**Quote of the Day**

Tolerance

Barack Obama

"America and Islam are not exclusive and need not be in competition. In fact, they overlap, and they are both拿出 more good things from history."

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**US-Iran conflict would mean end of Afghan peace process: Olson**

KABUL: Speaking at a press conference Tuesday, January 7, caretaker of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Idrees Zaman said that they have completed a reform package under which the ministry will undergo new reforms and changes in a wide range in different levels of the ministry.

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**Create jobs for us, Khosh graduates ask govt**

KABUL: Fresh university graduates in southeastern Afghanistan provinces want the government to create job opportunities for them. This year, nearly 2,000 students, including 650, graduated from the Shehik Zayed University and several other higher education institutions.

One of the new graduates is Zahibullah, who hails from Nadir Shah Kozri district. He is a Computer Science graduate from the Sheik Zayed University. In an exclusive chat with Pajhwok Afghan News, Zahibullah said he was in quest of a job relevant to his subject. But he seems to be somewhat pessimistic, he said.

Zahibullah said, like many other graduates, he might not be able to succeed in his effort for lack of job-experience and limited employment opportunities.

“I demand the government to create jobs for the graduates, relevant to their subjects. There are fewer jobs these days and many people are unemployed,” said Zahibullah.

Salim Hamid, another gradu- ate from Khosh, said government and private organizations asked them not to have any expectation. But to job-seekers, this is cause for concern.

“Whenever we go in search of jobs, we are told we don’t have experience. If we are not given jobs, how can we acquire experience?” said Hamid.

Meanwhile, some unemployed graduates called for their own independent businesses. Nastaran Jan, who graduated two years ago, is doing business. More on page 4.

**ISIS Threat in Kunar Serious: Governor**

MFA is downsizing under new reform package

KABUL: According to his information, 14 Ukrainian plane crash victims in Panjshir province. (pajwak)

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Meanwhile, the Kunar provincial council and a number of residents in the province that it will pose serious threats in the future if ISIS activities are not curbed as soon as possible. (DWNews)

10 Afghans among victims of Ukrainian plane crash

KABUL: Ten 10 Afghan nationals are among victims of a Ukrainian passenger airplane crash in on Wednesday.

The Ukrainian airplane burst into flames shortly after takeoff from Tehran on Wednesday, killing all 173 people aboard in a crash that an initial report blamed on engine failure. Debris and encoding engine parts were strewn across a field around 20 km (six miles) from Imam Khomeini airport as rescue workers with face masks retrieved the bodies of the victims.

Ukraine’s embassy in Iran, citing preliminary information, said the plane was on its way to Kyiv, the capital, from Tehran.

Eyewitnesses said the airplane caught fire in the air and fell to the ground in a few seconds.

Some international companies appear in Afghanistan, via Iran UN removed peace talks with the Taliban last month. NAFTA quoted Western diplomats as saying that the US strike against Iran and Iran’s retaliation in Iraq, will surely slow down the peace talks.

The escalation of crisis has caused concerns in Afghanistan asKirahim Officials said the American air assets in Afghanistan have repeatedly come up in discussions over possible response to Iran, though the top United States command in Afghanistan has urged caution about such plans, NATO said. (Itv)

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3. **Meanwhile, Governor Mohammad Arian told Pajhwok that the two pilots had been killed in the crash.**

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5. **KABUL: A person has killed and injured a number of people in an attack on a police post in northern Afghanistan.**

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B11 Winds, poor visibility force closure of key highway

KABUL: A pilot on Wednesday discovered and confiscated fresh drug packages in a supply helicopter near the Kabul-Pul-e-Khums district. (Pajhwok)

**Another chopper crashes in Pakia, 10 injured**

KABUL: Ten people including the pilot and two service personnel were injured after an attack took place on a helicopter in the northern Pakia province. (Pajhwok)

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**Efforts made as construction of road in Badakhshan under process**

KABUL: The Salang highway, linking the capital Kabul with northern Afghanistan, has been shut for traffic due to heavy snow and poor visibility. (Pajhwok)

**Massive collection of guns seized in Kabul**

KABUL: Afghan News that Governor Nazifullah Shahrani, the capital of Paktia province, in the Shah Mohammad Arian, told Pajhwok that 10 injured after an Afghan National Army (ANA) chopper crashed in neighboring Pakia province on Wednesday, officials said. (Pajhwok)

**Mubin, Blake discuss peace process, regional situation**

KABUL: National Security Adviser Hamdullah Mohib has received British Ambassador to Afghanistan Alison Blake for a meeting at his office, a statement from the National Security Council said on Wednesday. (Pajhwok)

**Laghman names new park after Dr. Nakamura**

Outlook Horoscope

Artemis (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

3. **Katrina, right now you could be overwhelmed by conflict among your family and friends that could make your responsibilities toward your job or other commitments even greater.**

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

5. **You could start to feel some increased tension and anxiety in your life, as well as some feelings of isolation.**

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

7. **You should be looking especially attractive today, Virgo, and you might be pining away to be seen by someone at the party.**

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

8. **You shouldn’t be looking so pretty today, Virgo, and you might be pining away to be seen by someone at the party.**

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

10. **This is not the day to make financial decisions that will affect you financially, because of a lack of communication from the financial sector.**

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

12. **You’re probably taking care of some family obligations and may have lost track of time. Hang in there!**

Libra (Sept 23-Oct. 22)

14. **Money matters might get your attention today, Virgo, but you might be too busy to worry about it.**

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov. 22)

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Peace Talks Prove to Escalating Tension in the Region

It is feared that the US-Taliban ongoing talks in the Qatari capital of Doha and the Taliban’s deterioration on the US’s front in Afghanistan in the region and all states will be affected adversely. The fears have been increased after Washington in its January 6 statement in which it is expected to be in due to its relations with Pakistan. The initial phase of talks involving the Afghan government and the Taliban ended on November 15, 2020 in Afghanistan’s capital. Though the beginning of the talks was marked by the convening of the meeting of the Afghan government and the Taliban’s talks in Doha and December 2015 and decided to establish the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Further, the talks’ final level meetings, well supported by the reports and recommendations of the technical bodies, have in fact led to a continuous process of cooperation, at least in the non-controversial areas of cooperation.

Formation background

Earlier the principle position of pattern of interaction had gained strength and prevented the evolution and growth of regional co-operation. It has made room for economic and social co-operation. The promotion of a common regionally different and complex, but when the South Asian countries own a non-controversial mode of equal and a common interest in peaceful change, attempts to initiate and in- institutionalise economic co-operation began to emerge in early Eighties. The circumstances favouring economic cooperation were premised on various assumptions. First, the promotion and satisfaction of economic goals through economic measures would establish the beginning of economic issues in the regional order. Second, the evaluation of equitable distribution of benefits from the economic cooperation on a non-controversial mode of equal and individual activity would reduce the security of bilateral unreformed disputes to a manageable level. Through this approach, various forms of commercial and individual activity would not in fact damage the process of economic and political co-operation. In other words, regional cooperation is important in both economic and security terms. Multiplying interdependence through trade, investments, and technology cooperation generally leads to a better alignment of security perceptions and a proliferation of historical realities.

Common factors among nations

Cooperation among states is promoted by common factors which may be geographical, cultural, religious, or ideological. Development in the preconditions of economic and social co-operation. The bigger the interaction, the better are the chances of success cooperation. The South Asian region contains some of the most promising co-operation and its community of several factors with minor variations in their distinct origin. The views and opinions expressed in the articles are those of the authors and do not reflect the views or opinions of the Daily Outlook Afghanistan.
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Ukrainian Airliner Crashes in Iran, Killing 176

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President forces water and power minister to quit

KABUL: President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has forced the water and energy minister, Mohammad Gail Khilmi, to resign, a source at the Chief Executive’s office has said. According to the well-placed sources, though the interim minister has cited personal reasons for his resignation, but actual reason behind it is the mounting pressure from the President. The source said President Ghani is slowly and gradually sidelining all the ministers appointed by his power-sharing CEC Abdullah Abdullah.

It said the alleged firing attribute by President and sidelining of these ministers would further complicate the situation.

Salam Watanadar wished to have the views of the presidency in connection with these allegations, but repeated calls went unanswered. Khilmi had been serving as interim minister for water and power for the past three years. Prior to him, former minister Ali Ahmad Ozami was also dismissed by President Ghani. (salamwatanadar)

KABUL: The State Ministry for Peace Affairs on Wednesday criticized the government and private institutions responsible for achieving peace in the country and termed their activities as unconvincing.

Ghalam Yahya Abassi, deputy minister for peace affairs, told a conference titled “Consultation with civil society institutions” in Kabul, that unfortunately the government’s and private sector’s efficiency had not been convincing. He added the government and non-governmental organizations had been many times responsible for advancing peaceful resolution to disputes, mediation and diplomatic initiatives for promotion of the peace process and respect for human rights, but their performances had not been successful.

Abassi continued efficiency of state and non-state institutions in peace process had not been comparable to expectations of the people for various reasons. Abassi said ending the ongoing conflict and bringing lasting peace was a pillar of the Afghan government’s internal policy. He said complexity of issues at stake in the peace process required work of different institutions in government and non-government agencies.

Meanwhile, Aziz Rafie, the Afghanistan civil society association head, told the conference that efforts of peace talks had been ignored. He said Afghanistan would not achieve peace until the real motive of the war was not clear.

He termed declaration of truce before peace negotiations a red line, saying without ceasefire Afghanistan could not experience peace. He said civil society associations had done nearly 40 investigation research regarding the peace process but the government did not pay attention to it. Earlier, US Special Representative for Afghanistan Peace and Author’s Afghanistan Usama Khalid said that he has arrived in Qatar for talks with the Taliban on a ceasefire and reduction of violence. A credible more on page 4-5

KABUL: The Movement for Change in Afghanistan (MCA) political party on Wednesday said peace agreements between the US, the Afghan government and Taliban should be based on international guarantees.

Fawzia Kufi, MCA head, told a press conference here that there were hopes for a possible agreement between the Taliban and the US in next few days. The MCA and the people of Afghanistan hope the agreement would put the war to an end and lead to a nationalized ceasefire and political and regional stability, she said.

“We request intra-Afghan talks should immediately be started after agreement (between the US and the Taliban),” she said. Kufi said they expected the agreements between the US and Taliban and the Afghan government would be referred to international sources for further assurance.

“If only the Taliban-US agreement is referred to international sources, it would give the Taliban an upper hand over the government,” she said. She asked parties involved in peace talks to agree be on an inclusive negotiating team that could represent the Afghan people (pajwak)

KABUL: The father of a two-year-old boy, Omar, who died after being injected medicine at a private hospital in Kabul, has decided to file a complaint against the Forensic Department.

According to the boy’s family, the child was suffering from cold and was shifted to a private clinic for treatment. The mother of the child, who wished not to be named, said she brought her child to the Kasar Private clinic on December 28, 2019 for treatment but soon after a nurse injected him a medicine, his condition deteriorated and died on the spot.

“The nurse very quickly injected him. I told him to slowly inject the medicine but he responded by saying don’t worry nothing is more on page 4-5

Govt. private peace efforts unconvincing so far: Abbasi

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2. The bidders can submit their quotations on their business letterhead in sealed envelopes distinctly addressed to the “Head of Chancery, Embassy of Pakistan, Kabul” before 1200 hours on 30 January 2020, which opened the same day at 1230 hours in presence of parties or their authorized representatives.

3. Interested parties can visit the site at 1300 hours on 20 January 2020. Embassys of Pakistan

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International guarantee sought for US-govt-Taliban deals