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Khanjani said the peace negotiators' team had reached the second round to discuss the agenda to pave the way for fundamental talks.

He called formation of a political and national consensus for peace through the High Reconciliation Council Committee's meeting as an important step towards peace and said that any country that supported the aspirations of the Afghan people should support the government in peace issues.

"We call on neighboring countries to step up their efforts, especially to bring peace to Afghanistan and reduce violence. The peace process is a long-term process that requires time." After nearly three months of discussions between the government and the Taliban, the two sides finally agreed on a 21-article procedure for peace talks last week. In addition, members of the government-Taliban delegation held their first meeting on the agenda of peace talks and discussed which important issues should be included in the agenda for discussion.

Afghanistan Plans to Shift 1-3 Grade School Education to Mosques

KARUL - All first to third school students in Afghanistan will receive education at mosques, the country's Education Ministry said on Saturday.

The Education Ministry stated that it has incorporated mosques in its educational ecosystem, based on which 1-3 grade students will get education in nearby mosques.

"In the first three years of education, going to mosque will create and promote a strong Islamic identity among the students and it will highlight the centrality of Islam for..." (More on P4-5)

German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan

Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIFD)

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Prequalification

Design and Construction – Electrification Project in Balkh

To improve the electricity supply and to provide electricity to rural villages, a construction project in the energy sector is planned for execution:

- BLK-E-2019-01 – Networks Upgrade Sher Aabat, Balkh Province, Dehdadi District

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Afghan contractors and international contractors with a base in Afghanistan with experience as General Contractors in the design and construction of MV and LV electricity supply networks and associated structures – preferably in Northern Afghanistan – are hereby invited to apply for prequalification for the above project. International contractors are explicitly encouraged to form Joint Ventures with national/local contractors.

Tendering will be undertaken according to KfW Development Bank’s “Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and associated Services or Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries” (August 2016) which can be downloaded at

https://www.kfw.de/SharedDocs/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergabe-E.pdf

Interested contractors shall request the prequalification documents by e-mail from info@ridf-af.org clearly stating "Prequalification Document for BLK-E-2019-01" in the subject line. The request for the prequalification document must contain the full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone and e-mail.

Contractors fulfilling these requirements will be sent the prequalification documents via e-mail.

The deadline for submission of the completed prequalification documents is 06 January, 2021.
KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health on Sunday reported 260 new positive cases of COVID-19 out of 1,495 samples tested in the last 24 hours. The Public Health Ministry also reported 10 new deaths and 297 recoveries from COVID-19 in the same period.

The new cases were reported in Kabul (25), Ghazni (6), Herat (5), Kunduz (7), Laghman (5), Nangarhar (3), Panjshir (5), Samangan (6), Sar-e Pol (4), Takhar (6), Wardak (4), and Wardak (3) provinces. The deaths were reported in Herat (2), Kabul (1), Nangarhar (1) and Takhar (1) provinces, according to data provided by the Ministry of Public Health.

The data by the ministry shows that the cumulative number of total cases follows the trend with a similar number of total reported deaths in 1,072, and the cumulative number of recoveries is 37,982.

KABUL - At least 15 suspects have been arrested for drug trafficking crimes nationwide, according to Kandahar Pul-e Alam (Pule Alam) police.

Officials did not provide further details but said, “CNPD said MoIA in a tweet. A security source told the media that the victims were named as ‘Pana’ and was killed in Duh Arab area of PID in Kabul. Sources indicate that the prosecutor was killed by unknown gun.

On the other hand, the citizens of Kabul are worried about the recent turmoils.

In recent months, Kabul has witnessed the explosion of magnetic mines, the assassination of Yama Siawash, a former Tolo TV journalid, and employee of the Coop Bank.Kabul was also hit with 2 rockets, killing and wounding dozens of people. (More on P41-07)

Outlook Horoscope

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Saturn (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19)

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18)

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Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21)

Aries (Mar.21-Apr.20)

Leo (July 23-Aug.22)

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Virgo (Aug.23-Sept.22)

Gemin (May 21-June 20)

 Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Libra (Sep.24-Oct.22)

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Govt Collects $2.5M in Taxes for Unregistered Vehicles

KABUL - The government has collected at least 200 million Afghani from the registration of more than 3,500 vehicles over the last six months, a statement from General Directorate of Mines said.

“The department that you see is the data entry section where documents are registered,” said Mustafa Kakar, head of the registration department of the custom directorate.

“The measurement is done based on the data from the custom system. We offer the user to enter this data in the system, it will detect the tax and the amount. We usually said Mohammad Nafoor Had, head of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) department of the customs directorate.

Some owners of unregistered vehicles said police seized their vehicles this month and they were not getting a refund from the government.

Negotiating Teams Share Initial Agenda Details

To the government the wants to discuss is durable ceasefire and the Taliban may not give up this right. At least, the custom wants to return the goods and to get the amounts.

Here we should respect each other and like common. It seems each other has a say in these matters! (More on P41-08)

15 Busted on Drug Trafficking Across Afghanistan

The Ministry of Interior Affairs in a statement Sunday. According to the statement, suspects were apprehended from different provinces.

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A breakthrough is critical in the talks ongoing between the Taliban government and the Taliban in Qatar capital Doha and the talks will enter the second phase, which is likely to be more controversial since reduction in violence, declaration of ceases and the government system will be discussed. The three issues, along with preservation of human rights and achievements gained within the last couple of decades, were put at the table since the start of the negotiations. But the two sides had reached an agreement only on the procedural rule so far.

The aforementioned issues will be discussed in detail in the second phase. However, the process is still fragile for three main reasons. First, the agreement signed between the Taliban and the US in 2020 is not acceptable since after the Taliban in Qatar to make their views with Al-Qaeda, which are considered as terrorist organizations under the US and UN. Under the US airstrikes in Helmand province, the Taliban have been weakened inside the country, as many of them are now unable to continue the force they were during the war against the US. The US administration has to stop a hasty pullout but stability will remain elusive and the talks will be derailed. By taking this into consideration, the US administration has to stop a hasty pullout and the Taliban are likely to continue their escalated militancy and violation of peace agreements which are likely to continue.

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Second Phase of Talks Likely To Be Detailed

In recent days, two important events have happened in relation to Afghan peace process which considered as a new beginning for the peace process. As a first event, the government and Taliban agreed on bringing peace talks to a new phase by the two sides agreeing to enter in a new phase of the negotiation process. As a second event, the US and Taliban signed a deal which is the US-Taliban peace agreement. The detailed analysis of the US-Taliban peace agreement was held after long delay and internal disagreements. Previously, the two top leaders did not agree on the list of cabinet members but it has resolved over two days after intense negotiation of foreign countries. Given the list of important two events, we are getting closer to the peace process. They say the leadership of the Supreme National Reconciliation Council comprised of top political leaders, national figures, and government officials and their agreement can break any deadlock in the country. They also hope crossing from the first phase of negotiation is step forward towards peace in the country. In addition, the regional and international demand or relative concerns about peace process has created a unique opportunity for peace in the country.

Unlike the above category of thinkers, the pessimist analysts think that the issues of Afghanistan have far deeper root inside and outside the country. They have related the situation to the period of Mihramdullah Nahid’s. There is a detailed interview with Tolon says high peace council that the traditional leaders who own and control the country, in many cases, cannot be the builders of the country as members of the council. He emphasized that the young generation of Afghanistan who are the main warriors of war are not interested in peace for National reconciliation. He also expressed concerns that many of the major decisions are made with the intelligence of the country, which will be particular due to peace and war in the country. There is also a criticism about excluding several national figures such as Mihramdullah Nahid, Sayed Sial Gilani, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, Zahir Naderi, Mohammad Nasir Ahmad Shalibi, etc. which shows lack of national consensus about peace in the country. In general, the pessimists’ analysts think that the thinking must be more than a play show and the criticism has recently increased against the president.

Against the pointed out, there are also moderate types of politicians whose views include hoping for a consensus. Although they are concerned about national reconciliation, lack of depiction of peace and war, lack of national strategy, for need of understanding and support their position. In addition, Afghanistan has strong allies against Pakistan, they never deny new opportunities in Afghanistan. Although they are concerned about Afghanistan, the Taliban has lost its political supporters after Trump lost election in the US. They fear such a situation will weaken the US government in the region. Before they justified the killing of Afghans and Afghan civilians with constitutional law and defending the land against foreign aggressor but after signing peace deal with US they stopped war against foreign interstellar and killed Afghan people and civilians. This issue has largely divided the real face of the Taliban in the country and also in the mirror of the world. Therefore, the social basis of Taliban has been weakened inside the country and so an unprecedented consensus created among Islamic countries illegalizing Taliban war in Afghanistan. The Taliban government and the new generation of Afghans are sure about peace in the country. They are concerned about lack of comprehensive plan of Afghan leaders. What will be a new promising step for the people of Afghanistan? The US outgoing President Donald Trump has been unable to make the country to be resolved this easy. For example, Rahmatullah Nabill said “if we should not take a similar position against them?”

In the other word, our peace is rooted in our national power while our war is rooted in our power. In the other word, our power has been rooted in our war. Our enemies have been seeking their strategic depth or interests in our country. We have accepted the condition for the new generation of Afghanistan to get aware of these issues. Neither we have a strategic depth with others, if we do not understand this simple and friendly policy, there is no way other than confront them from strong position. Because the history of Afghanistan is related with war and peace, colleagues and co-workers, but the product of defense and braveries have been related to war. The product of folly and bravery have been related to war.

What Yellen Must Do

By: Joseph E. Stiglitz

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At President-elect Joe Biden’s decision to appoint Janet Yellen as the next Secretary of the Treasury is good news for America and the world. As chairman of the US Federal Reserve and a leader under a median age, the new Secretary, who has the understanding of US and even by the height of 2008 US financial crisis, would be a flagrant violation of the agreement. Coming un

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Second, there seems to be a lack of national consensus in the country between officials and some political figures. A number of political figures are saying that the peace process should be inclusive and all segments of the society and the Taliban are seeking for more support from foreign countries. With this in mind, the US administration has to stop a hasty pullout and the Taliban are likely to continue their escalated militancy and violation of peace agreements which are likely to continue.

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Taliban attacks on these districts have seized at least two pistols from the detainees. According to the statement, officials conflict with the security forces in the provinces. The statement said that the Taliban and the security forces there were engaged in a firefight, but the result was unknown. The Taliban have been involved in conflict with the Afghan government and security forces in recent years, leading to casualties on both sides. The Afghan government has accused the Taliban of engaging in terrorist activities, while the Taliban have denied the allegations.

(18) Gov’t Protesters... said it would revisit that specific security bill that would have made it illegal for publishing statements critical of the government. But opponents say the bill may decrease international monitoring of Afghan elections. The government has been preparing for the upcoming presidential election, which is scheduled for next year.

(20) Venezuela Votes for... was held in Caracas on Sunday, the National Electoral Council said. The council declared that the opposition candidate, Henrique Capriles, had won the vote with 51% of the vote. The election was seen as a key test for the government of President Nicolás Maduro, who is under international pressure to hold free and fair elections.

(21) Uganda... of the virus in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. The gorillas are critically endangered and are a source of national pride for Uganda. The government has been working to protect the gorillas and their habitat.

(22) Will Apathy Be... and undermine of human rights. The election closes a cycle that began in 2012, when the government of President Barack Obama provided diplomatic support when Venezuela went to the polls and threatened a coup. The U.S. administration is seeking to isolate Venezuela and pressure its government.

On November 24, 2019, the UN Security Council adopted a resolution to extend the mandate of UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) for another three years. The resolution was adopted by 13 votes, while China and the United States abstained.

(30) China's Economy... of the world’s largest oil reserves. Oil prices have been rising, with benchmarks like US crude and Brent oil prices seeing a significant increase in recent weeks. The rise in oil prices is due to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and concerns over the spread of the coronavirus.

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A Coronavirus ‘Does not Mean Zero COVID’, Warns WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) has told people not to get complacent about the spread of COVID-19 after vaccines have been rolled out. “The program of vaccines is a boost and we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel,” said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Friday.

“However, we should be concerned that there is a growing perception that the pandemic may be over, which is, I’m afraid, not true,” he added.

“The pandemic has so far only hit countries in Asia, up to 294 in the past 24 hours, said Stanislas Lacot, spokesperson for the Iranian Ministry of Health and Medical Education during his briefing on Thursday.

A total of 750,978 people with COVID-19 and 14,996 people have died in the country. The number of new cases is declining, although the number of deaths is higher, according to the spokesman.

Iran’s Health Ministry has reported 1,157,809 tests carried out in Iran as of Wednesday.

The pandemic has so far killed 12,187 people, with authorities unable to control the new spread and the number of infections still on the rise.

To the nation’s dismay, Iranian women, 7,087,079 tests carried out, are still under a state of lockdown since two weeks ago, the government has decided to maintain the lockdown in the capital, Tehran, and other cities.

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**Georgians Bound to Afghanistan While U.S. Troops Gear Up for Withdrawal**

KABUL - Salome Zurabishvili, Georgian President told media, their 100 peacekeeping members are bound for Afghanistan, Positive evaluations received internationally were due to its soldiers, Salome indicated, saying “today, the world is facing a big challenge of the pandemic, the fact Georgia is fulfilling its commitment under these difficult conditions is very important.” Zurabishvili wished Georgian soldiers success in their mission in Afghanistan and wished them safe return back to home.

This comes as Belgium’s Defense Minister, ludivine Dedonder announced troops withdrawal in Afghanistan, to return home by next year. Belgians are preparing for...(More on P4)...(4)

**Female Deputies Appointed for 8 Provinces**

KABUL - The Independent Directorate of Local Governance (ICRC) said at least eight women have been appointed as social deputies in eight different provinces upon an official decree by the Presidential Palace on Sunday.

Bayati Salimi as the social deputy of Kapisa province, Breshna Sherzai as the social deputy of Kunar province, Hosy Andar as the social deputy of Ghazni province, Breshna Safi as the social deputy of the Laghman province, and Maryam Rahmani was appointed as the social deputy of...(More on P4)...(5)

**Operations in Afghanistan Under-Funded: ICRC**

KABUL - The International Committee of the Red Cross says its operations in Afghanistan and Iraq are under-funded. The funding crisis has been triggered by the outbreak of the coronavirus. ICRC President Peter Maurer was quoted as saying on Saturday.

The shortfall in funding of ICRC’s operations in Afghanistan and Iraq comes at a time when people’s needs are skyrocketing and economic crises are looming. The international humanitarian organisation has launched an appeal for 2.3 billion Swiss Francs in 2021 to support its activities in support of those impacted by conflict.

For Iraq, ICRC needs 123.8 million Swiss Francs and for its Afghan operation is 88.5 million Swiss Francs to continue its operations.

“The laying the groundwork for stabilisation, humanitarian work remains severely underfunded,” the ICRC president told The National. He noted the outbreak of the coronavirus had come amid a “drier state multisector funds to domestic issues.”

“We urge you to keep humanitarian security as your focus – without it we risk chronic instability and cycles of violence without an end,” he remarked. (Pajhwok)

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**Request for Proposal (RFP)**

MTN Afghanistan invites offerers to submit proposal (RFP) for “Call Center & SIM Registration Outsourcing”

The companies must meet the following minimum eligibility criteria in order to qualify for the Short-listing:

1. Company Profile & Portfolio (Company Background, Staff Availability, Office location, List of Tangible Assets.)
2. Valid License from Government of Afghanistan (Relevant license duration should be not less than three years.)
3. Experience in relevant field minimum 3 years and (Relevant Experience, Client References, Projects Values and Tenures.)
4. Financial Stability (Bank Statement for last Six Months.) (All bank accounts should be in the name of the company and stamped by Authorized Bank.)
5. Tax Clearance Report from previous or last year.
6. Financial Audit Report for last three years.
7. Commercial and Technical Proposal for Call Center Outsource services, SIM Registration, eyeballing and archive and other customer service-related experience.
8. Management Plan and Organizational structure.

Detailed RFP is available with MTN-AF procurement office. Suppliers who meet the above criteria can collect the RFP from MTNA procurement office before closing date.

Security Deposit or the time of signing the contract
Announcement Start Date and RFP Collection from MTN-AF office
Last date & time for submission of Proposals
MTN AF reserves the right to request for special bid security from contractors.
From 7th December 2020 to 13th December 2020
16HRS, Sunday 17th December 2020

The complete tender documents along with the Proposal to be submitted in SEALED envelope addressed to Procurement department MTN Afghanistan and to be physically submitted in tender box located at MTN-AF reception.

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All queries related to this document should be addressed to Email: zabihullah.hsibi@mtm.com

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