President Ashraf Ghani presided over a special meeting to discuss the national counter-corruption strategy, a statement from the Presidential Palace said on Monday.

The Afghan government on Monday asked the United Nations (UN) to launch ‘a special’ investigation into the communal violence against Muslims in Myanmar.

The Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) in a statement received by Pajhwok Afghan News said “the Afghan government strongly condemns the massacre of Muslims in Rohingya area of the country by the state’s army.”

The violence against Myanmar’s Rohingya Muslim minority has forced tens of thousands to flee and has left nearly 400 people dead in clashes.

WASHINGTON - The Senate returns to Washington in September preparing to take up a massive defense policy bill led by Sen. John McCain as the Arizona Republican returns to Congress following his first round of treatment for brain cancer.

The chairman of the Senate armed services committee, McCain will lead debate on the National Defense Authorization Act, one of the few remaining “must-pass” pieces of legislation that would authorize $700 billion in Pentagon spending and set a wide swath of military policy.

KABUL - Afghanistan Railway Authority said the first phase of the railway project has been completed and construction will start soon.

Afghanistan Railway Authority on Monday said the second meeting of representatives from regional countries will meet within the next two months in Iran to discuss progress of the railway project that will run through five countries.

The new line will directly connect Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and China to Iran.

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