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**Qatar’s National Sports Day Celebrated in Kabul**

KABUL - Qatar’s National Sport Day was celebrated by the Gulf country’s embassy in Kabul on Tuesday (today).

The event was organised in the hotel of the Kabul Serena Hotel. A large number of guests were summoned to the luxurious hotel to attend the function.

The evening will be spent in workshops and basketball will be played, retracement for the winning team and group photographs will be taken on the occasion.

Sheikh Al-Jabr, assistant ambassador of Qatar, said: “We welcome you all to Qatar’s National Sport Day function.”

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**Kabul Explosion Kills 6, Injures 13 – MoD**

KABUL - The Ministry of Defense said in a statement that a suicide attack was carried out at around 8:50 am on Tuesday in Qurnet-e-Muzammil, Faryab, of Kabul.

According to the statement, the attack targeted four army and special forces of the Afghan security forces and caused several civilian and military casualties. After the attack, the MoD reported that following the attack the near the Marshal Fahim National Defense University, the security forces identified and defused another car bomb in the vicinity. It added that the bomb had been planned to be exploded among the civilian forces.

Through its statement, the defense ministry expressed its condolences concerning the victims of the attack. “The martyrs seek heaven” and wished a quick recovery to the wounded.

Also, the MoD says that conducting such attacks among the people in the cities is an act of terrorism adding that killing innocent people is what the terrorists do.

This comes as the peace talks between the US Embassy Zalmai Khalilzad the Taliban representational office continues.

In Qatar, in contrast, such attacks have affected the peace talks several times.

No individual or group has claimed the responsibility for the attack so far. (PajN)

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Why Violent Crime Is Soaring in Afghan Major Cities

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eal violence crime is one of the alarming issues in Afghan major cities. Kabul has been the scene of a surge of violent crimes recently. Violent crime is a social problem of the most dangerous and infectious – aggravated assault, robbery, rape, and murder in Afghan major cities. As a result, the incidence of violent crime in the major cities remains as one of the main concerns of Afghan citizens that call on the government to take concrete steps to address the increasing rate of crime in the country. In order to better understand, identify and solve the social deviance in our big cities, we need to be at the distinctive description of what violent crime is and its indicators. Some have argued that the kind of violent crime is one of the most vital concerns for the government. The crucial concern is the public safety of its citizens. The solutions to reducing violent crime in society have been a subject of extensive debate and discussion in the social science field. Social science scholars hold that there is no single factor that can create crime-prone places. However, we also know that a good number of people are involved in violent crimes, but robbery rates may be more prevalent in some areas because of the nature of the criminal activity, and the volume of cash involved. Physical violence toward children may be a major cause of trauma that may significantly impact the emotional health of children. Religious integration has been one of the highly significant legacies of the Silk Road. The integration of Islam and Buddhism are widely seen in China and in traders' buildings and homes. The non-inborn faiths were forced to maintain their own beliefs. Afghanistan is going to address some of the main factors responsible for the irritating traffic in Kabul. The Kabul Irritating Traffics: A Never-Ended Problem

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BRUSSELS — Angela Merkel’s ‘heir apparent’ has resigned in a potential shakeup to Germany’s future, after weeks of uncertainty about whether the leader of the country’s traditional Christian Democratic Union party would step down as the party’s leader and head of state.

Ms. Merkel’s representative not only defied her party’s alliance appeals and dictated to an Oct. 18, 2021, by-election, the new leader is widely regarded as a fill-in in post-Soviet Eastern German politics around cooperation with Germany.

“I think of this decision with the utmost respect,” the leader of the Christian Democratic Union, Armin Laschet, told reporters Monday in Berlin, acknowledging that he would step down on a new party leader is chosen.

Merkel has said she will run for a fifth term in Germany’s next election, due in 2021, but has given no indication of what her future role might look like.

“Whether I will be able to announce that in the next three months remains to be seen,” she said.

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According to The Hollywood Reporter, Taika Waititi, who previously directed the film Thor: Ragnarok, is in talks to direct the film.

“I hope we can work together to make a film that will be a success and that will help to promote indigenous languages and culture,” he said.

Waititi has expressed interest in working with actors of Māori descent on the project, which would be the first time a Māori actor has been cast in a lead role in a Marvel film.

“I’m excited to be part of a project that will help to tell stories from the perspective of indigenous people,” Waititi said.

Waititi’s previous work has included directing and writing the film Hunt for the Wilderpeople, which was nominated for Best Foreign Language Film at the Academy Awards.

“I am thrilled to be able to bring my experience and expertise to this project,” Waititi said.

Waititi is scheduled to begin filming the Thor: Ragnarok sequel later this year in New Zealand.
Coronavirus May Be Over Soon in China, Expert Says, As WHO Warns of Global Threat

New Hampshire Votes in Consequential Democratic Primary

WASHINGTON - Democrats voted Tuesday in a high-stakes primary in New Hampshire as former Bernie Sanders and youthful challenge Pete Buttigieg fought for pole position in the race for who will face President Donald Trump in November's election. Tensions have risen steadily as people in the Granite State, notoriously independent-minded and ambivalent voters, headed to polls across the northeast battleground with just 1.3 million people. But the state plays a major role in primary season as it is one of the first to vote and is considered a bellwether. New Hampshire also hosts the national primary, eight days after Iowa's caucuses and the nomination process, and it could also determine the Democratic party's field of 15 candidates.

White House hopefuls have been courting votes in the state (More on P6...)

Three Popes Fueled 'Two Popes' Headache

KIVY - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said he expects to lose developing "serious and good relations" with the United States regarding the outcome of the presidential election in the country. "We have come out of this complicated situation in such a way that, at least in the next few years, we will have serious and good relations with the United States," Zelensky said in an interview with the Democrat (More on P6...)

New Delhi Election: Kejriwal's AAP on Course for Big Win

New Delhi - The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is on course for a big win in the Delhi Assembly elections, according to early poll results. The AAP is leading with more than 60 seats, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is trailing with less than 30 seats in the 70-member house. The results show that the AAP, which is in power since 2013, has maintained its stronghold in Delhi.

The AAP, led by ardent leader Arvind Kejriwal, is expected to secure a comfortable majority, boosting its chances of forming a government in the city. The results are a significant victory for the party, which has been a vocal critic of the central government's policies.

Kazakhstan Expecting to Make Agreements on Oil Export to Belarus

NUR-SULTAN - The Kazakh Foreign Minister said that his country expects to make agreements on oil exports to Belarus. The talks between the two countries are expected to be held in the near future.

The agreement will be signed following the meeting of the Kazakh and Belarusian delegations. The talks are expected to focus on the terms of the supply, pricing, and transportation of the oil.

Japanese and Armenian Foreign Ministers to Hold Talks

TURKMESTAN, EU DISCUSS SUPPLIES TO WORLD MARKETS

In a tweet, Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said that the two countries have agreed to work together on the supply of oil and gas to global markets.

The two countries have signed a deal, which targets the supply of 25 million tons of oil and 30 billion cubic meters of gas to global markets.

The agreement aims to boost trade and economic relations between the two countries, and to promote sustainable energy development.

Tajikistan: Chinese Diplomats Surrounded in Anti-Corruption Measures

DUSHANBE - A group of Chinese diplomats known as the "blackmailers" was last week reported to have been surrounded by anti-corruption measures in the Tajik capital.

The diplomats were reportedly threatened and harassed by local officials, who alleged that they were involved in corruption and money laundering.

The incident comes amid growing tensions between the two countries, with China increasingly asserting its influence in the region.

In response, the Tajik government has arrested the Chinese diplomats and charged them with corruption.

The move is seen as a reaction to the growing Chinese presence in Tajikistan, which has prompted concerns about the potential for corruption and the erosion of Tajik sovereignty.

The incident has raised questions about the role of the Chinese abroad, and the impact of its growing influence on local governance.

The Tajik government has said that it will continue to take action against corruption, and that it will not tolerat
Pentagon Funding Request for Afghanistan Hits 10-Year Low

KABUL - The US military has sought a $4.8 billion budget for 2021 for Operation Freedom Sentinel -- the lowest amount to be spent on the war in Afghanistan in 10 years.

The funding request for Operation Freedom Sentinel was made in the Pentagon’s fiscal year 2021 request, the Military Times reported on Tuesday.

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