Afghan Peace: Kabulov Woos Turkey into Moscow Format

KABUL - Being a key player in Afghanistan, Turkey may be included in the Moscow format, says Russian President Vladimir Putin's special presidential envoy for Afghanistan.

Currently on a trip to Ankara, Zamir Kabulov met on Friday with his Turkish counterpart Rıza Hakan Teym on the Afghan-led peace process.

After the meeting, the Russian diplomat said: “We noted that we perfectly understand the influence and significant role of Turkey in this region and see it as an important player in the Afghan settlement.”

Sputnik quoted him as saying Turkey and a number of other regional states had full right to be part of the Moscow format to resolve the Afghan problem.

Kabulov claimed the US was ready for dialogue about cooperation with Moscow on combating Daesh and al-Qaeda terrorist groups in Afghanistan.

US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad conveyed him America's willingness for substantive discussions on cooperation with Russia, he added.

“We take it as a sign that we have been heard, let the professionals take care of this now,” Kabulov said. Russia would be pleased if Turkey attended the next meeting in Moscow, he remarked after meeting Khalilzad, promising cooperation with the US in the fight against al-Qaeda and Daesh. (Pajhwok)

Afghans to Elect Their President
Not Regional Capitals: Ghani

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has said the people of Afghanistan would elect their president and Islamabad, Moscow and Tehran have no right to interfere in the country’s democratic process.

KABUL - According to the letter, 28,849 artillery shells were fired into Afghanistan by Pakistan between 2012 to 2017.

The Afghan government in a letter to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has raised the issue of “consistent violations of Afghanistan’s territory” by Pakistani forces and has called on the UN to initiate...(More on P4)...(2)

KABUL - Before resuming talks with America’s special representative in Doha, the Taliban have voiced optimism about Monday’s meeting.

In their last meeting a month ago, the two sides agreed in principle to a framework for a deal on a US troop pullout. The Taliban promised terrorists would not be allowed to use Afghan territory for future attacks.

On Friday, the insurgent movement said: “A meeting will take place between their negotiation team and US representatives in Qatar. Allah willing, it will prove positive. ”

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