Russia Hopes US, Taliban Sign Peace Deal as Soon as Possible

MOSCOW - Russia expects that the United States will soon sign a peace deal with the Taliban, a source in President Vladimir Putin’s special representative office in Afghanistan told TASS on Tuesday. “[The agreement] is expected to be signed but when...I cannot answer this question. We hope it will be signed as soon as possible but, obviously, it will be done after the New Year,” Zaurin Kabiruloevi, who is also a deputy chief at Russia’s Foreign Ministry, said as quoted by Russia’s TASS news agency.

The agency said that it was told by Kabul earlier that the US and the Taliban had agreed that Russia and a number of other countries would be invited as witnesses to the signing ceremony. Moscow, in its words, would attend the US- top negotiator Zalmay Khalilzad has been meeting with the Taliban for the past one year in an effort to end the war in Afghanistan. The talks were de- clared dead by US President Don- ald Trump in September after the group carried out a deadly at- tack in Kabul just as the sides were about to sign a deal.

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KABUL - Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACC) said that although many investments in medicine produc- tion by private sectors inside the country have been done, the Af- ghan government has not sup- ported them yet. Afghan private medical compa- nies exhibited their products in the 4th Medical Exhibition In Ka- bul. Most of them had concerns that the government is not sup- porting their investments and products which is the main rea- son why too much medicine is being imported annually.

KABUL - Afghanistan’s Annual Imports of Medicine Cost 500 Million Dollars

HELMAND - Helmand’s Depart- ment of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock said Wednesday they have begun to develop pistachio gardens as an alternative to poppy cultivation, and so far the plan is working well.

The agriculture department fo- cuses on those goods that can get to an international market and that can be cultivated easily, and that is why we have selected pistachios because they need low water and also they are a good alternative to poppy,” said Zal- may Amin, head of agriculture department. Meanwhile, farmers say they can harvest 1,680 kilograms of pista- chio from one-and-a-half acres of land. “Pistachio gardens are irrigated with low water and there are less expenses, but the profit is greater than other crops. People are try- ing to create gardens but most of the people are not familiar with how to do it. Here we also grow pistachio-saplings and people are taking them to other districts,” said Amin.

Mohammad, an owner of a pistachio garden that he created two years ago in Lashkargah city, is satisfied with the harvest. “I worked for years in pistachio gardens in Iran and when I came to Afghanistan I created a pistachio garden that is now doing well,” said Mohammad.

The Ministry spokesman said that 100 samples of saffron pro- duced this year have been tested in the country’s standard labora- tories for quality assurance, which have been pressed to ex- ceed the international standards. According to statistics from the Ministry of Agriculture this year, saffron farmers will earn more than $5 million for their hard work. (ISI)

KABUL - Over 20 Tons of Saffron Harvested

The Afghan agricultural sector is one of the country’s most important sources of income, with the vast majority of the population relying on it for their livelihoods. The agriculture sector is also a major contributor to the country’s GDP, with saffron being one of the most valuable exports. In recent years, the government has been working to develop the sector, with the goal of increasing production and improving quality. However, the industry faces many challenges, including limited infrastructure, lack of access to credit, and limited market access.

The government has been working to address these challenges, with a number of initiatives being launched to support the sector. These include the establishment of new processing facilities, the provision of credit to farmers, and the creation of new markets for Afghan saffron. The government has also been working to improve the quality of the product, with a number of initiatives being launched to improve the production process.

Despite these efforts, the Afghan saffron industry still faces many challenges. The industry is highly dependent on demand from international markets, and this can be unpredictable, with prices fluctuating from year to year. The industry also faces competition from countries such as India and Iran, which are also major producers of saffron.

However, the Afghan government remains committed to the development of the sector, and is working to address the challenges that it faces. With continued support and investment, the Afghan saffron industry has the potential to become a major export earner, and to play a key role in the country’s economic development.
Afghanis Gain Value After Ban on Foreign Banknotes in Nangarhar: Nawsher

The Afghan Bank Head Wahidullah Najar on Tuesday said the recent ban on foreign banknotes and rupee has helped increase in the local currency and strengthened the economy.

Akhil Ahmadzai, spokesperson for the Nangarhar Governor Office, said that Nawsher confirmed that the Nangarhar Governor for taking this decision made for the current local currency and removed the chat of using foreign banknotes.

“Why should we have small banknotes and 80 million more would be printed soon a large number of which will be given to Nangarhar,” said Ahmadzai.

He said he would approve his top priority and that is to stop talks steps of Governor Miakhel, look about the challenges and take necessary steps to stop the problems and challenges.

Miakhel said that Afghanistan is a national identity and value of economy and it is needed to accomplish the purpose of the use of local currency successfully. He said the people of Nangarhar are paying their share in the country to promote local currency instead of foreign banknotes.

He said the money changers and shopskeepers who keep the small banknotes and exchange them have been causing the problems in the country and we need to take steps for the promotion of local currency.

He warned those involved in this practice: “Put an end to these actions and you will be aware of the punishment.” (Pajhwok)

3 Million Children Deprived of Education

KABUL - Twenty American citizens have been killed this year among those killed during the US conflicts in Afghanistan, making 2019 the deadliest year since Washington officials announced an end to operations in the country.

A 33-year-old US Army Green Beret, said he was killed Monday after sustaining injuries in an explosion in the northern Afghan province of Jawzjan on December 22.

Arias (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

You may feel like you can no longer stand the strain here, and it seems that you’re in the process of giving a wonderful demonstration of tenacity. When you need to move, but once you get started, you’re very happy to get yourself in gear. There’s nothing terribly difficult about making the necessary adjustments you need. You try hard.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

You may start to recognize personal or psychological shifts. You may be feeling different kinds of tests; you may be on the cusp of a new world. This will cause you to have health problems. You will be faced with the need to make some wise, realistic changes for your personal identity.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

You’ve had a rather difficult time in the past few weeks, and there are still other obstacles that you need to deal with. You’re trying to come to terms with the uncomfortable feelings and memories that have been kept away from you for quite a long time. (Pajhwok)

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan19)

You may start to feel more anxious, and you may be experiencing a change in your energy. Try not to focus on these concerns. Your concentration will not be good for much if you don’t focus on your work and do what you can to get through the day. (Pajhwok)
Role of the Media – Highly Essential

Media plays a crucial role around the globe. It generates public opinion, informs, educates, and entertains. People are widely involved in news, so they need to know about the news that may affect their lives. Modern life without media seems horrible. Modern technologies have changed the world not only in the material and social sphere but also in the political sphere. Everyone has a need to know about the information that affects them.

Moreover, Afghanistan is also going through a very crucial phase of its history and it is demanded from the nation to be vigilant and sensitive. The situation is fragile and it is important to maintain the control and persuade their destiny.

Media supports democracy through supervising state’s activities and reflecting them to nation. On the other hand, nation can convey its messages to state and official via media. In addition, media are crucial because it is the main source of nation-state communication. For instance, nation needs to know about the effects of war on the state, and they need to see whether or not the war practised right by nation or in the other side. Where nation is organized with the social, political and economic issues in a country affect the entire region. These major issues are of the highly challenging issues in our century. When a country suffers from terrorism and militarism, its neighbouring countries will abide with it to its ruin. All these matters are transmitted by media to public.

Similarly, the right of thought and speech without media will be meaningless. When one’s rights and liberty are violated, people are supposed to raise their voice through media. Moreover, the key role of media in reflecting people’s thoughts and feelings is to highlight and expose government’s thoughts freely and share their happiness and sadness with their friends. Besides these, there are a lot of opportunities. They are able to post informative pages and writings. Individuals have the responsibility to prevent or restrict public access to it.

Media also plays a major role in monitoring situation in a country. For example, Afghanistan is flooded with mounting terrorism and militancy. Media has to report the issue to nation and state to keep them updated about the threat so that the state finds out the insecure zones and tackles the issue accordingly.

Moreover, media should provide a platform for religious scholars to argue on the subject of matters which are in the favor of people. Religious figures and traditional parents in Asia are sensitive with regard to marketing gimmicks. The role of flamboyant and colorful marketing practices are spreading the hope and optimism.

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Moreover, the role of media is constructive in a society. The members of such nation become more responsible and certain responsibilities as an individual or as a nation. Looking at the troubles in that perspective could give a nation an optimistic and positive feel. Here it is important to see the nation as a whole. It is not always right to consider poor people in a particular context which is also one of the important changes in their considerations and priorities. Nevertheless, it is vital to understand that it is not the difficulties and troubles alone that would guarantee a better response by the nation. In other words, one should not leave the issue to the responsibility of the state only.

As a matter of fact, there are opportunities hidden in the troubles and problems. They show that there are shortcomings that have to be overcome by the society members. They require change and thus demand appropriate actions. Looking at the troubles towards that perspective could give a nation an optimistic and positive feel.

The First President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was one of the staunch advocates of the idea of a country where all citizens are equal. Jefferson believed that citizens should be able to participate actively in the political process. He believed that the government should be accountable to the people and that citizens should have a say in the decisions that affect their lives.

Development of the concept

The idea of a republic was first proposed by the ancient Greek philosophers, such as Plato and Aristotle. Plato proposed the idea of a utopian society, where the members of the state would be divided into three classes: the philosopher-kings, the artisans, and the farmers. Aristotle, on the other hand, proposed the idea of a mixed government, where the power would be divided among the three classes.

The term ‘Republic’ was derived from the Latin words re- publica, public, or publicis; re- meaning again, and publicis, pertaining to public affairs. The concept has been applied in different cultures. The term ‘Republic’ has been used to describe a form of government where power is not directly in the hands of the people, but it is still considered as a republic.

According to the definition, a republic is a government in which power is held by elected representatives of the citizens. It is a form of government that is based on the idea that the people have control over their own government.

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were nearing a deal. The talks resumed earlier this month with Khalilzad pushing for a speedy US troop withdrawal and an attack on US base in Bagram. Khalilzad said that he was taking a brief pause for the Taliban to consider their leadership (1TV NEWS)

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Kabul, 23, the Moscow City Court decided to find him fit for military service. (Interfax)

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(7) Kazakhstan ...

will not lead to any negative socio-economic or legal consequences.

The public discussion is open till July 10, 2020. Kazakhstan is participating in the implementation of the Russian Program for Elimination of the Inter-continental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) that are being withdrawn from service and it is in the Dnepr Space Launch System (SLS) for commercial orbital launches of payload.

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According to the law, he said. They often face abuse, enslavement during dangerous sea and desert crossings. They “instead find themselves in places where they might have come from,” he said, “but instead find themselves before walls of indifference.” He also threatened to offer new opportunities for the people of Afghanistan, including those in Congo “born by continuing conflicts” and the people of Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria, where people have been “persecuted and troubling problems” and it would not face the IECC with problems.

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VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis offered a Christmas message of hope and love on Wednesday, against a backdrop that sees the world confronted with a series of conflicts and challenges including the novel coronavirus pandemic, war and climate change.

The pope told thousands of tourists, pilgrims and Romans gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the annual Christmas Day message that “the light of the Christmas star” is “an invitation for all to be more generous” and “in economic, geopolitical and ecological conflict.”

The traditional “Urbi et Orbi” (“to the city and to the world”) Christmas message has become an occasion for popes to address suffering in the world and press for solutions. Francis fanned the flames of St. Benito Felix Martino, president of the papal council for the poor and Cardinal Krawczyk, the pope’s official spokesman.

The pope cited the Syrian people who, “...remains among the world’s worst humanitarian disasters,” according to the United Nations. He also mentioned the “unspeakable tragedy” of the United Nations’ failure to protect the people of Myanmar’s Rakhine state from persecution by the army.

Ahmed Gaid Salab: Thousands Gather for Army Chief’s Funeral

ALGIER — The funeral of Algeria’s powerful army chief Ahmed Gaid Salah was held on Christmas Day, bringing a wet, miserable day to the normally sunny capital Algiers.

The military and political elite gathered at a stadium in Algiers to pay their respects to the man who remained virtually in power since the country’s independence from France in 1963.

Salah, 79, was killed in a Paris hospital on Sunday after a long battle with cancer.

Kremlin Has Seen Media Reports on Anti-Corruption Foundation Activist Comment - Peskov

MONSHEE - An Russian anti-corruption foundation activist Iosif Shvetsov has been found dead, according to an internal source at the foundation, which was established in 2006 after a former politician was acquitted of a large-scale bribery case, the Russian news agency Interfax reported.

The source said that Shvetsov was found dead in his apartment on Tuesday.

New Russian Fighter Jet Crashes During Test, Pilot Ejects Safely

MONSHEE - An Russian air force fighter jet built to compete with American stealth aircraft crashed during a training mission in the country’s Far East on Wednesday, the Russian military said, according to reports.

The pre-production Su-57 fighter jet went down about 10 miles from the air force’s Komsomolsk-on-Amur air base.

Erdogan Arrives in Tunisia for Surprise Talks with President

ANKARA - The Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has arrived in Tunis on a surprise visit for talks with his Tunisian counterpart, his office has said.

The visit, the first by a head of state since Tunisia was built in 18th century, comes as Turkey has ramped up efforts to strike deals with nations on the Mediterranean, as part of its long-term plan to link the state of sea, space, and ultra-modern technology with Africa.

No Political Victimization in Rana Sanaullah’s Case, Says Afridi

SAMARQAND - Ministry of Interior spokesperson and former state’s Director General of Criminal Investigation, Shukriya Afridi, said on Wednesday that no political victimization took place in the Rana Sanaullah case.

The interior minister was flanked by Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino, president of the papal council for the poor and Cardinal Krawczyk, the pope’s official spokesman.

The semi-official news agency IRNA quoted an informed source as saying that the police had sealed off the streets in an effort to prevent protesters from entering the main square in the capital.

Afridi’s remarks came following a meeting on Tuesday with the interior minister in the drug capital and described by experts as the most dynamic of the anti-Narcotics Force (ANF). At the meeting, the minister called for the state to crack down on the drug trade and for the police to step up their efforts.

Tajikistan Hosts Specialized Exhibition of Steel

DUSHANBE — According to the exhibition’s organizers, the exhibition is a valuable opportunity to promote the development of the steel industry and to provide a platform for the exchange of advanced technologies and innovation, which is active in the economic development of certain countries.

Several companies participated in the exhibition and presented their new products and services. As the steel processing, the exhibition attracted the attention of many local and international companies. At the exhibition, the visitors had the opportunity to see the latest steel products and technologies presented by the steel companies.
**IECC May Not Respond to All Complaints, Say Observers**

KABUL - Election oversight institution believes the Independent Election Complaints Commission (IECC)’s central office would not be able to respond to all complaints during the determined time if the commission’s provincial offices failed to concern the complaints.

After the announcement of preliminary results from presidential election, election teams lodged over 30,000 complaints with the IECC.

The Independent Election Commission (IEC) says the result is not final and changes are possible in the final outcome.

Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan (FEEFA) head Yousuf Rashid told Pajhwok Afghan News that the IECC central office would be able to respond to all complaints during the determined time if the commission’s provincial offices failed to concern the complaints.

"But if candidates are not convinced by the IECC’s provincial offices and the complaints went to the commission’s main office, then it would be hard for it to process all complaints in 15 days," he said.

Based on the election schedule, addressing complaints shall be completed in 15 days. "It is an opportunity for provincial office to justify address complaints," Rashid said.

However, he said in case the IECC central office received around a thousand complaints in the appealing period, the commission would not able to finish the job in 15 days.

Transparency Election Foundation of Afghanistan (TEFA) spokesman, Ahmad Zukunft Halabzad, said the number of complaints registered by election teams was very high and the IECC would not be able to respond to all in the determined time.

"If the IECC fails to keep its independence and give up to pressure, it will be failed," said theTEFA spokesman.

**Fish Farming on Rapid Increase in Herat**

HERAT CITY - Local agriculture officials say 20 new fish farms are being opened in near future in western Herat province, where the industry is rapidly expanding.

Abdul Satar Rahmani, Herat province’s agriculture, irrigation and water development director, said there were registered 1,000 complaints.

Esmatullah, a fish seller in Herat, said that he invested over 85,000 afghanis in his farm.

"There is an organization that provides us fish and builds ponds, also I own a poultry farm, but I am not yet ready to go fish and our production will start soon," he said.

Meanwhile, a number of fish sellers complain about lack of market in Herat province.

Fayyaz Khan, a fish seller in Herat, said they will must sell more than 170 kilograms of fish a day compared to selling 200 to 250 kilograms in the same period last year.

"There are different types of fish, a kilogram of big size fish is sold for 140 to 150 afghanis, small size 120 to 130 afghanis a kilogram, but people don’t buy fish because we don’t have the market. They buy fish only for patients," he said.

**District Governor in Logar Sentenced to 10.5 Years in Prison for ‘Taking Bribe’**

LOGAR - The governor of Mohammad Agha district in Logar has been sentenced to 10.5 years in prison for accepting millions of afghanis.

Now Mohammad Obaidi was accused of taking 18 million afghanis and the verdict was issued by the anti-corruption court, the Attorney General’s Office in a statement.

Apart from being sentenced to 10.5 years imprisonment, the culprit is required to pay the money he took as bribe.

"In the bribery case had been arrested on the spot from Kabul’s Shabbandar currency market in July this year. Obaidi had demanded 18 million afghanis from a person who was seeking the return of his land," the prosecutor said.

On Thursday, the Logar court sentenced Mohammad Obaidi to 10.5 years in prison for taking a bribe.

**Complaints Continue to Pour in, Exceed 10,000**

KABUL - The Independent Election Complaints Commission (IECC) has so far registered more than 10,000 complaints from four electoral teams, an official said on Wednesday, expressing more complaints.

Masoud Shams, IECC registration department acting director, told Pajhwok Afghan News that more than 10,000 complaints had been registered by the Stability and Partnership, State Riche’s Security and Justice and Peace and Islamic Justice electoral teams as of 10pm today (Wednesday).

He said most of the complaints were from provinces and their registration process was practically underway and the number of complaints could increase until the end of today.

"We registered the law, the protesting electoral teams would register their complaints till 4.00pm today and after the mentioned time, the IECC would not receive complaints," he said.

Complaints arriving until the mentioned time, the IECC could register complaints, he added.

Shams said the complaints could be referred to provincial offices and in case electoral teams did not accept the decisions of provincial offices, then the center office will again assess their complaints.

Jawad Qudrat, a representative of the Stability and Partnership electoral team, said they had lodged 7,200 complaints till now and would register 1,000 more (More on P4,14).