**KABUL - A day earlier, the Taliban announced the launch of their spring offensive code-named Al Fatah, across the country, drawing strong criticism from the US envoy for reconcilia-
tion Zalmay Khalilzad, the Afghan government and NATO officials released support mission. A statement from Hamid Karzai's media office said the for-
mer president was saddened by the Taliban's announcement. It quoted Karzai as calling the on-
going conflict in Afghanistan as an imposed war that served the interest of outsiders. He said on both sides only the Afghan were killed and missed the conflict only offered de-
struction and devastation and nothing else.

Karzai argued all the warning sides that instead of seeking peace, they should focus all their efforts and energy on creat-
ing the bloodshed and bringing peace to the war-
ner nation. In his reaction to the Taliban's announcement, Senate chairman Faiz Hadi Muslimzai said the Afghan government not only of-
fered conditions-free talks but also accepted all conditions of the Afghan government for peace in the coun-
try.

He said President Ghani even last of-
ftered the Taliban to open their talk offices inside Afghan-
istan because the Afghans were desperate for peace which was their long-standing demand.

"We showed the world that the Afghans are peace loving people and they are ready to offer any kind of sacrifice for peace, but in response..." (More on P4)