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A report released by the organization this week states that the health sector and infrastructure development have been the hardest hit sectors in the country due to the increased cost of war.

It said that during the fiscal year of 2014 just over $9 billion USD was spent on war and (fighting) extremism.

For Afghanistan, without calculating macro-economic implications, the cost of one year of conflict and violent extremism was calculated at $9.09 billion USD.

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KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani's special representative for reform and good governance, Ahmad Zia Massoud on Monday claimed that nepotism has, for a while, been the basis for appointments within the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

Calling the move unprincipled, Massoud highlighted that many military officials were appointed based on personal relations and that in many instances they are unable to deal with counter-insurgency actions.

He also said a number of newly-appointed officers currently lack military training experience. "We raised the issue with the National Security Council and made it clear that a number of commanders were appointed based on nepotism which undermines war... (More on Pg.6)

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TRAPANI Italy - Germany, Turkey and Italy are set to keep their deployments in Afghanistan at current levels, NATO officials said on Monday after the U.S. government decided to keep its 14-year-old military presence there.

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Although you may be experiencing a great deal of self-doubt today, try to be kinder to yourself. You may feel like you are going through a rough time, but remember that you are not alone.

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Nuclear Deal on Iran Program to Be Implemented This Year

President Obama Announced the Long-Awaited Nuclear Agreement with Iran, which was reached after extensive negotiations. The deal is designed to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons while allowing it to continue its civilian nuclear program. The agreement includes a mix of sanctions relief and requirements for Iran to reduce its nuclear program to a peaceful level. The deal was endorsed by the United States, Iran, the United Kingdom, France, China, and Russia. The deal was signed on July 14, 2015, and the United States and Iran began implementing it on January 16, 2016. The deal is seen as a significant step toward resolving the Iran nuclear issue and reducing tensions in the Middle East.

Belgium Pays Refuges to Free Up Assembly Center Aircraft: Moscow

MOSCOW: A French military jet damaged during operations in Syria was forced to land at an air base in Moscow, according to reports. This incident raises concerns about the safety of French military personnel and equipment in Syria. The French military jet was reportedly damaged while on a mission to support the Syrian government forces in their fight against the Islamic State. The damage to the jet has raised questions about the effectiveness of the French military's operations in Syria and the need for better protection of its assets.

Amnesty International

Police used excessive force against protesters in Hong Kong, according to a report by Amnesty International. The organization said that the police used tear gas, rubber bullets, and water cannons to disperse protesters who were demonstrating against the government's plans to extradition laws. The report said that the use of force was disproportionate and that the police violated the right to freedom of expression and assembly. The report called for a full and independent investigation into the use of force by the police and for accountability for those responsible.

Turkish PM Says Drone Downed Recently

ISTANBUL: A drone that was shot down by Turkish forces near the Syrian border yesterday is said to have been downed by Syrian forces in the course of their operations against the Islamic State. The drone was a US-made MQ-9 Reaper, which is used for surveillance and targeting. The Turkish government has been urged to release the footage of the incident to the public to address concerns about its handling of the incident.

Kerry Says Need for Clarity to help ease Palestinian Violence

MADRID - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Monday that the United States renewed its backing of a diplomatic solution to the ongoing conflict in Syria, and added for "clarit y to help ease" the situation in Syria. Kerry made the statement during a meeting with Arab foreign ministers in Madrid, who are expected to endorse UN Security Council Resolution 2254, which calls for a political solution to the conflict. The resolution, approved last December, urges all parties to resume talks in Geneva on the future of Syria. Kerry said that the resolution, which was endorsed by 12 of the 15 UN Security Council members, "paves the way for a political solution to the conflict in Syria."

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New Zealand FM backs UN Ministerial Debate on Middle East

WELLINGTON - The New Zealand government has backed a proposal for a UN ministerial meeting on the Middle East conflict. The country's Foreign Minister Murray McCully said on Monday the meetings are needed to help resolve the conflict. "I think that there is a real opportunity for a ministerial meeting set up by the UN to take part in the open debate," McCully said. "The current president of Spain has announced that he will host a UN ministerial meeting on the Middle East conflict. We encourage that to happen on Monday in a context of a "constructive" debate on how to resolve the conflict."

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French Jet in ‘Dangerous’ Incident: Aircraft: Moscow

MOSCOW: A French military jet came dangerously close to an aircraft operated by a private public airline in Syria, according to reports. The incident, which happened on Monday, is said to have been a "dangerous" situation between a French air force jet and a private airline's aircraft. The private airline's aircraft was reportedly carrying passengers who were traveling from Beirut to Damascus.

Belgium pays Refugees to Free Up Assembly Center

PRAGUE: The Belgian government is paying €1.5 million to a private company to leave asylum centers in the country free for refugees. The company, which is acting on behalf of asylum seekers, will receive €300,000 per asylum center, up to five times. The next incentive will provide more refuge spaces totaling 500 seats. The aim is to leave asylum centers in the country free for refugees. Under the current system, refugees are awarded 300 seats per asylum center.
Drug Dealing Biggest Threat to National Security: Study

KARUL - A new survey conducted in the northern provinces, particularly in Balish, indicates that the biggest threat to national security is linked to the cultivation and dealing of drugs. According to the survey conducted by Khair-Naw (New Lion) Research Institute, this year about 35,000 hectares of land was used to grow poppies in northern Balkh, Baghlan and Farah provinces.

The study also found that the money made from the poppy fields was the main source of funding for insurgent groups. "The war in Afghanistan is the war on drugs," the institute's head, Ali Qadir Mihsah, said. "Numerous terrorist organizations are located across the country. From there are numerous FBE (Kurdistan Workers Party) militants who have also made their presence felt in Afghanistan."

Meanwhile, residents and social activists urge that the eradication of drug production and trafficking must end as the ongoing conflict in the country. In addition, they also urged the government to identify the kingpins in the industry and bring them to justice.

"As long as the facade of these drug kingpins (Alone on P46)"

Karzai wants Bilateral Security Agreement Explained

KARUL - Hamid Karzai, the former President of Afghanistan, is in a show with Russia's IT television network, said that foreign hand was involved in attack on Kunduz city.

He said that if foreign hand is Pakistan, the Bilateral Security Agreement between the US and Afghanistan has to be explained, which means to help and defend Afghanistan if there's a foreign aggression. IT's correspondent Sophie Shervani said she has questions with why the eradication is occurring in Afghanistan. Karzai said: Well, ( Alone on P48)" (Segue)

Joint Special Forces Contingent of MoD Praised

KARUL - Ahmad Zia Masoud, Special Envoy to the Ministry of Defense, has praised the second company of the Ministry of Defense's Joint Special Forces for its role in the Kunduz attack. The attack was carried out on Kunduz's official residence, the Ministry of Defense's head office, and the neighboring Ministry of Culture.

Defence Minister

Karzai - Afghanistan's acting defense minister said Monday that the Doones were bombed, hospital burned by U.S. forces in the northern city of Kunduz. The city has been under siege as a "safe place.

The hospital was bombed by a U.S. AC-130 gunship in the early hours of Oct. 5. Killing at least 22 people and injuring many more. The main building was destroyed and the hospital has been shut down.

"This was a place they targeted to use as a safe place because everybody knew that our security forces and international security teams were very careful not to do anything with a hospital," Defense Minister Abdul Rashid Dostum told The Associated Press. The Taliban has been mounted on one of the hospital's walls. The hospital was attacked but not heavily damaged. Dostum, Capt. Ali Tavasoli, (Alone on P6)"

Security forces Rebuff Taliban Attack on Shindand District

HEERAT - Security forces have rebuffed a coordinated attack of Taliban militants on Shindand District of western Herat province.

Hundreds of Taliban armed with heavy and light weapons launched the attack early on Monday morning. Taliban initially attacked a number of security posts but my threats. NATO Deputy Secretary-General Alexonent Vennus told the opening ceremony Monday that the Taliban's justification exercise will (Alone on P6)"

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