

Quote of the Day

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

Winston Churchill

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Relations with US Central to Afghan Stability: Ghani

PESHAWAR - President Ashraf Ghani has renewed his administration's commitment to reforms, especially eliminating the scourge of corruption. In a telephonic conversation with US Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis on Tuesday, Ghani underlined the need for a sustained Kabul-Washington relationship for the security of Afghanistan and the region. Pentagon spokesman Jeff Davis said in a statement Mattis commended the Afghan president's leadership and



emphasised the importance of his government in stability of Afghanistan. "In light of the recent terrorist attacks, including today's attack against the Supreme Court, Mattis offered his condolences for the sacrifices of the Afghan people and commended Ghani's unwavering commitment in the face of the enemy," Davis said. Both leaders expressed their desire to maintain a strong relationship, hoping to engage again in the near future, the Pentagon spokesman added. (Pajhwok)

Support to Afghan Govt, Security Forces a Strategic Priority for US: Flynn

KABUL - The National Security Adviser of the United States Michael T. Flynn has reaffirmed Washington's support to Afghanistan, emphasizing that support to the Afghan government and security forces remains a strategic priority for the US government. Mr. Flynn made the remarks during a telephone conversation with Afghanistan's National Security Adviser Mohammad Hanif Atmar. The conversation followed hours after a deadly attack hit capital Kabul, leaving at least 21 dead and around 41 others wounded. The attack was apparently ... (More on P4)...(3)

Tajikistan to Increase Electricity Export to Afghanistan in 2017

DUSHANBE - Tajikistan plans to increase export of electricity to Afghanistan in 2017, reported Avesta news agency. This is due to the growing demand for electricity in Afghanistan. The Tajik authorities are claiming that there is enough snow on the mountains of the country this year to increase production of electricity in spring and summer period. Tajikistan usually started increasing electricity export since ... (More on P4)...(4)

'British Military Presence in Afghanistan Could Increase'

LONDON - Britain may increase its military presence in Afghanistan, Armed Forces Minister Mike Penning has told MPs. According to media reports, Penning, in giving evidence to the Commons Defense Committee, described the security situation in the war-torn country as "difficult", and joked he was "probably going to get shot" for revealing more personnel may be sent there. "We have no plans to draw-down, actually there is a ... (More on P4)...(5)

Pakistan Extends Afghan Refugees Stay Till Year End

KABUL - Pakistan decided to extend legal stay right of Afghan nationals in the country from March 31 to the end of this year. The decision came at a federal cabinet meeting presided over by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Islamabad. State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mar-yim Orangzeb told a media briefing after the cabinet ... (More on P4)...(6)

UNHCR Hails Pakistan's New Policy on Refugees



PESHAWAR - The United Nations has welcomed Pakistan's decision on a national policy on managing refugees and Afghan nationals living in the country. On Tuesday, the federal cabinet decided to extend the validity of the Proof of Registration cards issued to some 1.3 million registered Afghans refugees until the end of 2017. It also pledged to register the Afghan nationals who currently have no identification documents, and adopted a national refugee law; and a visa regime for different categories of Afghans. UNHCR Representative Indrika Ratwatte said: "Today's announcement is a step ... (More on P4)...(7)

Russia to Host Regional Conf. on Afghanistan: Lavrov



KABUL - Russia has announced it will host a regional conference on Afghanistan in Moscow in mid-February, with representatives from Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, Iran and India in attendance. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov made the announcement following a Tuesday meeting with his Afghan counterpart, Salahuddin Rabbani, in Moscow. "The conference of regional powers on Afghanistan will convene in mid-February and we are expecting that our partners will be represented at a high level," Lavrov said, adding most of the invited countries have ... (More on P4)...(1)

Afghan Forces Committed to Fighting Terrorism: Atmar

KABUL - National Security Advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar has said with the support of the international community Afghan security forces have been fighting global terrorist networks and have rendered huge sacrifices. A statement from the National Security Council (NSC) said on Wednesday Atmar made the remarks at a meeting with NATO's Deputy Secretary General Rose Gottemoeller in Brussels. He acknowledged NATO members had always helped Afghanistan in the fight



against terrorism and extremism. The Afghan security forces had been combating global terrorist network and ... (More on P4)...(2)

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