Ghani Due in Tashkent today to Discuss Ties

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani will arrive in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, for an official visit on Tuesday.

According to the Uzbek Foreign Ministry, the visit will take place at an invitation of Uzbekistan’s President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

Experts say that Uzbek government officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the visit and said Ghani was visiting the neighboring country at the invitation of his Uzbek counterpart.

Relations between the two countries, long-term cooperation and economic issues such as an international and regional security issues will be discussed in meetings between the two sides.

A joint statement was issued.

Afghan Casualties 42pc Down in November

KARUL - Casualties from the conflict in Afghanistan declined by 42 percent in November when 1,461 people were killed and wounded in 147 attacks, Pajhwok Afghan News has learnt.

The attack toll fell by 13 percent during the month compared to October, according to Pajhwok Afghan News reports based on different sources. In November, attacks have happened in 27 provinces.

Attacks:

The violent incidents taking place in November included 67 face-to-face clashes, 26 targeted killings, 19 roadside blasts and mine suicide attacks.

Pajhwok reports show every 25 people, 15 suffered casualties in November.

Beijing to Host Afghanistan-China Economic Talks

KABUL - Ministry of Finance (MoF) on Sunday said the third meeting of the Afghanistan-China Joint Economic and Trade Commission will be held in Beijing on Monday where they will discuss strengthening economic and trade ties between the two nations.

From Afghanistan, finance minister Iklid Hakimi and a delegation will attend the meeting. The meeting will focus on securing Chinese investments in energy, infrastructure projects, water management, a railway that includes Afghanistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and China. Also to be discussed are the implementation of gas projects between the region's countries and the silk road project, said finance ministry.

"Expansion of economic and trade ties between the two nations will be discussed in this meeting," finance deputy minister Mohammad Khalid Payenda said.

England-Based Afghan Woman Eyes Investment in Afghanistan

KABUL - An Afghan woman who runs a big jam factory in England wants to invest in Afghanistan.

Tariq Shah Bahrami, an England-based Afghan told TOLOnews he has meanwhile said China is one of the most important countries in Afghanistan's Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCII) has meanwhile said China is one of the most important countries in terms of having trade ties with nations.

One of the goals of the holy Quran sent us from God through Prophet Mohammad (SAW) is having strong and ensuring peace and brotherhood. Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) came in order to put an end to enmity, killing each other, oppression, cruelty and bloodshed and replace them with love," he said.

President Rouhani Inaugurates 1st Phase of Chabahar Port

KARUL - The first phase of Chabahar also known as Shahid Beheshti International Port in Chabahar, Sistan Balochistan Province, was inaugurated by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani during a ceremony also attended by officials and dignitaries from 17 countries, according media reports.

He emphasised that the project was specifically important given that it connected the trade corridor that runs from Iran to the sea.

"This port is also significant from the political point of view given that it connects Iran with its eastern and northern neighbors and at a later stage to European states," Rouhani said.

About two and a half years ago, Afghanistan, India and Iran signed a tripartite agreement based on which Afghanistan and India would ship their goods through Chabahar port.

Chabahar is an open sea port in Iran’s Sistan Baluchistan province. The port has a great capacity of shipping goods and services especially for a landlocked country like Afghanistan, Mr. Rouhani said.