KARUL - The United Nations has commended Qatar’s efforts to achieve peace in Afghanistan and a ceasefire between Kabul and the Taliban, a media report said on Friday.

UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Afghanistan Tadamichi Yamamoto praised Qatar’s role in a meeting with the special envoy of the minister of foreign affairs in Doha.

According to Gulf News, the two sides discussed recent developments in Afghanistan and efforts to bring peace to the war-torn country.

Dr. Moftaha bin Majid al-Qahira, for the special envoy, promised the Gulf state would continue to work for a peace settlement, added the report.

There could be no military solution, he remarked, while calling for renewed international and regional coordination to achieve peace in Afghanistan. (Pavellok)

Afghan Swimmer's Dreams of Returning with Honor from Asian Games

KARUL - Afghan swimmer Ali Aghzar Nazari, who will be representing his country at the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia, is dreaming of winning a medal and returning home with honor from the contest where 8 athletes from Afghanistan will compete in 16 sporting disciplines.

The 22-year-old man from Kabul, who started swimming just seven years ago, would be the country’s only swimmer to take part in this year’s Asian Games, which will be held in Indonesia later this week.

Quoting Ali Hamid Nazari, chairman of the Afghan Swimming Federation, told Shirin:

“Ali Abbas Kurmi who was born with no arms, and worked hard to finally qualify for the Olympics swimming in Turkey, Indonesia and Malaysia. Ali Abbas Nazari would also become the pride of his country, even if he doesn’t bring home a medal from Indonesia.”

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