Obama Calls for Unity against Violent Extremism

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday called for Muslim communities around the world to resist the notion that the West was at war with Islam in his final speech at the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.

"Muslim communities, including scholars and clerics, therefore have a responsibility to push back, not just on twisted interpretations of Islam, but also on the lie that we are somehow engaged in a clash of civilizations, that America and the West are somehow at war with Islam or seek to suppress Muslims," said Obama.

"The notion that the West is at war with Islam is an ugly lie," said Obama.

"Obama’s statement echoed the key point of his keynote speech on Wednesday, where he promised that he was not leading a war against Islam. “We are not at war with Islam. We are at war with people who have perpetrated Islam,” he said.

Obama also urged governments... (Move on P6-1)

Kerry Sees “Unprecedented Level” of Af-Pak Cooperation

WASHINGTON - In recent months there has been an unprecedented level of cooperation between Kabul and Islamabad, the US Secretary of State, John Kerry, said Thursday as he prepared the

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British Envoy

Elections without Reform Would be a Mistake

KABUL - Holding parliamentary elections this year without reforms that address major weaknesses in the nation’s electoral system would be a major mistake, British Ambassador to Afghanistan Richard Stagg warned on Thursday.

In an exclusive interview with TOLOnews, Ambassador Stagg said that Afghanistan has experienced three fraudulent elections, and must not repeat the experience for the fourth time. Britain is among... (Move on P6-6)

Accusations of Corruption, Negligence against Acting Governors Increase

KABUL - Accusations of corruption and negligence against Acting Governors have grown over the last three weeks, with regional and national in the province accusing the Acting Governors of having been negligent in the region.

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Nuanced trade-off for the PDUs

Ghani Prepares for Peace Talks with Taliban Leadership

KABUL - Talks between Afghan government officials and Taliban leadership are expected to be held in the coming weeks, according to government sources in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. In preparation, President Ashraf Ghani has begun meeting with key stakeholders in attempts to ensure all voices are taken into account if negotiations move forward.

Following the announcement this month that Pakistani Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa would commence talks with the Taliban earlier this week, senior officials in Islamabad purported that Taliban leaders... (Move on P6-7)