Afghan MPs Hold Talks with Pakistani Delegation

Afghan and Pakistani officials and MPs stress the need for stronger ties between Kabul and Islamabad to ensure regional security.

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga Speaker Abdul Raziq Ibrahimi met on Saturday with a Pakistani delegation, discussing Afghan-Islamabad ties and stability in Afghanistan. Pakistan's parliamentarians said Pakistan helped Afghanistan during the jihad against the then USSR, but they said Pakistan has not cooperated sufficiently in the fight against terrorism.

The delegation stressed the need for strengthened ties between Kabul and Islamabad. “Problems and challenges have to be led by our people, and we strongly believe that for a stable Pakistan, for a prosperous Afghanistan, we need to see a stable and prosperous Pakistan,” said Shaukat Mary, member of Pakistan’s parliament and former minister of information and culture of Pakistan.

The Wolesi Jirga speaker said... (More on P4)... (6)

Law on Use of Afghan Air Space Approved

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga approved on Saturday the draft law on management of foreign military flights in Afghanistan airspace.

Earlier, some reports said that unidentified helicopters were landed in Sur-i-Pul, Nangarhar and some other areas of the country.

Shoyaota Rass Naorat, head of the defense commission of the Wolesi Jirga, said that Afghan airspace was in control of the US and the Afghan government was unable to prevent movement of foreign military aircrafts. He said that joint commission discussed the law and there were no conflicting parts in it.

However, Ramazan Bashardost, a lawmaker from the capital Kabul, said that Afghanistan’s airspace was in control of the US and the Afghan government was unable to prevent movement of foreign military aircrafts.

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Atmar and MacMaster also agreed on continued contacts through a framework with his US counterpart. In a joint statement, the US and Pakistan vowed to “expand and deepen cooperative efforts on counter-terrorism, economic development and security-related issues.”

The statement, issued by the Afghan presidential office, praised the agreement between the two countries as a “significant step” toward the “full, comprehensive implementation” of the 2013 Strategic Partnership Agreement, which aims to strengthen the strategic, economic and security relationship.

The Afghan government said it was satisfied with the meeting... (More on P6)... (5)

Atmar, MacMaster Discuss Executive Political Cooperation Framework

PESHAWAR - Afghanistan's Ambassador to Pakistan Mohammad Atmar met on Saturday with US Deputy National Security Advisor for Global Economics and Strategic Policy for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia,媚.Atmar and MacMaster also agreed on continued contacts through these conferences for frequently exchanging views about improving security and stability in Afghanistan, the statement added... (Pajhwok)