WASHINGTON - US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has greeted the Afghan president on their 98th anniversary of independence.

"You can defeat procrastination, all by yourself. You're the one who started it and it's also you who can stop it," said Samuel Andrews.

**Quote of the Day**

**Decisions Made on War in Afghanistan**

President Donald Trump has made decisions on how to deal with the 16-year war in Afghanistan.

**Campaign Against Daesh to Continue, Vows Nicholson**

A Taliban leader has said that a new strategy would "protect America's interests" in Afghanistan.

"The Afghan spirit of resilience and determination will continually inspire us," said Ghalib.

**Photograph**

Afghanistan Celebrates 98th Independence Day

President Ghani attended an official ceremony to mark the occasion on Saturday and laid a wreath at the Minaret of Independence.

The Afghan government is ready to engage with the US to seek a political solution to the war.

**Photograph**

Afghanistan has made significant progress:

- The Afghan spirit of resilience and storage in the face of adversity continues to inspire the people of Afghanistan toward a better future.
- Afghan farmers, political, and social progress in the last 10 years, its people to dedication to building a more democratic and peaceful country.
- Our strong friendship with Afghanistan is based on our mutual dedication to helping the Afghan people toward a safe and prosperous future.
- The Afghan government is ready to ensure the safety of Afghan farmers and will consider special privileges to support them and prevent any ground challenges on the way of their settlement in Afghanistan.," said Nicholson.

**Photograph**

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan Agree to Boost Trade Ties

In a meeting with the chief executive of the company, Afghanistan and Kazakhstan agreed to boost trade relations.

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**Quote of the Day**

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KABUL - The Afghan government has received US $2 million for 16 development projects in the war-torn country.

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