Dr. Abdullah

Afghans Want Peace and Stability

National interest would not be damaged in the peace process

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah on Monday hinted at early begin-
ing of peace talks between the Afghan government and the Tal-
iban leadership, but said national interests would be kept supreme.
Chairing a meeting of the council of ministers, Abdullah assured the Afghans that national inter-
est would not be damaged in the peace process, the details of which would be released in the
next few days.
He said the nation would be kept on board with regard to any pro-
gress in the yet to be started ne-
gotiations and that no behind the
scenes deal would be struck with the insurgents.
"The people of Afghanistan will be informed from whose-peace talks
will start and what are the de-
velopments during the talks," Abdull-
lah said.
"The chief of staff of Pakistan's forces and his delegation visited Afghanistan a few days ago, we
welcome that they said Afghan-
istan's enemy in Pakistan's enemy, and Pakistan has told those people
who are involved in the war that they do not have any other option than... (More on P6)(2)

US Defense Secretary

‘We will never be gone from Afghanistan’

KANDAHAR - The US Sec-
yretary of Defense Ashton
Carter has said the United
States will never be gone
from Afghanistan while on
insisting on the importance of the
country.
Speaking to US troops at
Kandahar Airfield headquarters, Car-
ter said “We’ll never be gone
from Afghanistan because
Afghanistan is an important
country in the world.”
He said “But when our pres-
cence here is reduced to some-
thing much smaller than to-
day, we want to make sure
that the... (More on P6)(3)

Russia Wants Security Agreement Inked with Afghanistan: Ambassador

KABUL - Russian ambassador to Af-
ghanistan, Alexander Mantyukhy, called on second deputy to chief executive Ehsan
Mohammad Marzouq and expressed his country’s willingness to ink security agreement with
Afghanistan. During the meeting, (More on P6)(5)

HRW Asks Pakistan to Stop Forced Refugees’ Repatriation

KABUL - The Human Rights Watch (HRW) urged Pakistan to stop forced repatriation of Afghani-

refugees. "Pakistanis should not make refu-

ges a pawn in the game of ‘Talibans atrocities in Pakistan,’ said Phelan Kine, HSU deputy Asia director.
The HRW asked Pakistani authorities to honor its obligation of protecting Afghani

refugees from harassment, including those who were not registered.
"It is inhumane, and inexcusable unlawful, to return Afghan to places they face " (More on P6)(7)

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