Noor, due to poor management by NUG leaders, Afghanistan has itself become a safe haven for insurgents.

Noor said due to the absence of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the First Vice President, Daesh and Taliban have strengthened in parts of Jawzjan province and said Dostum needs to return to fight these groups.

"In the absence of General Dostum, a tribe has been ruined. Every single day that he is not here, an Uzbek son gets killed, a Turkmen son gets killed. A number of them have joined Taliban, because there is no one to manage them," said Noor.

Balkh official Afzal Hadid meanwhile urged people to participate in the next elections and vote in the "real servants of the nation".

"I hope the next election takes place and our people vote for the nation's servant," said Hadid.

Noor once again urged the United States to consult political parties on the implementation of its strategy, otherwise their plans will fail. (Tolonews)

(3) Rehabilitation...

such sites.

"There are many historical places in Khost, which offer a glimpse into the past to the new generation," he said. "We want the relevant department to take care of all such places.

Dad Mohammad, Kikarak Baba, Gagar Aba and other shrines such as Hasarak Ghondai, Karwan Sarai, Ghazni Babrak Khan Qala are famous historical monuments. (Pajhwok)

(4) 21 Thousand Units ..

of the Afghan government, around 100 million Afghans received in extra from the people have been returned to them. He also pointed towards his trips to 34 provinces of the country during the period and said the ministry has managed to regain the confidence and trust of the people besides the mistrust of the foreign agencies have been sidelined as some of the major international organizations have resumed cooperation with the ministry.

Naderi specifically pointed towards the UN Habitat Governing Council membership which Afghanistan obtained for the time in its history.

The other achievements of the ministry according to Minister Naderi are the increase of the development budget from 17 percent in 1393 Afghan Calendar year to 80 percent in 1395, the provincial urban development departments have been promoted to urban development directorates with more authorities in a bid to prevent the wastage of time. In the meantime, Minister Naderi said that the country currently needs around 1.5 million housing units and the ministry has managed to prepare plans for the construction of the houses, including plans for the refugee returnees, armed forces, government employees, and other residents the country.

According to Minister Naderi, the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing has also managed to prepare 85 strategic plans and 32 plans for housing projects for the teachers across the country have been prepared between 1394 to 1396.

He also pointed towards the recklessness of the previous government re-

garding the preservation of the historic sites and said the ministry has managed to start the restoration of the historic Dar-ul-Aman Palace which will be completed until 1398, besides informing the regards the plans for the restoration of Herat mosque, Taj Big Hill, Eidgah mosque, Rawza-e-Sharif, Ghazi Amanullah Khan tomb, and Qala-e-Jangi. (KP)

(5) Cases of 1,850 ...

the cases of 1,850 prisoners at Pul-i-Charkhi prison had taken place in the past six years.

Cases of some inmates have not even been decided by the primary court, he said. According to the law, a case should be finalized within a year.

Zabuli said 180 inmates were above 75 years of age and they should be released according to the law. "Some inmates cannot even walk due to their old age, one of them is 105 years old," he said.

About prisoners with incurable diseases, he said, no commission had so far been created to identify inmates with such diseases. Some inmates were even infected with by transmissible diseases, he said.

Zabuli said 710 prisoners had been declared as innocent by courts but they were still kept behind bars illegally for years due to lack of a guarantee.

The senator said 400 prisoners had been sentenced to death in the last few years but non could be executed.

He asked the government to create a special court for addressing cases of Pul-i-Charkhi inmates as well as create a commission for addressing the issue of incurable inmates.

Zabuli added the inmates had warned of going on hunger strike if their cases were ignored further. He also asked the Meshrano Jirga chairman to pave the ground for a meeting between the delegation and the president.

Meshrano Jirga chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar promised to arrange a meeting between the delegation and the president for discussing inmates' problems. (Pajhwok)

(6) Fundraising ..

my frontline workers and our partners, who have worked tirelessly to eradicate this cruel disease.

The money collected by The Rotary Club of Kabul City will help vaccinate as many as 32,000 children in Afghanistan and will also assist with Polio Awareness Campaigns which will be launched across the country to raise awareness of the measures needed to tackle this horrendous disease in remote districts and villages. (Monitoring Desk)

(7) IEC Says Paper ..

A complex procurement process was launched, the issue got multiple dimensions and different departments interfered in the issue," Yusuf Rasheed, CEO of Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan said.

Despite these challenges, the fate of the IEC head secretariat Imam Mohammad Warimach who was fired by the president is still unclear and this has divided the commissioners.

"A number of our colleagues believe that we should ask for more clarity from government, but some others say we should wait for a formal letter from the president," Badghisi added.

The election commission has said in the past they must digitize voters lists as bringing reforms, holding a transparent election and regaining peoples trust are key aims of the commission. (Tolonews)

(8) Licenses of 817 ...

Kamawal said.

Around 100 tonnes of expired and standard drugs in Kabul and 47 tonnes in other provinces of the country had been collected and torched over the last one year.

Kamawal expressed concern over lack of health professionals in the health sector, arguing decades of war in the country had damaged the sector and contributed to non-professionalism.

He said inadequate diagnosis of some diseases such as cancer was another serious issue facing the health sector and patients were obliged to travel to foreign countries. (Pajhwok)

(9) Spin Ghar, ...

made 247 runs in the first and 224 runs in their second innings, with Bost winning the four-day match by 73 runs.

For Bost, Karim Sadiq played well and contributed 114 runs followed by Sami Agha with 63 and Bahar Shinwari with 64 runs.

For Mes Ainak, Fazil Zazi made 63 runs, Rahmat Sahak 54 and Rahim Mangal 68 runs.

Other Mes Ainak bowlers Ziaul Rahman clinched 7 wickets and Karim 4. Mohammad Alam was declared the man of the match. (Pajhwok)

(10) Senator Asakzai

abruptly hurled a water bottle at him and then rushed towards him and punched him a few times in the face and head.

Some senators intervened and separated the two and after it Asakzai was expelled from the house at orders of the Meshrano Jirga chairman.

Hanafi said Asakzai attacked him for no reason and threatened if the house didn't take steps to restore his dignity, he would take action himself and he had the ability to defend his reputation.

Chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar said as attacking Hanafi by Asakzai without a legitimate reason blackened the reputation of Meshrano Jirga and brought under question the dignity of the house.

He ordered subjecting Asakzai to the "disciplinary regulation". Mualvi Mohiuddin Munsef, who heads the Senate's legislative affairs commission, told reporters after the session that based on the 'disciplinary regulation' Asakzai would be denied a month salary and not allowed to enter the Meshrano Jirga for one month. (Pajhwok)

(11) Taliban Kill...

The Taliban said the insurgents also captured the security outpost.

Taliban spokespeople often issue inflated battlefield gains.

Sunday's attack came a day after Afghan officials confirmed separate insurgent attacks in the eastern Ghazni province killed at least nine police personnel.

Bloody October

October has seen repeated insurgent raids against government forces across Afghanistan, leaving scores dead.

The deadliest attack was Oct. 17 in the eastern province of Paktia where Taliban suicide assault groups stormed police headquarters and killed as many as 60 security forces, including the provincial police chief.

A day after that deadly raid, Taliban insurgents led by a suicide car bomber assaulted an Afghan military base in southern Kandahar province, killing 43 officers and almost wiping out the facility.

Suicide bombers also struck two Afghan mosques on Oct. 20, killing at least 72 worshippers. One of the attacks, the deadliest one, targeted a crowded Shi'ite mosque in Kabul, and Islamic State claimed responsibility.

On Oct. 21, a Taliban suicide car bomber killed 15 cadets just outside the main military academy in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Afghan forces backed by increased U.S. airpower have also stepped up attacks against insurgents, who are in control of an estimated 40 percent territory of Afghanistan and continue to make battlefield advances. The intensified hostilities in 2017 have also witnessed record levels of Afghan civilian casualties, according to the United Nations. (VoA)

(12) Midwifery ...

established the Kapisa Midwifery Training Center (KMTC) which has produced few batches of trained midwives that helped reduce maternal deaths.

The graduates have been posted in different local health facilities to properly deal with pregnant women.

Danish said building for a midwifery training centre in Lomrai Kohistanat district was being constructed and half of the work had already been completed.

Shema, a midwife at Sarbolai area of Nejrab district, said: "We completed the nursing and midwifery course in the Kohistanat-1 district in 24 months. Besides lectures, we were practically trained."

She said they received academic and practical lessons and now she attended clients.

Lal Jan, a resident of Ala Sei district in Askan area, said: "In the past, there was no male or female doctors but now a clinic is established in Askan and there are female doctors as well."

He added in the past female patients had to be shifted to hospitals on difficult trains but now the issue had been resolved. (Pajhwok)

(13) Stop Pakistan ...

Addressing a press conference here with other local representatives, PC Head Ahmad Ali Hazrat said Pakistani security forces were busy fencing the Durand Line in Shalman, Torkham and Dur Baba district.

He warned residents would stand up against Pakistan's fencing of the Durand Line if the government failed to take action in the next 10 days. He said responsibility of any mishap would be on the government's shoulder.

Zabihullah Zmarai, secretary of the PC, said the Afghan nation had neither accepted the Durand Line as a permanent boundary between the two countries nor would accept fencing of it.

He also warned the Afghan government of public reaction if it did not take action against Pakistan's unilateral fencing of the Durand Line. Naser Kamawal, another PC member,

alleged the Afghan government had struck deal on the issue behind the curtains and asked why the government had adopted silence.

Pakistani Ambassador in Kabul Zahid Nasrullah Khan told reporters at a Saturday's press conference that fencing of the Durand Line was aimed at preventing cross border movement of terrorists and drug smugglers.

He had said the Afghan government recognised the Durand Line at least a line separating the two countries and that the fencing was being conducted on the Pakistani side of the territory. (Pajhwok)

(14) Villagers Along ..

President of all transport association Rauf Hussain has urged to re-open the border and let the trade resume between the two countries to minimise the suffering of those dependent on the income from trade, local media reported.

The Durand Line cuts through the Pashtun tribal areas and further south through the Balochistan region, politically dividing ethnic Pashtuns, as well as the Baloch and other ethnic groups living on both sides of the border.

Although the Durand Line is recognised internationally as the western border of Pakistan, it remains largely unrecognised in Afghanistan. (ANI)

(15) 13 Militants ...

said another five militants were killed in an airstrike that targeted a vehicle carrying the militants.

Police chief Shapur Ahmadzai said clearing operations were ongoing in different parts of the province and several militants had so far suffered casualties.

But the Taliban rejected these claims. The group spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said their fighters had suffered no casualties in Kharwar district. (Pajhwok)

(16) Dozens Stage..

with this issue, they would continue agitation.

The municipality has yet to take any action, but Agha Masoomi, municipal district chief, acknowledged the claims as baseless. He said his administration was facing challenges. (Pajhwok)

(17) 12kg Heroin Seized, ...

district to Nimroz province on Saturday evening.

He said the narcotic was rigged in bottles of drinks and skillfully placed in the car. The driver of the car who belonged to Bakwah district was arrested and was currently under interrogation. (Pajhwok)

(18) Balkh-Based ...

irresponsible gunmen had links with certain circles. He said the presence of illegal armed men was fuelling insecurity.

Civil society activists emphasised upon the government to prevent movements of illegal gunmen at least in public places. (Pajhwok)

Poland Wants Strong Euro Zone before Mulling Membership: Finance Minister

WARSAW - Poland wants the euro zone to become stronger before making a decision whether to join the single currency, Finance Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said.

"We are holding our fingers crossed for the euro zone to survive, to overcome its imminent problems ... Surely, the convergence is not happening as the authors wished it, Morawiecki, who is also deputy prime minister, told journalists.

"We would like the euro area to be strong and then in a few years will see how it copes with everything."

The statement suggests a softening towards the euro zone membership by the eurosceptic Law and Justice (PiS) party that came to power two years ago. Although he declined to say when Poland could start thinking about membership, on Friday, he told an economic forum that he is not an "opponent" of introducing the euro currency in Poland, but the time is not right yet.

"Let's wait five to 10 years," he said. The PiS government has said previously that the flexibility of a national exchange rate has helped the country in difficult times. Earlier this year, Morawiecki said at an economic forum that it remained to be seen if euro zone was going to be "a part of the problem or part of the solution" for the EU. (Reuters)

Hillary Clinton Marks Painful Date with Twitter Quip

WASHINGTON - Hillary Clinton got a reminder that exactly one year ago, then FBI director James Comey said he

was re-opening a probe into her emails. "Oh is that today?" the former Democratic presidential candidate quipped on Twitter late Saturday, in response to a post by election forecaster Nate Silver who noted the anniversary of Comey's move and said it was "probably decisive" in last year's White House race. Comey shocked the country when he informed Congress on October 28, 2016 that he was reopening an FBI investigation into Clinton's unauthorized use of a private email server as secretary of state, months after declaring the probe found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing.

The about-turn just days before the election followed the discovery of missing Clinton emails with classified material on the laptop of a former congressman. Clinton has called Comey's move a major factor in her loss to Donald Trump, saying: "If the election had been on October 27, I'd be your president."

But Comey has said it was the right choice and he would do it again if he had to.

Clinton won the popular vote by nearly three million over Trump, but lost the indirect by all-important state-by-state electoral college count. (AFP)

Kurdistan Leader to Resign In November

BAGDAD - The Kurd leader Masoud Barzani will hand over presidential powers on November 1 after bid for independence backfired, which triggered a crisis.

Iraqi Kurdistan's leader Masoud Barzani will not extend his presidential term beyond November 1, a Kurdish government official told Reuters on Saturday. The report said his decision came just weeks after a referendum on Kurdish independence backfired and triggered a crisis for Iraq's Kurds who had been enjoying a period of unprecedented autonomy.

A plan to divide up the president's powers was outlined in a letter Barzani sent to the Kurdish parliament on Saturday, the official told Reuters.

The plan asks parliament to distribute the president's powers among the government, parliament and judiciary. Barzani's current term was set to expire in four days, the same date that presidential and parliamentary elections were due to be held. However, those elections were delayed indefinitely last week, amidst an escalating regional crisis, reported Reuters.

Critics said last month's independence referendum, orchestrated and championed by Barzani has left a bleak outlook for Iraq's Kurds.

Less than four weeks after Kurds in the region voted overwhelmingly to break away from Iraq, the central government launched a military offensive to wrest back the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, which the Kurds regard as both their spiritual homeland, and a key source of revenue for their would-be independent state.

It was one of several retaliatory measures taken by Baghdad, which vehemently opposed the referendum.

In a matter of days the Iraqi government has transformed the balance of power in the north of the country, exerting tremendous pressure on Barzani to step aside and wrecking decades-old dreams of Kurdish independence. Iraqi forces have continued to advance on all Kurdish-held territory outside the autonomous region's borders.

Iraq's prime minister demanded on Thursday that Kurds declare their independence referendum void, rejecting the Kurdish autonomous region's offer to suspend its independence push to resolve a crisis through talks. (Reuters)

Pentagon Identifies US Soldier Killed In Afghanistan Helicopter Crash

KABUL - The Department of Defense identified Sunday the U.S. soldier who was killed in a helicopter crash in eastern Afghanistan late Friday evening.

The crash in Logar province killed Jacob M. Sims, a 36-year-old chief warrant officer from Juneau, Alaska. Sims was assigned to 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, from Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state, reports the Associated Press.

The Pentagon confirmed that six other crew members were injured in the crash and are undergoing medical treatment. "We are deeply saddened by the loss of our comrade," General John Nicholson, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, said in a statement. "On behalf of all of Resolute Support, our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of our fallen comrade and those injured in this unfortunate event."

The helicopter reportedly hit a tree while inserting troops for a night raid, forcing an emergency landing, according to Stars and Stripes, which cited the local provincial governor's office. (Agencies)