Regional Fight Needed to Dismantle Daesh: Ghani

KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday said regional countries needed to join hands against terror- ists because the menace could not be eliminated unilaterally. The president said this while accepting the letter of credence from the new Turkish ambassador to Kabul, Bilaytci Ali Salih Atun, during a for- mal courtesy at the Presidential Pal- ace, a statement from the palace said. It said, Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Kabani was also present on the occasion. The president greeted the new Turkish envoy by saying that a stable and peaceful Afghanistan was in the interest of Turkey. He supported President Ghani’s pro- grammes and efforts for peace and strengthening security in the war-torn country. The ambassador promised to facilitate the Afghans in getting vis- as for Turkey. He also said he would encourage private Turkish airlines to increase their flights to Afghanistan’s western Herat and southern Kandahar provinces. He also assured of his coun- try’s support on the issue.

Kabul Prepares for RECCA Summit

KARUL - The Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) is hard at work preparing for the sixth Regional Economic Coopera- tion Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA) which is scheduled to take place on Sep- tember 3 and 4. The aim of the summit will be to discuss bilateral trade and transport opportunities and challenges between Afghanistan, Pa- kistan and Tajikistan. MOFA has said that preparations are in place for the summit, which is expected to host a number of foreign ministers, high- ranking officials and representatives from various countries. It is believed that among the topics to be discussed are security, trade facilitation and other bilateral issues.

Due Consideration of Electoral Reform Suggestions Stressed

KARUL - The Democracy and Elections Commit- tee on Monday said the Electoral Reform Commis- sion should take its suggestions with the relevant organisations before submitting them to the govern- ment.

The reform panel, which embarked on its work last month, will submit its proposals to the govern- ment next week. (More on P40)

Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

Thousands of Afghans Being Dispatched to Gulf States

FAZAIAB - Minister for Labour, Social Affairs, Men- ters and Disabled Mr. Milan Soltani on Sunday said thousands of Afghan labourers would be sent to Saudi Arabia and Qatar to earn their living. The move will help reduce poverty and unemployment in the country.

MCIT Spokesman Resigns against Rampant Fraud

KARUL - The spokesman for the Ministry of Com- munication and Information Technology (MCIT) on Monday tendered his resignation against what he said is rampant fraud and corruption in the ministry. Nazar Rabbani said one of the instances of fraud was in Salamur Communication Network, where in- formation and communication companies and the ministry joined hands in collecting credit. (More on P40)

“Foreign States Biggest Hurdle in Implement TIR System”

KARUL - Alleging neighboring countries for creating prob- lems, the Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MoCI) on Monday said that Afghanistan was facing with problems in implementing the Transports Internationales Routiers (International Road Transport) system in the country. TIR is an international harmonized system of customs control that facilitates trade and transport whilst effective- ly protecting the revenue of each country through which goods are carried. (More on P40)

Afghans Petition UN Security Council to Act against Pakistan

KARUL - More than 15,000 Afghans have signed a petition calling on the United Nations’ Security Council to step in and take action against Pakistan. The petition letter, which measures 200 meters in length, was circulated among Kabul residents - of which thousands made the effort to sign it at a park in the center of the city. The petition calls on the UN Security Council and the Afghan government to act on the threat it ac- cuses in the country and calls Pakistan’s reported actions against Afghani- stan.

One policeman who drew attention in a New Park, specifically to sign the peti- tion, said: “We urge the UN.” (More on P40)
7 Rebels Perished in Ghazni, Laghman Clashes

MITHBERKH/GHAZNI CITY – At least seven rebels were killed and eight others wounded during clashes between the Taliban and Afghan government forces in Ghazni province.

The attacks occurred on Monday in the Ghazni district of the province, which has seen intense fighting between the two sides in recent months.

Road Blockade Sends Prices Soaring in Kohistanat

SAMARKAND– The CTV is reporting that the road leading to Kohistanat district has been blocked by a large force of Taliban fighters.

The road, which connects the northern city of Samarkand with the southern city of Kabul, is a key supply route for the Afghan government.

Insurgents Blow up Shrine in Logar: Salah

PUL-E ALAM – Insurgents blew up a suicide car bomb outside a government building in the city of Pul-e Alam in Logar province.

The attack was the latest in a series of attacks in the area in recent weeks.

Dozens of Afghans Alleged to be Killed

KARABUL (PHOTO Reference) – The Taliban have allegedly killed dozens of Afghan soldiers and civilians in a recent attack.

The attack took place near the city of Kunduz, and many soldiers were killed in the firefight.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Afghan government confirmed the report, saying that the attack was carried out by a Taliban printable.

Conflicting/Civilian Casualty in Helmand Offensive

LASHKAR GAH –.There were conflicting reports about the number of civilians killed in an attack in Helmand province.

Some sources said that dozens of civilians were killed, while others said that only a few were killed.

Outlook Horoscope

Capricorn (Dec.21-Nov.20)

You might be influenced by your own assumptions and beliefs about the future, and you may be more likely to make mistakes if you rely on your intuition rather than using objective criteria.

Libra (Sep.23-Oct.22)

You are already very much aware of the potential risks and challenges you face in the future, and you will be better prepared to handle them if you take a more practical approach.

Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21)

You may be too focused on your own interests and goals, and you may not be open to new ideas or perspectives.

Taurus (Apr.20-May 20)

You are feeling very confident and powerful, and you may be more likely to take risks and make decisions that could have negative consequences.

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Controlling Drug Addiction

A number of drug addicts are increasing in Kabul, there have been efforts by the Counter-Narcotics Department of the Ministry of Interior to curb the drug dealing in the capital. There are thousands of drug addicts in the city and hundreds of dealers and most of them carry their activities on the streets without any fear. Particularly, Pul-e Sokhtana area is a repeat, a place crammed with drug addicts. Happily, there live under the bridge and their number seems to be increasing with each passing day. Now, there are some families as well among them, who can be seen with their children, however, tangible measures have been taken.

It has to be seen what will be the outcome of the current efforts of the Ministry of Health. According to a statement by the Deputy Minister for Counter-Narcotics, Nazir Mohammad Ahmadi, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Interior have decided to focus on the drug abuse issue, and the Ministry of Interior along with the Ministry of Health and Interior will take action against drug dealers and addicts. The officials of the Ministry of Interior are conducting drug raids in the Pul-e Sokhtana area and in other places in the city over the past three months. Nonetheless, hundreds of drug addicts and dealers can easily be seen nowadays around Pul-e Sokhtana area. The police have arrested some of them and have removed them from the streets and have detained to the footpath of the police station.

Displacing them alone would not solve the issue; it is really vital that such drug addicts and dealers should be treated with iron fists. Currently Deputy Minister of Public Health, Naja Tariq, claimed: They have arrested at least 1,000 drug addicts, which will be rounded up in Pul-e Sokhtana area in 25 phases. Nevertheless, the results are yet to be seen. In fact, the measures that they carry out are not practical and effective.

The preventive measures to stop the use of drugs should be befoiled. First, the measures must be carried out to discourage the spread and use; means the effective strategy should be to stop producing new addicts. Since legal means must be carried out to discourage the smuggling of drugs and its business. The convenient availability of different types of drugs makes many addicts even. Lie most of the harmful drugs are available with the greatest ease. On the other hand, the drug is no longer accepted as an enigmatic and incompatible of the negative use of them that use them as measures. With such a condition, it is really a herculean task to stop the people becoming addict. In fact, the drug smuggling, and the drug dealing are closely related with the organized crime in the entire region and outer international markets. The cost of the illegal in the country is obtained from the filthy business of drugs. Unfortunately, the law and order system is not strong enough to take serious action against them. There is an unfortunate to the fact that there are meddling from within government authorities who are involved in it for their benefit. A large number of the policy makers and the government authorities and relevant agencies and a considerable number of people are in league with the drug dealers, police and intelligence agencies. Since the drug dealers have a hand in the elections of the government officials and influential personalities. The police are often involved in the smuggling and trafficking of drugs. The mercy of the police and the intelligence agencies is almost the same as the drug dealers.

The second phase of the preventive campaign should involve the movement of illegal drug dealers to undesirable places to stop their activities. In this regard, the establishment of the medical and rehabilitation centers can play a key role. Well-developed and properly organized rehabilitation centers can not only ease the addicts from the addiction but can also be able to easily overcome the addicts from the darkness to the brightness of the illumination. It is highly necessary to mention that the rehabilitation centers must be firmly and strongly under the law. There are only few centers in the urban areas while most of the people, who are addicts, live in rural areas. Therefore, these centers should be more often located in rural areas. It should also be mentioned that the ones that are present are not equipped with latest technology, medicine and techniques and on most of the occasions they depend on violence as their only tool to control the patients. The police after each such treatment, instead of becoming a positive member of society, are further pushed towards addicts and crimes. Their confidence on the social setup and their expectations from their fellow beings are all shattered and they find nothing to be the areas of drugs, where they are not haunted by troubles, worries and pain.

The anti-drug campaign, however, may play a vital role in discouraging the use of drugs; nevertheless, they are short-term. For a considerable reduction in the use of drugs, it is vital that the better living conditions must be provided to the people as most of the people become addicted because of their poor socio-economic circumstances. In addition, production and smuggling of the drugs should be banned as much as possible through a trustworthy and better living conditions for the people. The government's role in this regard is a roll. Even the most powerful should be brought to justice and the mechanism of law and order must not be blocked by the opportunist networkactivists and criminal syndicates. Moreover, awareness campaigns should be carried out among the general public to spread awareness about the futility of this herd and that has the existence of the crime and the harmful effects of drugs on the minds of the people dignity of life and its importance.
(11) Afghan Ambassador to the US was asked to resign from his post. The Afghan government has asked him to resign. The ambassador said he was resigning due to the "intolerable" situation in Afghanistan.

(12) Road Blockade... 2,100 to 2,200 afghans and a lieu of 350,000 dollars from the US and a total of 2,300,000 afghans from XZD 2,200 afghans. The Taliban said that the residents of the city had agreed to support the Taliban and that they would not face any consequences.

(13) President Ghani called for a joint action against the Taliban to prevent the Taliban from entering the city. The Taliban said that the involvement of the international community would not prevent the Taliban from entering the city.

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(15) Deputy Chief of the ISAF's public relations office confirmed that the Taliban had been driven out of the area by the ISAF.

(16) Women's rights activists in Kabul have launched a campaign to demand the release of women prisoners and an end to violence against women.

(17) An Afghan official said that the Taliban had raided a village and killed several people.

(18) The Taliban has declared a three-day ceasefire to mark the beginning of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr, which is celebrated at the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

(19) The Afghan government has denied reports that it has received a request from the Taliban to hold talks in Doha, Qatar.

(20) The Taliban has released a video showing the capture of a key military base.

(21) The Taliban has threatened to launch attacks on the Afghan government and its allies in the country.

(22) The Afghan government has ordered the military to prepare for a possible Taliban attack.

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Almost 80,000 Sign UK Petition for Netanyahu Arrest

LONDON — Almost 80,000 people had signed a petition urging the arrest of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for war crimes when it was submitted to London’s Home Office last month by the Globe and Mail. The petition was launched on Monday by British lawmaker Damian Memo and is available at a website where “international law holds that (Netanyahu) be arrested for war crimes against the Palestinian people.”

Saudi-led Airstrikes in Yemen Ramp up as Allies Push North

SANAA — The Saudi-led coalition fighting Shiite rebels in Yemen, which has been operating in the country’s war for nearly three years, on Monday increased its attacks on the capital, Sanaa, and the adjacent Red Sea port city of Hodeidah, a venue for the arrival of weapons, supplies and other goods. On Monday, the rebels fired a total of 1,000 rockets, shells and missiles, said the Red Cross.

U.S. Signals It Wants to Mend Ties: Lavrov

MONROVIA — Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Monday that the United States has been sending “signals” that it wants to restart commercial relations with Moscow, badly dented over the past three years, and half a year after the conflict in Ukraine’s Donbass region.

Un Tribunal Orders India to Suspend Case Against Indians

U.S. seeks to defuse tensions between the two nuclear-armed nations, which have been on a collision course for months, but the talks are unlikely to produce a breakthrough. The two countries have been locked in a bitter dispute over nuclear technology, with the United States rejecting a deal

Ukraine Vows to Increase Troops to Fend off Rebel Attacks

KYIV — Ukraine’s president, Volodymyr Zelensky, on Monday vowed to increase the number of troops in separatist-held eastern provinces, where fighting has escalated in recent weeks. The government has repeatedly said that it is ready to negotiate with the separatists, but it has also warned that a peace deal would require a withdrawal of Russian-backed rebels from the eastern cities of Donetsk and Luhansk.

Freedom House Calls Tajikistan the Authoritarian State

TALAS, Kyrgyzstan — International non-governmental organization Freedom House has once again named Tajikistan as the world’s most authoritarian state. Freedom House’s report on the development of democracy in the world in 2021, released on Monday, said Tajikistan is “a one-party state where the president, Emomali Rahmon, has complete control and is in the list of countries with high regime control. The situation in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan is similar.”

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US relents over Syria, moves to de-escalate tensions with Russia

BEIRUT — The United States will not weigh in on the issue of Syria and Russia, a move that could have far-reaching implications for the broader Middle East. The announcement came as the US and Russia were set to meet in New York on Monday to discuss the potential for a diplomatic resolution to the conflict in Syria.

Merkel, Hollande Seek Unified Response to Migrant Crisis

BERLIN — The leaders of Germany and France will meet on Monday to seek a unified stance on how to tackle the biggest migrant crisis since World War II, a situation that has hobbled more people at home than in the past decade for a better life.

At least 2,000 more migrants are expected to cross the border from Morocco to Spain each day until the end of the year, according to a report by the European Press,[0x-19] a member of the EU’s open-border Schengen agreement, which has already registered over 150,000 asylum seekers this year and plans to finish its new asylum center in late 2020.

U.K. to Launch ‘Comprehensive’ Anti-Terror Campaign

WASHINGTON — The U.S. is set to launch a “comprehensive” anti-terror campaign in the wake of a deadly shooting in Kentucky, officials have said. The campaign will target a range of violent behavior, including mass shootings and hate crimes.

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Sherpa Wants Islamabad to Address Ghanis' Concerns

PESHAWAR - Pakistan should invigorate its economic and political agenda in Afghanistan to ensure the Afghan government’s concerns, a senior political leader has said, warning that mistrust between the neighbors could result in an economic and military stalemate.

Quazi Wazir Qaumi (QPQ) Chairman Abid Ahmed Khan Sherpa said a new era was needed in the relation with the secretariat in Peshawar. Islamabad should take some steps to avoid the end of the relations being raised by the Afghan government leaders.

The minister would provide space to negotiators, brokers, and mediators to improve bilateral relations for the sake of double power in the region.

Fleeing Afghans Say Life Is Too Risky to Stay

KARUL - An increase in the numbers of externally displaced Afghans who grant presents to cross into the country from abroad over the last two years shows the impact of the Taliban's military campaign and the deterioration of the humanitarian situation.

Afghanistan is the worst-affected country in the world, with over 25% of the population internally displaced, and more than 3 million externally displaced. The country is facing a humanitarian crisis due to the ongoing conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic.

At least 500,000 Afghan refugees have fled to Pakistan in recent months, bringing the total number of registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan to over 1.4 million.

Police Round up 200 Drug Addicts in Kabul

KABUL - A sharp increase in drug addiction in the country's cities, including Kabul, officials on Monday said that they had rounded up up to a 200 drug addicts in the capital alone in the hope of reducing the drug problem.

The provincial criminal police chief, Abdul Rahim, confirmed that the police were working with the Ministry of Health and the Kabul police department to round up the drug addicts.

The police have arrested 2,500 drug addicts in Kabul over the past three months, including 800 young people aged between 15 and 25.

Police have also seized 300 kilograms of drugs from suspected drug dealers in the capital.

Protestors Block Kabul-Northern Highway

PLUSKhitmah: Protests are common in northern regions, as the people reject the rule of the Taliban. On Monday, protesters blocked the Kabul-Northern highway, saying that they rejected the rule of the Taliban.

The protesters were calling for the withdrawal of the Taliban fighters.

Musa Qala on the Verge of Falling to Taliban

LASKBABGAR: Taliban in the war have surrounded the Musa Qala district (northeast of Herat) and could possibly capture it if their commanders' demands fail to be met.

The Taliban's leader in the region has told their fighters to prepare an all-out attack. If the district is captured, the Taliban will expand their control over the district and even the province of Herat.

The government's military force is stationed in the district, but the Taliban have increased their attacks.

The provincial council chief, Abdulrahim, has said the situation is under control and they have prepared to deal with any situation.

The Taliban have taken control of several districts in the province and are advancing towards the capital, Herat.

Job opportunity in the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan as Program Secretary

The job as Program Secretary (Local Agent Group IV) in the Operation Section:

- Must have an educational qualification in business administration or economics.
- Be familiar with the European Union and its institutions.
- Have experience in program management and coordination.
- Be able to work in a team and as an individual.
- Demonstrate good interpersonal skills.
- Must be fluent in English and preferably in another language.
- Be able to write reports and present findings to stakeholders.
- Have experience in project management.
- Have a good understanding of the Afghan context.
- Be willing to work in a challenging environment.
- Have excellent communication and negotiation skills.

The position is with the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan.

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Draft and prepare Administrative Orders and Routine Slips for different issues.
- Draft letters, translations from Dari to English and from English to Dari; including drafting approval letters to contractors and grant beneficiaries; assist in maintaining and updating the database.
- Draft routine correspondence and assist in all typing work using Microsoft Office.
- Registration and dispatch of letters.
- Maintain photocopy, scans, etc., and ensure that office equipment such as shared printers and photocopiers are functioning.
- Reimburse or replace equipment (Senior) Programme Assistants or the Assistant to the Heads of Cooperation as needed.
- Assist the coordination of the Cooperation Section's central filing system (paper or electronic).
- Maintain meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and documentation on missions.

Job requirements:

- Ability to identify and analyse key points in verbal and numerical information, and to control objective, clearly and critically, logical and well-argued judgments on the impact of the development policies.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office Package software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) and other related software.
- Management and organizational skills.
- Relevant secretarial and administrative experience and be able to draft quickly and precisely.

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