US Seeks Observer Status for Afghanistan in TIFA: Wells

WASHINGTON - The United States is working to bring Afghanistan in as an observer nation to the Trade and Investment Framework Agreements (TIFA), said the US Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Alice Wells while speaking about the new US-Central Asia strategy at The Heritage Foundation in Washington DC.

“Through our trade and investment framework agreement, for instance, we have worked to bring Afghanistan in as an observer country, that’s something we are working towards so that we can create and support a 100 million person market,” said Wells.

Wells noted that the US has been steadfast in its commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Central Asian states since they achieved independence 28 years ago.

Speaking at the same event, Lisa Currie, the deputy assistant to US president Donald Trump, and senior director for South and Central Asia on the National Security Council described Central Asia as ’geopolitical’ and said that the region could play a key role in Afghanistan’s stability.

“I think while we have seen such support to the Afghan peace process from the Central Asian nations is because they know what happens in Afghanistan directly impacts their own cause they know what happens in Afghanistan is being able to take it as well as dish it out. That’s the only way you’re going to get respect from the players,” Larry Bird.
KABUL - Amnesty International has asked the Afghan government to fulfill its legal obligations to protect journalists, and to ensure that journalists, government officials, and human rights defenders are protected from attacks.

Thirty different media organizations recently called on the government to effectively implement the Access to Information Law, including providing information on key human rights issues.

"Journalists are among the bravest in the world. While they face numerous risks and difficulties, they have faced these risks and difficulties for the sake of the people for the work they do," said Omar Waraich, deputy South Asia Director at Amnesty International.

In a statement issued yesterday, Waraich said the Afghan government must create an enabling environment where journalists could carry out their work freely and without fear.

"The government has a responsibility to not just protect journalists, but also to provide access to information in line with Afghan laws and the country's international obligations on the right to freedom of the press," he said.

In a joint statement, the Afghan media organizations said they were being denied access to information from several government departments, including the Supreme Court, the Attorney General's Office, and the Independent National Directorate for Security intelligence agency, the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of Afghanistan, and the Ministry of Interior.

These included night-time "search operations" by Afghan security forces that have caused civilians, allegations of sexual abuse, and the abduction of two human rights defenders who were alleged to have been subject to an alleged pardoned rape.

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In a separate statement, 15 journalists have asked the Afghanistan government to allow them to report on the peace process from a special position.

"We are saying that there is no lack of coordination and no decision between the Presidential Palace and the Afghan government to effectively implement the peace process," he said.

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Palestinian and U.S. leaders blame each other for violence, rage at government

JERUSALEM - Palestinian and U.S. leaders blamed each other for a surge in violence, as mourners gathered in the occupied West Bank for the funeral of a Palestinian police officer shot dead during unrest, and Israel tightened security.

Palestinian police said 16 Israelis were killed and 16 Palestinians injured amid Palestinian anger at U.S. President Donald Trump's Middle East peace plan, unveiled last week with Israel's prime minister at his side.

A funeral was held on Friday for the policeman who died the previous day in Jenin, in the north of the West Bank, as demonstrations continued.

Palestinian police said he was killed by tear gas fired by Israeli soldiers and not, as Israeli media reported, by Israeli troops who were firing at demonstrators who had set themselves on fire.

Macron Seeks Leading Role in Post-Brexit EU Nuclear Strategy

PARIS - French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday advocated a more coordinated European Union defense strategy to reduce the continent's nuclear power dependency and, as a result, would hold a central role. Addressing military officers gathered at his Elysee Palace, Macron set out his country's nuclear strategy in a bid to show leadership a week after nuclear-armed Britain officially exited the EU.

Macron said France was taking a lead as a deterrent against attacks from belligerent foes, though he acknowledged that France's nuclear rearmament was dimmed after its military scaled down its nuclear arsenal.

The peace agreement will be made, in the spirit of the Israeli military declined to comment.

Israel has carried out repeated raids on Iranian targets in Syria, and in 2011, mainly targeting government-run facilities, to thwart the regime's ballistic missiles and military shipments of dual-use materials. It said earlier this month that a wave of such raids had begun.

Macron, in a speech to the military, praised the French army for its role in Syria, saying: "The army has been fighting with determination, and the French army has no place to be," he said.

But as protesters watch demonstrations dwindling after followers of Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr rallied in Baghdad on Tuesday, Iran is a source of concern from Denmark to Taiwan and Germany wants the debate about what it calls "a deterrent" to be reflected in its military strategy, he said.

"The threats of the world are not the same," he said. "We have to fight against the threat of terrorism, we have to fight against the threat of nuclear proliferation, we have to fight against the threat of cyber attacks, and we have to fight against the threat of climate change."
NEW DELHI: A man has been charged with raping a five-year-old girl on the premises of the United States embassy in the capital New Delhi, police said Thursday. The 25-year-old was arrested at the high-security compound on Sunday after an alleged incident at the living quarters for local embassy staff. Police officer Yogesh Kumar, 44, said preliminary medical tests confirmed the girl had been raped. The man charged rape and child rape laws that carry the death penalty. The skirmishing dropped sharply as the government simplified the one of the most severe in Delhi, with multiple layers of manned and electronic security. Experts said most child victims are known to their families, with others, who frequently1
challenging the crimes to authentic health care. The court heard about 300 children had to speak out.

SAVAYA - President Donald Trump said on Thursday that US forces have killed Queenie Al-Assad in the Syrian Arab Republic in an air operation inside Yemen.

AL-RIMI claimed responsibility for the January 11th attack in which nine Israeli soldiers were killed by Palestinians.

BELFAST - Authorities in northern Ireland have confirmed 13 more confirmed coronavirus cases.

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TURKISH DELEGATION HOLDS BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS IN INDIA

OOSHANBE - Tajikistan is projected to become a vital corridor for transportation of mineral resources between Central Asia and the Southeast Asia as the country seeks to expand its sphere of influence and attracted foreign investment into the country.

Northern Ireland Militants Planted Bomb in Belfast, Investigators Say

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AUG 18 - Iranian intelligence officials said that a large number of young men, women and children have participated in the suppression, execution and murder of people in the first district, in 1980, and played a direct role in the suppression, execution and murder of people in the future. They also stressed that the current situation is very critical and that steps are being taken to prevent any new developments.

Tajikistan: To Play Vital Role as Malaysia's Gateway to Central Asia

The authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran have shut down the operation of the bus service in Tehran on Monday due to the ongoing protests, according to the provincial police. The authorities have imposed restrictions on public transport and have urged people to use other means of transport. The police have also urged people to use other means of transport.

The incident in Northern Ireland, however, was not the first time a bomb had been planted in the country. In previous years, a number of bombs had been planted in the area.

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The caller said the truck was heading for a ferry to Scotland. Despite a search, nothing was found. The woman's family were distraught and the police were concerned for her safety. The incident is being investigated by the police in Northern Ireland.
**Talibanan “Umbrella of Intl. Terrorism” in Afghanistan: MOI**

**KABUL** - The Taliban is the “key provider” of drugs in Afghanistan and an “umbrella of international terrorism”, in the country, the Afghan acting Minister of Interior Massoud Andrabi said on Thursday while speaking at a lecture organized by the Afghan Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS) on “Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Reform in the Ministry of Interior.”

According to Andrabi, the Taliban have also created conditions for the presence of “terror groups” in Afghanistan, as senior representatives from the United States and the Taliban push to cement concrete steps for a potential peace agreement in Doha.

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**Afghanistan Committed to Palestinians Inalienable Rights: Raz**

**KABUL** - Afghanistan has been reelected to the vice-chair of the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People during a meeting held recently. Afghanistan permanent representative to the UN, Ambassadoe Adela Raza in a statement thanked the committee members for reelecting Afghanistan as a vice-chair.

“Ahmanistan is honored by your confidence and will continue to do our best to fulfill this important commitment,” she said.

Over this past year, she said Afghanistan exercised the vice-chairmanship of the committee with a firm dedication to our brothers and sisters in Palestine. “We have shown solidarity to the cause of Palestine’s inalienable right to self-determination and strongly advocated this right at all forums and platforms. “This includes the recent OIC’s emergency meeting in Jeddah following the meeting in July 2019 and the May 2019 Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, which was attended by President Ashraf Ghani showing Afghanistan’s commitment to the plight of the Palestinians.”

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**Ghani Meets Delegation Probing Sattar’s Killing**

**KABUL** - President Ashraf Ghani has directed the delegation concerned to share findings of its investigation into the killing of Amir Sattar with relevant organs, a statement said on Friday. Sattar, a former jihadi command in central Panjshir province and a supporter of President Ghani’s State Builder electoral team, was killed during an operation by intelligence forces in Khair Khana area of Kabul in the first week of January. Ghani, his son and nephew were killed in the NDS raid, sparking angry protests in Kabul and prompting the government to order investigations.

The delegation tasked with probing the incident called on President Ghani, a statement from the president’s spokesman office said. It said the delegation head Gen. Majan Shiek Brehani and members Abdul Razzaq Hashmi, and Habib Rahman Afghan shared their findings with the president. They said they had tried to investigate the operation from various aspects as per the country’s laws. However, the statement carried no details in this regard.

President Ghani, after hearing from the delegation, said the delegation’s findings were serious and coherent and praised unity in their views. The president issued directives to the delegation for follow-up investigations into the incident and asked the Ministry of Interior to come up with appropriate answer to the delegation’s findings.

Ghani said besides the Ministry of Interior and security organs, the findings should be shared with justice and judicial departments for justice. The delegation would share its findings with people through a press conference soon, the statement said (Pajhwok)