President Stressures Accountability, Tax Payment

KARUL - President Mohammed Ashraf Ghani on Monday said reforms in the Ministry of Finance (MoF) were vital for overall performance and accountability of government institutions. He expressed these views during a meeting with high officials of the MoF, including Finance Minister Shokhail Haidari, in which the latter presented a 100-day plan, a statement from the Presidential Palace said. The president stressed the need for transparency and cost-saving measures. [More on Pp.4/2]

IEC Seeks Financial Support to Ensure Timely Polls

KARUL - Chairman of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Monday pledged to hold parliament elections without further delay if provided with financial support. Ahmad Shah Rezaie, a lawyer and former IEC commissioner, in his address at a gathering of former parliamentarians and electoral officials, said the IEC had taken necessary steps, but alleged other organizations and presidential offices had shortchanged them. He addressed a general session of the former parliamentarians and electoral officials amid protests from some lawmakers.

Ministry of Defense Taliban Growing Too Weak to Fight Afghan Forces

KARUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) has said that Taliban fighters have been killed during the past four months and military offensive have considerably weakened the strength of rebels. Maj. Gen. Faiz Waziri, MoD's operational director, told a press conference that the Taliban's measured attacks have been等原因.

Russia Closes NATO's Transport Corridor to Afghanistan

KABUL - Russia has closed a transport corridor that had allowed NATO military to deliver supplies to Afghanistan through Russian territory, according to a letter signed by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and published on a government website Monday. The pathway through Russia had been a symbol of Russia-U.S. cooperation amid otherwise frosty relations between the two former Cold War rivals. Moscow's decision to close the transport corridor, which NATO used extensively to supply its decade-long deployment in Afghanistan, was made "in connection with the termination of the provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1386," the decree, dated May 13, stated. Resolution 1386 was the 2001 U.N. Security Council decision that authorized international forces to operate in Afghanistan. Under the resolution, Russia allowed its airspace to NATO forces to transport equipment from other nations.

Iran, Afghanistan Resolved to Boost Peace and Security: Fazli

TEHRAN - Iran's Minister of Interior Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said Monday that Iran and Afghanistan governments and nations are determined to forge up Regional National Mission and live together in peace and security. [More on Pp.4/2]

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Uruzgan Taliban, Security Forces Lock in Intense Clashes

37kg of Narcotics, Alcoholic Drinks Seized

TINATROK - Taliban militants stormed several security force positions, which led to an intense battle with security forces for the control of a number of checkpoints. A security official said on Monday.

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Speaking to reporters, he said: “The students are go- ing for good grounds for expansion of solutions and to bring the two nations closer to each other. It will help promote and increase natural resources in Af- ghanistan, he said.”

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Kabul-Islamabad Expanding Security Cooperation

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The war on terrorism that was launched in 2001 by a coalition of 40 states has triggered a new era of cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The US-Pakistan relationship has improved significantly since the end of 2010, when the agreement was made to expand cooperation between the two countries on intelligence and security matters. According to the agreement, the United States and Pakistan have been working together to combat terrorism in the region. The agreement has been extended to include cooperation in other areas such as countering narcotics trafficking and improving relations between the two countries.

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**Seoul:** U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry warned North Korea Monday of possible fresh sanctions as he slammed Kim Jong Un’s “aggressive” leadership with its reliance on reckless prevarication and provocations.

Speaking in the South Korean capital Seoul, Kerry said the conduct of a new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) showed the North had “no genuine interest in either peace or a diplomatic international community.” Instead, “it continues to pursue nuclear and ballistic missile programs, and it increases its international law,” he told a joint press conference.

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**Terrorists’ May Use Migrant Cover to Evade Control:**

The United Nations has said there is now a full and broad-based threat against civilian targets in Europe, particularly the U.S. military, saying the migrants who have come to Europe from the Middle East and North Africa countries are being Radicalized in the informal context.

Kerry warned: “The terrorist threats that we face are evolving, and we must be prepared to face threats that we don’t know about.”

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**Nigerian Military Claims Fresh Success against Boko Haram**

Lagos — Nigeria’s military on Sunday claimed it had overrun Boko Haram camps in the group’s Sambisa Forest stronghold, a day after the Islamist insurgents’ massive closing on a town in the northeast, killing several soldiers and civilians.

Defence spokesman, Colonel-chaplain Ali Banta, said a commando battalion of the 81st Guards Battalion, stationed in Sambisa Forest, today launched an operation against the insurgents.

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**White House Hopefuls Agree: Iraq War a Mistake**

Washington — American hopes of an early end to the war in Iraq have taken a major hit as the White House has agreed to a $9.9 billion rescue package for Iraq. The procurement of a new package will provide the Iraqis with much-needed funds to help sustain the war against terrorism.

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**Obama Puts Stricter Controls on Military-Style for Police**

Washington — Nine months after police in Ferguson, Missouri dispersed a protest, the Department of Justice is tightening its rules on the use of military-style equipment by local law enforcement agencies.

The department is proposing to redefine what counts as a military-style item, making it easier to license and limit the shipment of such equipment to local police departments.

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**EBRD to Reform Tajikistan’s State-Owned Energy Company**

Moscow — The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has agreed to invest $150 million in the state-owned energy company of Tajikistan, which is one of the poorest countries in the region.

The EBRD has been negotiating with the Tajik government since 2012 to reform the energy company, which is largely controlled by the government.

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**Neighbour News**

**Chinese Vice President Meets Portuguese Guests**

Beijing — Vice President Li Yuanchao met with Portuguese President Anibal Cavaco Silva Monday.

The delegation is expected to discuss ways to further advance economic cooperation.

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**Pakistani Army is World’s Most Accomplished Fore: Gen. Raheel**

Kalem — The Pakistan Army is the world’s most accomplished force, according to General Raheel Sharif, the army chief.

The army has been in the forefront of Pakistan’s efforts to counter terrorism and maintain peace in the country.

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**Kabul — Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has called for international support in the fight against terrorism, saying it is the responsibility of all countries to work together to defeat the Islamic State.[**

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**Mumbai— The Indian Navy has been ordered to increase its efforts to contain the growing threat of maritime terrorism in the Arabian Sea.[**

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**ANNAKALAM MOUNT MOURN:-after the last week, the Iran-based guerrilla group has unleashed its powerful artillery in drive to remove government forces from the island of Qandol in the Indian Ocean.

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**Oman — President Muscat has expressed concern that the ongoing conflict in Yemen could spread to other regions in the region.

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**Kabul — The Soviet war in Afghanistan is over, but the legacy of the conflict continues to haunt the country.**
Afghanistan Issuing Political Passports to Taliban leaders

Afghanistan has started issuing political passports to Taliban leaders, according to a report by the Doha News website. The passports are intended to facilitate the Taliban's participation in the political process and to support their efforts to negotiate with the Afghan government.

This move comes amid ongoing talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban, with both sides expressing a desire to find a peaceful solution to the conflict.

The issuance of political passports follows similar moves by other countries, including Qatar, which has been hosting talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

The move is seen as a positive development, as it could help to reduce tensions and facilitate dialogue between the parties. However, some observers have expressed concern that the move could be used to legitimize the Taliban's position and undermine the Afghan government's efforts to combat terrorism.

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