Sweden Assures ‘Continued and Long-Term Support’ to Afghanistan

“Continued and long-term support for Afghanistan,” said Sweden in a statement.

During the meeting, Abdullah said that Sweden has played a crucial role in Afghanistan and pledged to continue its support.

He added: “We believe that Sweden, as a long-term ally and friend of Afghanistan, will continue to support us in our path towards peace and stability.”

UN Calls for Improved Access to Justice for Women, Girls

Violence Against Women and Girls, examines the response of the justice system and the redress provided to survivors in reported cases of violence against women and girls in the period between September 2018 and February 2020.

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According to the study, perpetrators convicted in around 40 percent of all documented cases.

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The data by the ministry shows that the cumulative number of total cases is now 48,533, the number of total reported deaths is 3,802, and the total number of recoveries is 57,884.

Government Presents 452 Billion Afghanis 2021 Budget to Parliament

KABUL - Afghanistan presented its 452 billion afghani ($5.8 billion) for 2021 to lawmakers on Monday.

The proposal includes 295 billion afghanis for ordinary expenses and 156 billion afghanis for development purposes.

The budget should hinge upon official approval for a follow-up period of two years, the government said. The budget proposal is presented to parliament for approval after less than one fiscal year.

The budget is estimated to be implemented in a single year and to be completed in two years.

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MPs Want Taliban Prisoners’ Release Tied to Truce

KABUL - Wolesi Jirga members on Monday expressed their concerns about the lack of any timeframe for the release of Taliban prisoners as NATO and Afghan forces (ANAF) in central province of Uruzgan declared the Ministry of Defense in a statement Monday morning.

According to the statement, the Taliban initially carried out attacks against the security forces, where they suffered heavy retaliation in Gashk district of the province.

“7 Taliban were killed and 4 others were wounded in Gashk district of Uruzgan province, yesterday,” said ANAF in a tweet.

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Taliban Battered in Uruzgan, Helmand Provinces

URZUGAN, Afghanistan - At least five Taliban killed and four wounded during clashes with Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan Air Forces (AAF) in central province of Uruzgan, said the Ministry of Defense in a statement Monday morning.

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Additionally, 1 tunnel and 2 of their strongholds were destroyed as a result,” the tweet added (Khaama Press)

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KABUL, Afghanistan - Counter Narcotic Police of Afghanistan (CNPA) seized a heroin lab during an operation carried in western province of Herat, said the Ministry of Interior Affairs in a statement Monday.

According to the statement, officials have arrested at least three suspects in connection to the seizure.

“CNPA seized a heroin lab during a search operation in herat district of Herat. Three suspects are suspected to drug trafficker arrested in connection to this seizure,” said the MoIA in a tweet.

Meanwhile, the police nabs arrested further two suspects over “drug trafficking charges in Talib district of Faryab province,” (Khaama Press)

Citizens Force Security Forces in Kandahar to Leave

KABUL - Following criticism of the new plan by the Ministry of Interior Affairs (MoIA) for an extended truce, third-grade classes from schools in Faryab province on Friday, the MoIA on Monday that this will only be implemented in areas with no schools.

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An adviser at the ministry said that only the acting minister of education Rangina Hamidi and her close aides know about the details of the plan.

“Do you want to close schools and distance us from knowledge and culture? Do they want to take schools from us? Mosques were ours and will remain ours,” said Abdul Basit, a resident of Kabul.

“This has no resemblance to the people of Afghanistan and to the international community,” said Abdul Bait, a student.

Over the last weeks, the acting minister of education has gone to the parliament two times, but he has not mentioned her plan in her speeches to the lawmakers and senators.

Hamidi had not received enough votes from the parliament to confirm her position as a full-fledged minister. As a result, she remains a bit deceptive, Aquarius. This isn’t a good day to enter into any kind of partnership or relationship. You will likely have a dream about something that makes you feel good at first but then cud deteriorates into an aspect. Lions should check the facts before making any decisions and that potential relationship. This isn’t a good day to enter into any kind of partnership or relationship. You will likely have a dream about something that makes you feel good at first but then deteriorates into an aspect. Lions should check the facts before making any decisions and that potential relationship.
T he United States and the Taliban held several rounds of talks in Qatar capital Doha behind closed doors. After all, the US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad and Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar signed a peace agreement, Washington posted Khalilzad to release 7,000 Taliban prisoners to facilitate the start of intra-Afghan dialogue. Afghans were highly apprehensive about the release of prisoners' release, which led to the increased violence.

Recently, US Charge d’Affairs Ross Wilson is cited as saying that the Taliban are expecting the release of thousands of their prisoners under their agreement with the United States, which is still not fulfilled. Khalilzad, who is responsible for the war prisoners, has returned to the Talibanes after his trip to Pakistan. It is in this context that US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad and Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the bargainers, meet for the first time to discuss the issues of releasing prisoners. The US administration should stop giving concessions to the Taliban and releasing prisoners will be a betrayal to the families of war victims, including women and children.

With this in mind, the Trump administration should no more release those fighters who were involved in the death of Afghans as women and children. Unfortunately, the law and order in the country does not stand with the women or protect them against different sorts of injustice and violence. For example, in Afghan child marriages are a common practice and the justice system has failed to tack it properly. The girls are entangled in responsibilities of marriage and are saddled with the complexities of life. Another feature of Afghan traditional marriage system is that after marriage, women are treated as commodities purchased by the men in order to use them as they please. And women are expected to remain silent in response to all such unjust and inhumane behavior. Even if they are able to approach the justice system in times of distress, they are not entertained and the justice system is not able to correct the moral defects of the people and also instill carnal virtues of human society to head that does the job of thinking, the military leaders.

In other words, despite the Taliban’s intentions to replace Afghan nation and state and their refusal to declare ceasefire and reduce violence, Washington is still seeking to give concessions to the Taliban and releasing prisoners will be a great injustice to the people of Afghanistan. Why the Trump administration is closing its eyes to the Taliban’s escalated military operations? The release of prisoners raised concerns for the US repeated concessions.

The Afghan government should stop holding talks with the Taliban behind closed doors. The media and people of Afghanistan should never more keep in dark. Meanwhile, the government must not release the Taliban fighters without proper negotiations. The Kabul government should not agree with the US for releasing 7,000 Taliban prisoners. The US-Taliban agreement and any new peace has already promoted the terrorist group to a political system. It believes that political order which results from creation of political institutions. Though, the Talibanes are meager. Definitely, some changes are there; however, those changes do not reflect the views or opinions of the Daily Outlook Afghanistan.

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The Role and Position of the people in republican system

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The political systems are based on certain theoretical foundations. Some of these theories when are applied to the political system, the establishment of political system is rooted in interest and nature of human beings. In this regard, Aristotle explained that the first natural state is old age village with its natural order automatically shaped on the basis of instinctive demand. Aristotle believes that human beings are created equally and have equal responsibilities and roles in social and political lives. Those who even stronger rationality are proper for social and political lives, but those who do not have an appropriate qualifications and the rest of social roles and should naturally form the rest of social elements. The political government is a mechanism for the differentiation of such natural distinctions and neither believed in human society. One of these criteria is the ability to understand and the political function of human society to head that does the job of thinking, the military forces to escort and be responsible for defending belonging, and the economic forces to buy household goods and need it in everyday human beings. Therefore, Aristotle believes that the main task of the government is to protect the common deliver and establish the economic and social system.

The modern theory which explains the philosophy of political system is divine justice defining different basis for the formation of a political system. It believes that political order from creation of the state and government originate from divine wisdom and will. The theory attempts to analyze the political system, philosophers and scholars who but they did not initiate any acceptable model or mechanism to be applicable in modern era. Their major goal of establishing political society is human work, justice and promotion of ethics with sacred attitude towards politics and governance. Based on this, even the execution of policies is considered sacred. The sincere and good politicians and philosophers attempt to make their contribution in the political order and government. The middle class is a theory was validated during the Middle Ages in the West and the most famous theories of this type theory were St. Augustine and other church fathers. Abu Ali Sina Balkhi, Gazzaz, and dozens of other Islamicthinkers have been born on this theory. Although the divine theory follows a sacred goal, in practical steps it faces a lot of challenges. Some of these challenges are: if you want to reach those goals and no plausible approach is acceptable for all. The next major problem of this theory is that it has no role of power. In other words, in political society, there is no need to power. According to this theory, the people must know what are their goodness and burdens and they should blindly believe in the religion. Therefore, it leads to satisfaction agreements, in other words, the triumph of the politics in society. On the basis of this theory that continued more than a thousand years in the middle ages, people were able to take over the institution of government exclusively.

In addition to the two above theories, there are some other theories including evolution theory, domination theory, economic theory and social contract theory for the formation of political institutions. Though, this theory is the main one here, it is needed to be discussed. Based on this theory, the political institution was formed when the natural state of human beings was disrupted and turned into its political social contract. In modern age, the institutions of politics and government system as such is the product of this theory. For example, the constitution is a social contract document drawing the foundation political system. The republic is considered the most beautiful scene of human political interactions. Therefore, the republican system is clear example of social contracts which paves the way to build a democratic system and democracy.

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Accordingly, voting and candidacy are the rights of everyone to seek political power. However, the real fact, the legitimacy in republic political system comes from public vote. Therefore, it is clear that the legitimacy is obtained through elections, it continued with public satisfactions. Based on this, the republic political system is the same as that of other political systems. The people can make their legitimate be attained even though they do not completely have a voice in the political decisions. The people can make their legitimate be attained even though they do not completely have a voice in the political decisions. The people can make their legitimate be attained even though they do not completely have a voice in the political decisions.

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The role of women in Afghan society

Justice for Crimes of Violence Against Women and Girls – released on Dec. 07, 2020, reveals that the burden of making the world safe for the women and girls is largely shouldered by the governments, particularly in cases of child marriages, instead of the Afghan justice system working efficiently in the behalf of women's rights. The report analyzed the judicial processing of around 383 crimes of violence against women and girls from the Afghanistan between Jan 15, 2019, and Feb. 20, 2020, conclusion that while the justice system’s response to female victims of violence has improved in recent years, it continues to fail them in many respects.

Only half of the documented crimes of violence against women and girls such a court and impunity remains prevalent. Prosecution of most crimes listed under Afghanistan’s Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW) Law depend on the victim or her attorney filing a police report. The report revealed that the majority of cases filed go uninvestigated. This places an enormous burden on women, especially when reporting to the police, who are often treated with little respect, and even put her in danger.

The report and its conclusion are based on the analysis of reports from the Afghan Ministry of Women’s Affairs, the report forms an important part of the investigation, and it may push the Afghan government to take some tangible steps in this regard in the short run. However, in the long run, the society, as a whole, needs to realize that women are an intrinsic part of society and ensuring that they enjoy equal representation and engagement in different walks of life can make a huge difference in their life and society.

The report highlights that another major concern regarding women’s rights is the so-called Honor Killing. The women are believed to have dishonored a family or even a tribe, if they do not follow the instructions set in the honor of the family, and are ineligible for marriage or protection against different sorts of injustice and violence. In other words, the demonstrating women’s situation against what is decided by the top leaders. The report mentioned above reveals that if the girls are able to approach the justice system, they can be punished more severely some results in death through stealing. The report above reveals that if the girls are able to approach the justice system, they can be punished more severely some results in death through stealing. The report above reveals that if the girls are able to approach the justice system, they can be punished more severely some results in death through stealing. The report above reveals that if the girls are able to approach the justice system, they can be punished more severely some results in death through stealing. The report above reveals that if the girls are able to approach the justice system, they can be punished more severely some results in death through stealing.
leadership of the government is trying to champion the freedom of all the inhabitants of Afghanistan, which is indispensable to a peaceful and stable society.

"We honor all those in Afghanistan who work tirelessly to advance freedom of expression," he said.

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Turkmenistan has devised a strategic plan for its economic development for the period of 2021-2025, aiming to promote economic growth and improve living standards. The plan outlines measures to enhance industrial production, diversify the economy, and reduce dependence on oil and gas exports. It also sets targets for increasing the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and improving the quality of life for its citizens.

**Human Rights**

The implementation of the national action plan for the development of the economy in Turkmenistan for 2021-2025 is expected to bring significant improvements in the living conditions of the country's most vulnerable households. The plan aims to improve access to education, health care, and social services, as well as to reduce poverty and inequality.

**International**

The EU Weighs up Sanctions Against Turkey in East Med Gas Dispute

EU states are considering imposing sanctions against Turkey for its drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean. The EU Council is set to discuss the issue on December 8, with member states expected to agree on a common position. The sanctions would be aimed at pressures Turkey's drilling activities in the disputed waters, which are claimed by Greece and Cyprus.

**Domestic**

**COVID-19 Vaccine set for Next Stage of Human Trials**

France, Germany and Russia back vaccine trial.

The vaccine manufacturer, which has started human trials, has announced that the vaccine is safe and elicits an immune response in healthy adults. The vaccine is being developed by the French company Valneva and is expected to provide protection against COVID-19 for at least one year. The vaccine is currently being tested in more than 30 countries around the world.
Afghan Govt Officials Benefited from Code 91: Media Report

KABUL - A report published by Etilaat-e-Rahbar newspaper states that over $121 million (121.9 million) from the government's emergency fund as Code 91 has been spent for the personal expenses of over a dozen government officials in the solar year 1399 (March 2020 to March 2021). The report states that $121.9 million ($1.16 million) has been spent on vehicles, travel expenses, electricity, rent, daily expenses, bonuses for employees, and travel expenses for 13 government officials.

According to the report, the president's advisor Wahid Omar has been allocated an amount of $92,000 (95,000), presidential advisor Mohammad Ali Ladin has been allocated $112,000 ($125,000), presidential advisor Fazel Balis has been allocated $62,000 ($69,000) and presidential advisor Mohammad Amin Lalin has been allocated $61,000 ($65,000).

The report states that former president Hamid Karzai has been allocated $80,000 ($85,000) and former president Ashraf Ghani has been allocated $80,000 ($85,000) from the code.

The ministry said that reports are unproven and unverified. They are against the national budget documents and against the targets that are set for the code at the beginning of every year, said Laiya Layay, a reporter at Etilaat-e-Rahbar.

The report shows that more than $1.15 billion ($1.24 billion) has been spent based on presidential decree to the Administrative Office of the President in Kabul, which has been spent on the National Directorate of Security and over $950 million ($1.05 billion) has been spent on the Office of the National Security Council from Code 91, which is included in the national budget for unspecified emergency needs.

KARUL - A day-long workshop entitled "The Role of Media in Environmental Protection, organized by Medio" environmental organization in Kabul on Monday.

Professor Mustafa Hafizullah of the Faculty of Environment at Kabul University, in his opening speech said that the information on environmental issues was considered a responsibility of the media.

He said the media had a duty to inform people in detail about human beings and sustainable use of natural resources and continuation of life in the media. He said media played a crucial role in environmental awareness, shaping people's mentality, tolerance and promoting environmental culture.

According to Hafizullah, life and natural resources are the heritage of nature and past generations and the future generations.

The participants of this training program are very important and fundamental for the intellectual development of journalists. The participants of this training program can inform people about environmental issues in a correct way," he said.

He added that the Network of Environmental Reporters has been established in Kabul for three years and efforts are underway to expand its activities in eight other provinces.

Omidyar, one of the participants, said, "Environmental issues were very important and..." More on P4(10)