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Karzai made the remarks in an interview with the China Global Television Network (CGTN) in south China’s Guangzhou City, where he was attending the 2018 Imperial Springs International Forum earlier this month.

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After a swing through Iran, including Abu Dhabi, Pakistan and Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad would visit India in early January, the US media reported on Monday. India has not been satisfied with US efforts for holding reconciliation meetings with the Taliban without consultations with New Delhi, the Economic Times said in a report that “America’s special envoy for reconciliation in Afghanistan will update Indian officials on talks with the Taliban and the future of Delhi-Washington partnership.”

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A statement from UNAMA received by Pajhwok Afghan News said that the organization was working to verify information indicating scores of civilians, including women, were killed and injured in the attack.

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Taliban Residents Advised to Wear Masks

KABUL - The National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA) warns residents to use facemasks in increased pollution with the onset of winter.

Mohammad Kazim Humayoon, planning manager at NEPA, told Pajhwok Afghan News lack of proper home-heating facilities, uncontrolled use of smoking fuels, raw coal, low-quality fuel, rubbers and plastics were major causes of pollution.

Humayoon said Kabul – surrounded by high mountains – did not receive enough sunlight.

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