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The NATO alliance Spokesperson, Oana Lungescu told Pajhwok Afghan News “We have seen the reports. For any comments, I refer you to the US authorities. In general, let me remind you that the Afghan army and police have been fully in charge of the security of Afghanistan for over four years.” She said this in reaction to US leader Donald Trump’s announcement of withdrawing nearly 7,000 American troops from the country within months.

"Afghan forces are a brave, committed and increasingly capable force, which have ensured the security of the parliamentary elections earlier this year." She added. (More on Pg. 1)

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Saudi’s Role in Afghan Talks Significant: Ex-Taliban Minister

KABUL - A former official of the Taliban has said that the two-day talks in Abu Dhabi around Afghan peace was important because of Saudi Arabia’s participation as according to him, the US and the Taliban acknowledge the Kingdom’s role in the talks. (After on Pg. 4)

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The reports on a possible withdrawal of a significant number of US forces from Afghanistan made headlines in national and international levels; however, President Ashraf Ghani’s spokesman said that a reduction in number of the troops will not affect the security of the country.

“The concerns circulating in mass media on the future of Afghanistan, were spreading much more than this in 2014,” President Ghani’s spokesman Haseen Chakhansuri said in a social media message on Friday.

He said “many analysts were warning that if the 100,000 plus foreign forces leave Afghanistan, the country will fall; however, (More on Pg. 2)

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