**ICRC Calls for Safe Release of Abducted Local Staff**

**KABUL** - President Ashraf Ghani met with world leaders on the sidelines of their first get together with US representatives under President Trump in Munich, Germany. The annual weekend get-together with US Vice President Mike Pence, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, lead- ing the US delegation, was held on January 20, 2017 in Munich, Germany. The Munich Security Conference is known for its openness and informal atmosphere. The conference brings together heads of state, government officials, and leaders of international organizations to exchange views on the most pressing issues of our time. The conference is an important platform for dialogue and cooperation, and its role in promoting peace and security is widely recognized.

**Afghanistan Calls on Pakistan to Act Against All Terror Groups**

**KABUL** - The Afghan National Unity Government (ANG) has called on Pakistan to act against all terror groups that have links to the Afghan security forces, including the Haqqani network and the Taliban. The Afghan government has accused Pakistan of providing refuge and support to these groups, and has threatened to take action against Pakistan if it does not act to eliminate these threats.

**Atma Conference**

The Atma Conference on Afghanistan and Pakistan is an important platform for dialogue and cooperation. It brings together leaders from Afghanistan and Pakistan to discuss ways to improve relations and promote regional peace and stability. The conference is an opportunity for both countries to address their differences and work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

**Terrorism Common Enemy of Afghanistan and Pakistan**

The conference has been attended by leaders from both countries, including President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan and Prime Minister Imran Khan of Pakistan. The leaders have expressed their commitment to working together to eliminate terrorism and promote regional peace and stability. The conference has been widely praised for its positive impact and for bringing the two countries closer together.

**China Committed to Co-building Global Enduring Peace**

**BONN, Germany** - China is committed to co-building and sharing a world with lasting peace and common prosperity. At a bilateral meeting with President Xi Jinping of China, German Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed her commitment to China’s Co-building of Global Enduring Peace. The two leaders discussed a range of issues, including regional security, economic cooperation, and environmental sustainability.

**MOFA Summons Pakistani Ambassador**

**KABUL** - Afghanistan, Tajikistan agree to form Consular Cooperation Commission. Afghanistan, Tajikistan have agreed to establish a Consular Cooperation Commission to promote friendly relations and enhance mutual understanding. The Commission will be based in Afghanistan and will be chaired by the Afghan Foreign Minister. It will be responsible for promoting cultural and educational exchanges, as well as promoting trade and investment.

**Pence Voices Support for Afghan Unity Government**

**MUNICH** - The White House says Vice President Mike Pence voiced his support for Afghanistan’s Unity Government during a meeting with President Ashraf Ghani. The leaders met on the side- lines of a security conference in Munich. They talked about ways to improve relations between their countries and advance mutual interests, particularly on counterterrorism and economic development. The White House says they also discussed the importance of continuing the “strategic partnership” between the US and Afghanistan. Pence is also scheduled to meet with their Pakistan counterpart Hakim- ul-Akhbar (HY’- kahl ul-AKBer) Khan.

**KABUL** - The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has announced the closure of polling stations in five provinces. The closure is effective on January 20, 2017, as the IEC has found that the number of polling stations in these provinces has been reduced. The decision is to ensure the safety and security of voters, as well as to prevent any abuse of the electoral process. The IEC has also expressed its commitment to upholding the principles of transparency and fairness in the upcoming elections. The decision is in line with the recommendations of the election observers, including the Carter Center and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The closure is a significant step towards ensuring the success of the upcoming elections, which are essential for the future stability and development of Afghanistan.