Pakistan Refrains from Condemning Afghan Taliban’s Offensive

Pakistan has warned that an escalation in hostilities could derail U.S.-led peace efforts in Afghanistan, although it apparently refrained from condemning Taliban insurgents for unleashing their annual spring offensive in the neighboring country.

*Quote of the Day*

*Ex-President: Peace Possible When all Afghans Sit Together*

KARL - Afghanistan's former President Hamid Karzai said Friday that peace in his homeland, ravaged by more than 17 years of war, will only be possible when Afghans from all sectors of society sit together and negotiate — including the Taliban.

Karzai expressed disappointment that a scheduled gathering for Afghan-to-Afghan talks in Qatar was postponed indefinitely. *(More on P16-D)*

**IEC to Use Biometric System for Voter Registration Process**

KARL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) will kick off voter registration processes for the upcoming presidential elections on May 10, using biometric systems, an IEC spokesman Abdul Aziz Ibrahim said.

The use of biometric system was one of the most “controversial” issues which faced the parliamento elections with criticism over alleged fraud and lack of transparency. *(More on P16-D)*

**Procurement**

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