Afghan Forces Ready to Adopt Child Protection Policy

KABUL - Defense Minister Tariq Shah Baibarm on Tuesday agreed an agreement to put into force a Child Protection Policy as a big step to shield children from the effects of armed conflict, Restute Support said in a report on Tuesday.

The initiative is the outcome of a significant, year-long Afghan-led effort; and it moves in the direction of providing for greater protection to children. This includes preventing the use of violence against children by involving all personnel in the Afghan National Army, its associated civilians and contractors in the Ministry of Defense, the report said.

The report added that the policy sets out procedures for monitoring, reporting and investigating violations by all Ministry of Defense staff and declares the intent to hold those who commit crimes against children accountable.

The NATO mission will continue to lend training advice and assistance to work with the Afghan military.

Afghan Athlete Wins Silver in World Para-Swimming Championship

Karimi won the medal in the 50m Para-Swimming Championship in Mexico City on Tuesday.

Para-Swimming Wins Silver in World Championships

Afghanistan's first female Para-swimmer Mir Abbas Karimi has won the silver medal in the World Para-Swimming Championship in Mexico City 2017.

Karimi, who won silver in the 50m Para-Swimming Championship in Mexico City on Tuesday, is Afghanistan's first female Para-swimmer.

The Embassy of India in Kabul dia to participate in training.

KABUL - For the first time a group of female officers of the Afghan Air Force (AAF) and Army departed for India for training.

NATO Eyes Strengthening Military Presence in Afghanistan

KABUL - The Ministerial meeting agenda would be NATO's role in protecting stability and fighting terrorism. Acknowledging what the Alliance has already done - including boosting its training mission in Afghanistan, and working with partners like Jordan and Tunisia to strengthen their defenses - Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said ministers would consider how NATO's role in the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS "should evolve", as the Global Coalition moves from combat operations to stabilization efforts." The Ministerial meeting will conclude with a discussion on NATO's Open Door policy and "how best to support these countries which aspire to join our community of shared security and shared values."

NATO Foreign Ministerial Meeting kicked off on Tuesday in Brussels to discuss the Alliance’s continuing adaptation in the face of diverse and evolving security challenges, according to a media reports.

Daesh Not on Run but Recruiting in Afghanistan

KABUL - Some Malaysian job-seekers on Tuesday expressed concern over what they claimed increasing footprint of Islamic State (IS) or Daesh militant group in north and northeastern Afghanistan.

The senators asked the Afghan government to act and stop the group has been busy recruiting fighters in the north and northeastern parts of the country," said Abdullah Qurlaq, a lawmaker from northern Kunduz province.

The remarks came at a special gathering marking World Human Rights Day. Based on the UN data, more than 1600 civilians were killed in Afghanistan in the first six months of 2017.

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 benefited from the presence of India and China's cooperation in renewable energy sectors, transport and water resource management, via problems of Afghan traders, Kabul's participation in next year's Chinese export exhibition also figured at the meeting.

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