### Security Situation in Afghanistan Remains Difficult: NATO Chief

Addressing a press conference after NATO Foreign Ministers Meeting, the NATO chief said Pakistan has to support the Afghan peace.

**Quote of the Day**

Thoughts

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Albert Camus

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**More Than 700,000 Afghans Leave Herat Due to Security Situation**

Herat Women Share their #MeToo Stories

**Herat - Some female women, including government officials, activists and lawmakers, gathered at an event in the western Herat province to share their experience of “sexual assault” and harassment they faced in the past.**

They said that the move is aimed at breaking silence amongst the women and also to give them the motivation to raise their voice against the “evil act” of sexual harassment.

Organizers of the event said the move is part of global “The MeToo Movement,” also called #MeToo, which is a movement against sexual harassment and sexual assault.

“Two years ago, I was harassed by one of my colleagues in public. I wanted him to apologize, but he refused and asked me to do whatever I want and then I consulted a judge and filed a complaint,” said Fatima Jaffari, member of Herat Provincial Council.

“As a female representative, I was harassed for many times, but I continued with my job. I used the time to raise my voice against #MeToo in the presence of the women,” she added.

**BRUSSELS - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on Wednesday said that it is in the interest of the NATO and international peace to prevent Afghanistan from ever again becoming a safe haven for international terrorism.**

“The security situation in Afghanistan remains difficult, we have seen a number of high profile attacks in the past month, but the Afghan forces are working together and all efforts are being made to prevent Afghanistan from ever again becoming a safe haven for international terrorism,” said Stoltenberg.

**GENEVA - More than 700,000 undocumented Afghans have returned from Iran this year as the Iranian economy tightens, with a knock-on effect on the Afghan economy, according to data from the IOM’s migration agency.**

In a report covering the period up to Dec. 1, the International Organization for Migration said a total of 752,325 Afghans had returned from Iran and Pakistan, including 721,633 from Iran.

“Undocumented returns from Iran in particular are seen as a massive increase over previous years, largely driven by recent political and economic issues in Iran including massive currency devaluation,” the IOM report said.

Demand for Afghan labor in Iran’s informal economy, had drastically fallen, it added.

“An all...” ([More on P4](#))

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**KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday discussed various issues with visiting Spanish defense minister Margarita Robles, the president’s office said.**

A meeting with the Presidential Palace to Pakistan Afghan News said Prime Minister Ghani met with Margarita Robles in his office Wednesday morning.

Both sides discussed strengthening bilateral relations, fighting terrorism, the peace process and ending security and defense issues in Afghanistan during the meeting which was also attended by Spain’s envoy to Afghanistan.

The Spanish defense minister thanked the Afghan president and called his speech about peace at the Congress as vital and described the Spanish government and people supported the Afghan government’s efforts for reconstruction.

Margarita Robles stressed women’s role in the peace process and said the Spanish government would continue cooperating with Afghan women.

Prime Minister, “[More on P4](#)”

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**Peace Process is Afghan Govt’s Property, Says Karzai**

During the “courtesy call” by the US envoy, Prime Minister Khan recalled his personal commitment to the cause of regional peace.

Imran Khan Reiterates Pakistan’s Interest for Afghan Peace

At the meeting, Pakistan’s Prime Minister Khan reiterated his country’s interest in achieving a lasting peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan through a political settlement.

Khalid Khan said that the US leadership is looking forward to working with Pakistan in furthering the shared goal of peace through a political settlement in Afghanistan.

Davos said in a report by quoting a statement issued by the Prime Minister Khan’s Office.

The peace process started by the US envoy, Prime Minister Khan re-called his personal commitment to the cause of regional peace, Davos’s report said.

He welcomed the letter written to him by President Trump seeking Pakistan’s cooperation in ending the 17-year-old Afghan conflict, as well as Washington’s “willingness to work with Pakistan on this shared objective”, ([More on P4](#))

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**KABUL - Former president Hamid Karzai says the peace process is the property of the Afghan government and that he supports American efforts in this regard.**

Addressing a gathering marking the 90th death anniversary of Prof. Dr. Sayed Meer Bahauddin Majroh in Kabul, Karzai said the peace process belongs to the people who should be informed about developments in this regard.

“Almost the US efforts for the Afghan peace process, Karzai said: “Our country is passing through an important period... a sensitive historical situation,” ([More on P4](#))

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**Pakistan Not Serious on Achieving Afghan Peace, Says US General**

WASHINGTON - After Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi assured US Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad of his full support, a top American general told lawmakers that Pakistan in the last few years has not shown any indication of bringing a serious partner in the Afghan peace process.

“I do believe that any solution in Afghanistan is going to require the assistance of Pakistan. It has to be a regional solution, not just a solution centered in Afghanistan,” Marine Corps Lt. Gen Kenneth McKenzie Jr. told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee during his confirmation hearing for Commander of US Central Command or CENTCOM.

“It is in Pakistan’s long-term interests to have a government in Afghanistan that is stable, and that they can do business with. I think Pakistan has not shown indications, by and large over the last few years, of being a serious part-

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