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Govt. Committed to Inclusive Reforms

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday expressed confidence in the new government’s policies to ensure peace and stability in Afghanistan. Speaking to Vahid Mirwais, the Japanese deputy representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, at the Presidential Palace, Ghani expressed gratitude for Tokyo’s continued support.

A statement from the Presidential Palace said that the government informed the Japanese deputy envoy of a comprehensive agenda with regards to peace process, role of law, good governance, and economic development. (More on Pn-03)

PC’s Claim EU Delegation Support

KABUL - The EU delegation to Afghanistan has decided to support substantial efforts to go beyond political councils (PCs) back their coordination committee at his office in Kabul. Tap Miroslav Mangel, a member of the committee, claimed that EU delegation chief fully supported accountability and transparency of provincial councils. He said that the EU delegation chief was needed for the oversight role, which he said was necessary for the coordination committee at its office in Kabul.

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ISLAMABAD - The United Na- tions Tuesday said the Taliban’s involvement in criminal activ- ity appears to have increased in Afghanistan, warning the trend has consequences for peace and security in the war-torn country.

A new study conducted by a U.N. Security Council Commis- sion indicates the scale and depth of the criminal activity is new, and builds on decades of inter- action among the Taliban and others involved in criminal be- haviour, including narcotics traff- icing, illicit mining, exploitation with women and trafficking for ransom.

An official statement released from New York says the U.N. Committee has examined specif- ic causes of cooperation between organized crime syndicates, not- tably by groups involved in kid- napping for ransom, in the pro- duction and trade in narcotics and in the illegal exploitation of natural resources in Afghanistan.

It says that at times, the Islamic attemps to generate resources directly by acting as criminal body.

This trend has consequences for peace and security in Afghan- nistan, as it encourages those within the Taliban movement who have said, warning the ICRC would possibly encounter some extraor- dinary problems as one of the de- nner countries to decrease their assistance to the country. According to the ICRC officials, the percentage of the wounded in Afghanistan. (More on Pn-06)

ICRC Concerned over Cuts in Humanitarian Aid

KABUL - Reporting of a dramatic increase in combat casualties, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has expressed concern over possible decrease in humanitarian aid to Afghanistan. In an interview with TCLowess, ICRC head in Afghan- nistan, Marta said the war- weary Afghans are still enduring bottlenecks.

"We have witnessed such a de- crease for the time being, but we expect that in the coming months there might be some actions to maintain their assistance," Marta said, warning the ICRC would possibly encounter some extraordinary problems as one of the donor countries to decrease their assistance to the country. According to the ICRC officials, the percentage of the wounded in Afghanistan. (More on Pn-06)

Work on Kabul Township Project to Begin Soon: Massoud

KABUL - Ahmad Zia Massoud, the presi- dent’s special representative for returns and good governance on Tuesday said that the government was all ready to start work on the New Kabul town project.

During his visit of the township master plan, he said that work on the new township would be launched soon in the wake of a boom in the population in the capital Kabul building a new township with large capacity would help the government to easily address people’s problems, he remarked.

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