**Quote of the Day**

*"It is not in the stars to hold our fate..." - Karl Marx*  

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**Tokyo to Provide Kabul $22m Grant for Development**

KABUL - Tokyo would provide approximately $22 million (approximately 2.4 billion yen) for the Economic and Social Development Program in Afghanistan, the Embassy of Japan announced on Sunday. A contract for the assistance was signed between Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Foreign Minister Taro Kono in Kabul, a statement from the embassy said. The grant would be used for purchasing materials necessary for economic and social development of the Afghan government, including procurement of necessary items such as food and gas, the statement said. The revenue would go to a counterpart fund that would be utilized for development projects in close consultation between two sides, Ambassador Takahashi said. "We hope the Afghan government will use the program to properly solve its financial problems and to implement development projects for the benefit of the people of Afghanistan," he said. Japan has been assisting Afghanistan in building efforts in various areas, including securing the nation's health, culture, humanitarian assistance, and infrastructure and capacity development (Paibawk).

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**Afghanistan's Problems**

KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday called for Afghanistan to address its "economic and social problems," according to the presidential palace.

The Afghan president called on the people to address the problems and said that the government would address the issues.

By reconstructing the lousy roads of Daikundi province, against what they called dilapidated road conditions of the province, the people wanted to address the issue.

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**Ghani Meets US Envoy for Afghanistan in Pakistan**

**No Project Completed in Ghazni in Two Years**

KABUL - Peace talks and provincial council members on Saturday said no development projects were executed in southern Ghazni province during the past two years.

But local officials said several projects were in the pipeline to be implemented this solar year. Provincial council head Hamidullah Namadi told Pajhwok Afghan News (Pajhwok) that for the past two years, the reason is weak security situation in the country's capital Is (Kabul), Wazir Akbar Khan, eastern zone, a Public Order Police commander said on Sunday.

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