**Quote of the Day**

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At the meeting, Ghani discussed issues such as security, peace negotiations, and the future of Afghanistan.

A statement from the Presidential Palace said the meeting was aimed at strengthening national unity and addressing the pressing needs of the people.

The meeting also included discussions on the implementation of the peace process and the role of the Afghan government in facilitating it.

Ghani said that the government was committed to a peaceful and inclusive future for Afghanistan, and that it was ready to work with all stakeholders to achieve this goal.

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**NATO Asks Afghanistan, Pakistan to Reduce Tension**

KABUL - NATO Resolute Support (RS) Mission on Wednesday asked Afghans and Pakistanis to reduce tension and work together for the security and welfare of their region.

In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News said the RS mission added that there was no single solution for terrorism and that the two countries needed to work together.

The statement also emphasized that the RS mission was committed to supporting the Afghan government in its efforts to reduce tension in the region.

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**Herat Mines’ Income Falls by 30 Percent**

FAIZABAD - Herat mines’ income fell by 30 percent in the past two years, officials said.

The statement said that Herat mines’ income fell from $15 million in 2015 to $10.5 million in 2016.

The statement further added that the mines’ income was affected by a decrease in the price of copper and a decrease in production.

The statement emphasized that the government was committed to supporting the mines and improving their performance.

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**Afghanistan Starts Work on National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA)**

KABUL - The government of Japan has started the programme to support the establishment of the National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) in Afghanistan.

The programme is expected to help improve Afghanistan’s disaster management capacities and to support the implementation of the National Disaster Management Strategy.

The statement further added that the programme would be implemented by the National Disaster Management Authority and supported by the Japanese government.

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**NATO calls for the reduction of tension between Afghanistan and Pakistan**

US Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker said on Wednesday that the US and Afghanistan have agreed to work together to reduce tension between the two countries.

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KARL - Afghanistan imports $2.8 billion of goods from Iran every year, and the country’s annual exports are around $3 billion, according to the statement.

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The statement emphasized that Afghanistan was committed to increasing its trade with Iran and to developing further economic relations.

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The statement said that all schools in the Warduj district will be opened in the coming educational year.

The statement further added that the government was committed to providing education to all children, particularly those who were living in remote areas.

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