Global Cooperation Needed to Eliminate Terrorism: Putin

The Russian president Vladimir Putin said although the Islamic State terror group defeated in Syria, this group still has a significant destructive potential to carry out attacks in various parts of the world.

The Islamic State terror group retains its potential, so there is a need to work out new ways of global cooperation to reinforce the successes achieved in the fight against terrorism, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a welcome address to the participants and guests of the Seventh Moscow Conference on Global Security, which was read out by Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev.

"In spite of its defeat, this terror group clearly still has significant destructive potential and an ability to promptly change its tactics and carry out attacks in various parts of the world," Putin said, adding that "other extremist groups also pose a great danger..." (More on P6)

Rabbani Heads to Baku for NAM Conference

KARUL - Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani, heading a high-level delegation, is scheduled to arrive in Azerbaijan today (Wednesday).

During his four-day trip, the foreign minister will attend a mid-term ministerial conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) on April 5 and 6, the news agency Trend said.

The two-day event, which will be held in Baku, seeks to promote international peace and security for sustainable development.

A meeting of senior officials from NAM countries began in Baku on Tuesday. The forum has 120 states and 27 observers. The meeting is to be attended by 880 officials. (Pajhwok)

UNHCR Provides Rs710m Equipment to Peshawar Hospital

PHISHAW - UNHCR has procured high-tech machines worth Rs710 million (€6.24m) for the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital in Peshawar.

The equipment will benefit over 30,000 patients every year and an estimated 1,500 new patients will be added annually.

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Parliamentary Polls: Candidate Registration from May 22

KARUL - Independent Election Commission (IEC) chairman Abdul Basir Sayed on Tuesday announced the registration of candidates to contest Oct 20 Wolesi Jirga and Districts Council elections would kick off from May 22.

Sayed announced the date while delivering the lower house after he was sworn in to brief the lawmakers about preparations for the upcoming polls and other related matters.

The IEC head said his organization had designated 7,367 places as polling stations in Kabul and provinces, but the commission was unable to evaluate 32 districts due to security issues.

Sayed said the time polling stations had been started from private homes and facilities to government-run hospitals, mosques and schools in order to provide peaceful facilities from interference.

He said the approved polling stations had been shared with security... (More on P4-5)

Pakistan Can Play Key Role in Afghanistan: US

KARUL - In partnership with the US, Pakistan can play an important role in stabilizing Afghanistan, says a senior American diplomat.

The US assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asian affairs noted the meaningful role that Pakistan could play in achieving a peaceful resolution in Afghanistan.

Wrapping up her week-long trip to Pakistan, Ambassador Alice Wells noted the growing international consensus on the way forward to achieving peace in Afghanistan.

A statement from the US Embassy in Islamabad said: "During her visit, Wells discussed the South Asia strategy and Pakistan’s stated commitment to eliminate all terrorist groups present within its borders... America-Pakistan shared interest in building economic and commercial ties that benefitted both nations also came up for discussion at her meetings in Pakistan. She met ministers of interior... (More on P29)

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Additionaly, they also talked about acceleration of finalizing process of small loan by the bank, marketing for Afghan products, technical cooperation with donor and other relevant issues.

Lastly, the President of the Islamic Development Bank and... (More on P4-5)

Afghanistan Ruvendrini Menikdiwela, President of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and Hamid Salim, Secretary General, European Offshore of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), discussed IDB cooperation for development of Afghanistan, representation of Afghanistan Government for membership in ITFC and the bank’s projects in Afghanistan Security Solar Energy, Ring Road and Mazur-i-Raz railway.

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