

## Quote of the Day

Change always comes bearing gifts.

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# Obama Defends Political Legacies, Repudiates Trump's Policies

BEIJING/CHICAGO - In an emotional farewell speech on Tuesday night, U.S. President Barack Obama defended his political legacies and repudiated some policies of President-elect Donald Trump.

In the hour-long speech in his hometown of Chicago, Obama mentioned the health care overhaul, the Paris agreement on climate change, financial stability after the 2008 crisis and the nuclear deal with Iran as his key legacies over the past eight years.

During his tenure, the Obama administration succeeded in the expansion of health care, the normalization of relations with Cuba, economic recovery and job growth and the achievement of marriage



equality among others. However, his successor, who takes office on Jan. 20, holds

different, even opposite, political views on many of Obama's policies. Trump has pro-

posed banning Muslims from entering the country, building a wall on the border with

Mexico, upending a global deal to fight climate change and dismantling Obama's health care reform.

In the speech, Obama said: "Anyone can put together a plan that is demonstrably better than the improvements we've made to our health care system, that covers as many people at less cost, I will publicly support it." These remarks apparently targeted Trump, who has urged Republican-controlled Congress to repeal the law. Obama said he rejects discrimination against Muslim Americans, saying: "If we're going to be serious about race going forward, we need to uphold laws against discrimination -- in hiring, and in housing, and in education, and in the criminal justice system." (Xinhua)

## Atmar in Kandahar as Ghani Orders thorough Probe into the Terror Attack



KABUL - The National Security Adviser Mohammad Hanif Atmar arrived in southern Kandahar province on Wednesday leading a delegation of high level government officials to investigate the deadly attack on government guesthouse.

Tawab Ghorzang, spokesman of the National Security Council (NSC), said "A high level security line ministries delegation leading by NSA Atmar, just reached to Kandahar to investigate the yesterday's explosion." The Office of the President, ARG Palace, condemned the

attack on strongest words and said enemies of Afghanistan targeted governor, UAE Ambassador, and some civilians in a terrorist attack.

A statement by ARG said the UAE Ambassador had visited the province for humanitarian support and inauguration of Al-Nahyan foundation.

President Ghani said the enemies of the stability and development of Afghanistan cannot harm the will and confidence of the Afghan people for development and prosperity of the country. He said ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

## UAE Mourns 5 Diplomats Killed in Blast

KANDAHAR - The killing of five diplomats from the United Arab Emirates in a bombing in Kandahar Province marks the deadliest attack ever for the young nation's diplomatic corps, though it's too soon to tell who was behind it or if the Gulf envoys were even the targets.

The federation of seven sheikhdoms, founded in 1971 on the Arabian Peninsula, said it would fly the nation's flag at half-staff for three days in honor of the dead from the attack Tuesday in Kandahar. The Taliban denied planting the bomb, even as the insurgents claimed other blasts Tuesday that killed at least 45 people. No other group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack in Kandahar, a province in Afghanistan's Taliban heartland.

The bomb targeted a guesthouse of Kandahar Governor Homayun Azizi, who was wounded in the assault along ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

## Lawmaker Urges Iran Presence in Afghan Peace Talks

KABUL - Member of Afghan Parliament called for participation of Iran and Russia in the Afghanistan-Taliban peace talks. Addressing the plenary session of the parliament on Wednesday, Ali Kazemi said the act would prevent disunification, while bringing good results. Kazemi said prior to the Russia-China-Pakistan trilateral meeting, which was held in Russia, Afghan government must have taken active diplomacy in engaging the countries in the peace process and with the participation of the US to prevent holding Moscow meeting. "In order to remove peace obstacles, Afghanistan should get Russia, China, US, Iran and Pakistan together," he added. Afghanistan condemned being excluded from Moscow, China, Pakistan trilateral meeting which was held on Afghanistan on December 27. (IRNA)

## Shafiq-Era Water Pact with Iran to be Enforced: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has called the Helmand River agreement with Iran as one of the important achievements of former prime minister Musa Shafiq, saying it is the responsibility of the current government to implement it.

The president said that Shafiq had been under pressure from critics to cancel the agreement, but the former prime minister believed Afghanistan and its neighbors would understand their interests and treat each other as friends.

Speaking at a seminar on the 90th birth anniversary of



Musa Shafiq, Ghani referred to the Helmand River agreement. "Article 5 says Iran has no claim to more water than what has been specified in the accord, even if there is a larger amount of water avail-

able in the river." Implementation of the agreement was interest of peace and stability in Afghanistan, he believed. "Our priority is implementation of this agreement ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

## High-Ranking Officials, Diplomats Victims of Kandahar Attack



KANDAHAR - The victims of Tuesday's deadly Kandahar guesthouse attack were all high-ranking officials and diplomats that had gathered to welcome the UAE ambassador Juma Mohammed Abdullah Al Kaabi.

The ambassador was visiting Kandahar to officially open an orphanage when the ex-

plosion occurred.

According to a reliable source, those killed are:

- Abdul Ali Shamsi, Kandahar's deputy governor
- Nazir Yama Quraishi, an Afghan diplomat in the United States
- Shah Ahmad Sayed, Kandahar's foreign affairs chairman ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

## Taliban Reacts at Kandahar Blasts

ABUL - The Taliban group has reacted at the deadly explosions in Kandahar that left at least several people dead and around a dozen wounded including the UAE Ambassador and provincial governor.

The group's spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said they were not involved in the at-

tack, blaming the officials for internal issues and dispute. "Overnight #Kandahar incident is enemy internal dispute, not connected with Mujahidin; we did not have any op in Kandahar last night," Ahmadi said in a Twitter post.

At least 11 people were killed and ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

## Attack on Parliament is Attack on Democracy: US

WASHINGTON - Condemning the suicide bombings in Kabul and Kandahar, the United States on Tuesday said the attack on parliament amounted to an attack on democracy.

"An attack on parliamentarians is frankly an attack on democracy," State Department deputy spokesman Mark Toner told reporters at his daily news conference.

While extending deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims, he said the US stood strongly with the people of Afghanistan and remained committed to building a secure, peaceful and prosperous future for the ally.

Responding to questions, Toner said Afghanistan was still a work in progress and one could not say it was mission accomplished.

"I think it's in the work-in-progress column and I think the president and the secretary of state have spoken frankly about the fact that we don't going to see Afghanistan slide back into what it was.

"By we, I mean not just the U.S., but the international community, NATO and its partners ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

## World Bank Expects Global Economy to Pick up Growth in 2017

WASHINGTON - World Bank on Tuesday said in its latest report that the global economy is expected to see moderate recovery in the coming years, with growth rate in 2017 and 2018 separately at 2.7 percent and 2.9 percent.

The growth rate in 2017 was faster than estimated 2.3 percent growth in 2016, but 0.1

percentage point lower than its forecast made in June 2016, said the World Bank in its latest flagship Global Economic Prospects report.

The Washington-based lender attributed the slight acceleration in growth to the improvements in emerging market and developing economies, as they are expected to see receding headwinds,

especially the strengthened commodity prices.

It expected the emerging market and developing economies to grow 4.2 percent in 2017 and 4.6 percent in 2018, a pickup from 3.4 percent in 2016.

These economies are forecast to contribute 1.6 percentage points to global growth in 2017, ...*(More on P4)...*(2)



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Interested bidders shall obtain a complete set of the "Instruction to Bidders" from the IOM Logistics Department at the IOM Afghanistan main office at Street No. 4, House No. 27 Ansari Square, Shahr-i-Naw, Kabul from **Thursday to Tuesday (12-17 January, 2017)** between 09:00hrs until 16:00hrs or sending email to [iomkabulprocurement@iom.int](mailto:iomkabulprocurement@iom.int)

Eligibility for obtaining the complete set of ITB (Instruction to Bidders) is that interested bidders must have sufficient experience in supply and delivery NFI Kits and a valid business license, as per the requirements of the ITB. Interested bidder must provide proper credentials and copy of the business license in order to obtain complete set of the ITB.

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Bids will be opened at the above address in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend on **24 January, 2017 at 15:30 hours**.

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