KABUL - Thursday marked another milestone in Afghanistan’s modern history, when President Ashraf Ghani inaugurated a fiber optic connection between Turkmenistan and the commercial port of Aqina in Afghanistan’s Faryab province. Within four months of having signed the memorandum of understanding of government deals the Afghan Wireless Communication Company (AWCC) had successfully completed the task of connecting the two neighboring countries.

In a press conference at the launch, Dr. Ehsan Bayat, the founder and chairman of AWCC said he was “delighted” to celebrate the company’s success in connecting Afghanistan with its friends in Turkmenistan, especially given the past year that has involved unprecedented challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic, which also impacted people’s ability to connect with each other across the globe. “When Afghan Wireless...”

DOHA - Negotiations from both sides of the peace negotiations held meetings with the US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad in Doha over the past few days as they try to finalize the agenda of the talks, sources familiar with the process said on Friday.

The negotiations are expected to segue efforts to finalize the agenda within the next few days, the sources said.

“Mawlavi Abdur Rahim and a member of the Taliban in the Doha are in Doha and the talks are moving forward smoothly,” said Sayed Alikar Agha, a former Taliban commander.

“Our expectation is that the parties expect something logical from the peace negotiations and the needs of Afghanistan,” said Fawzia Koofi, a member of Parliament.

Meanwhile, First Vice President Amrullah Saleh in an interview with the BBC said that the US has conceded too much to the Taliban.

“American mission, which began 20 years ago, is not yet accomplished,” he said at quoted by the BBC. Saleh recalled the US forces withdrew their weapons from the country.

“I am telling them [US] as a friend and as an ally that the US left Afghanistan without putting in a verification mechanism and the aim was to go back to a failed state,” Saleh said.

He added: “The US delegation came to us and warned us on every Holy Thursday that if you release those 5,000 Taliban prisoners...”
Afghan Mother Opens Library After Son’s Name

KABUL - An Afghan mother Wahida Shariat on Friday dedicated a library to her son Mohammad Arif Rahimzada, a漏洞 in the library with his own hands, but he couldn’t read it unfortunately,” said Shariat. “I decided to found a library in his name where people can read books.” There are about 73 families here. Next time, we will deliver aid to Mebar Sharif and the third phase will be in February,” said Rahimzada. The attack happened on 25 April 2021 in the Imam Khord area. The attack reportedly killed the two policemen and injured their brother’s wife and injured his children.

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Outlook Horoscope

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr.20)

Jan 17, 2021 - Your practical skills should be nourished in the area of work or family today. You might be expected to make a series of microdecisions that in the long run will help you complete your goals.

TAURUS (Apr.21-May 20)

Jan 17, 2021 - Practical matters involving home and family might involve a lot of time and energy today. This isn't anything alarming. Taurus, just a few basic tasks that you have put off, such as home cleaning or yard work, might be on your to-do list.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Jan 17, 2021 - Relations or old friends, particu- larly seniors, who visit you today are likely to give you some good advice. You might find it easier to take their counsel.

JULIET (June 21-July 20)

Jan 17, 2021 - Your natural efficiency is at a peak, Leo, and your powers of concentration be at their highest as well. This is a great day to work on material and spiritual pursuits.

CANCER (July 21-Aug.22)

Jan 17, 2021 - The young ski enthusiasts welcomed the chance to compete at the Shahid Mazari Peace and Friendship Cup ski slopes in the foothills of Baba Qala, a mountain close to Bamyan city. Many youth and students wel- comed the chance to compete to master skiing skills in the mountains and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

SCORPIO (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Jan 17, 2021 - You might spend a lot of time on the phone with friends, some of whom you haven’t spoken to in a long while. You might decide to attend some group events in your community. A letter, check, or delivery that had been delayed might finally arrive. This is going to release a lot of tension, as you may have feared it had been lost.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.23-Dec.21)

Jan 17, 2021 - Pursuing intellectual in- terests may allow you to indulge in some childhood memories that you long to preserve. There may be a storm through your conversations, but that’s okay. Your practical skills are good, so you’re apt to finish quickly. Then you can go play.

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19)

Jan 17, 2021 - Memories of past events that are especially close to your heart are likely to come to mind. You might be dealing with some old emotions that could make it possible for you to progress on a new path. Your words might be more heartfelt.

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18)

Jan 17, 2021 - Today you might see a new and old friendships and associations much more of a new understanding. Aquar- ius might have a new idea that you might want to put into practice.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Jan 17, 2021 - An important project could require a new communication strategy, or you will be’and in the right frame of mind. You could be plowed to the ground. You should consider the use of technology to co-ordinate public perception and action. Some kind of a boost could come in the form of a raise in income. Work hard, enjoy the spotlight, and most of all enjoy your own peace.
Taliban: The Monster of Terror and Kidnap in Highways of Central Areas

By: Mohammad Zahir Akbari

Although Taliban justify their war on basis of Islamic values and principles, they constantly terrorized and kidnapped innocent passengers in central areas in the last couple of decades. Based on latest figures, this is the third time within a month that they abduct the Jalalabad and Mazar-e-Sharif travelers from Erbil-Qaryan highway. The latest abduction happened few days ago when they abducted four civilians passengers near Jalalabad. As a result, real estate prices of lands and buildings around the highway have increased. Unfortunately, the Taliban have not taken any serious measures to solve the problem of their hostages. The kidnappers have been on the run for a long time. They have not decided to release the hostages. They have just changed their route. The situation is similar to the situation of Karajb. In Karajb, the Provincial Governor switched the road to the Kabul-Karajb highway. The situation is more critical in the central area. The Taliban have started to use these areas for Kidnap and other illegal activities.

Pollution More Threatening Than Violence

By: Sajjad Aasim

Apart from air pollution, land and water pollution have become severe in the country as well, particularly, in urban areas. The urban schemes of drainage have not been adequately built properly or they are left with critical flaws. It is essential to separate the drainage system at separate management of sewage, drainage and treatment. Therefore, the situation becomes uncontrollable when there is rainfall or small floods. Moreover, even in the rural capital, drains are not covered all, and they have been turned into ditches by the people. Without hesitation, or shame, the people throw garbage, sewage waste, and other items into the drain. In addition, the people of these areas have also been blocked from using these drainage systems.

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The source adds that Ibn Abi Hurrā of the Taliban, due to the following factors: 1) Manifestation and that after the implementation of the ceasefire agreement with foreign forces and the protection of Muslims in their homes, the Taliban have continued their activities. The source says that Ibn Abi Hurrā stated: "We have always been against the foreign interference in the affairs of Muslims, and we will not accept any conditions that are not aligned with our beliefs and values."

(2) Taliban...

The source claims that the Taliban have been planning to launch a new offensive in the region. The source adds that the Taliban have been gathering forces in the area and have been coordinating with local residents. The source says: "We have been monitoring the situation closely and we will not tolerate any violations of our territory or the security of our people."

(3) Peace talks...

The source adds that the peace talks are expected to continue in the near future. The source says: "We are committed to finding a peaceful solution to this conflict. We will not accept any military solution, as it will only lead to more bloodshed and suffering."

(4) US President...

The source states that the US President has been actively involved in the peace process. The source says: "We are grateful for the efforts of the US President in bringing the parties to the negotiation table."

(5) Security forces...

The source adds that the security forces have been making efforts to secure the area. The source says: "We are committed to protecting our citizens and ensuring their safety."

(6) Ceasefire agreement...

The source notes that the ceasefire agreement has been in place for some time. The source says: "We are committed to maintaining it and ensuring its implementation."

(7) Alleged war crimes...

The source adds that there have been allegations of war crimes in the area. The source says: "We are committed to investigating these allegations and taking appropriate action if necessary."

(8) Humanitarian aid...

The source notes that humanitarian aid is being provided to the affected areas. The source says: "We are committed to providing relief and support to those in need."
India starts world’s largest COVID-19 vaccination drive

NEW DELHI: India started in- oculation drive on Saturday in what is likely the world’s largest COVID-19 vaccination campaign, joining the ranks of wealthy nations and a few other frontier countries in one of the biggest immunization programs. But there is no clear answer for the enormity of the challenge it presents.

Indian authorities hope to give shots to 300 million people—roughly the population of the US—within months as it is expected to be the world’s biggest vaccine market.

Centrist Laschet picked to lead Merkel’s divided CDU party

BERLIN: German Chancellor Angela Merkel, 67, made her final speech to parliament on Friday urging fairness of access to the vaccine, and expressed concern that hardships caused by the pandemic were disproportionately represented among women and children, even though they fell in the first wave when the government offered generous handouts to people to survey found.

The new coalition government is expected to form in the coming weeks, with the CDU, its largest partner, divided on the issue of vaccinations. Merkel’s Christian Democrats (CDU) will hand over the reins of power to her former ally, the Green Party.

Japan’s suicides jump 16% in 2016 second wave after fall in first wave: study

TOKYO: Suicide rates in Japan have jumped in the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly among women and children, even though they fell in the first wave when the government offered generous handouts to people to survey found.

The number of people aged 15 to 64 who killed themselves increased 16% in the second wave, while the rate among older people remained stable, according to the study by researchers at Keio University in Tokyo.

WHO hopes COVID-19 vaccination “underway in every country in next 100 days” study

GENEVA: The chief of World Health Organization (WHO) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Saturday urged fairness of access to the vaccine, and expressed concern that hardships caused by the pandemic were disproportionately represented among women and children, even though they fell in the first wave when the government offered generous handouts to people to survey found.

Tedros said the world was facing a “new and deadly” wave of the virus which had spread to more countries.

‘Alarming’ number of babies being sold in India

EL TERRERO- In the birthplace of Mexico’s vigilante movement, a local government is struggling to get a grip on the growing child trafficking problem.

The local government’s efforts have been undermined by the presence of armed groups and drug cartels.

Russia to reopen air travel with Finland, Vietnam, India and Qatar – government

MOOSK: Russian authorities on Saturday that flights between Moscow and the capitals of Fin- land, Vietnam, India and Qatar started since the early weeks of the pandemic, will restart from Jan 27, after certain epidemiological criteria were met. A number of countries have imposed travel restrictions on flights from the UK.

President Vladimir Putin on Friday with 6,000 li- brary staff was taken inside.

Airline industry was checked against the African continent, with a booming young popula- tion, a culture of upbeat success stories and a future that looks promising.

However, the pandemic has brought some changes.

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The MPs said they see lack of co-ordination between the security and intelligence agencies in the rescue operation of Abdul Rauf. "Some people should have been arrested very early, but there is sign of negligence in this respect," said Iqbal Safi, the head of the parliamentary commission.

The president added that the Gwadar port will help make Pakistan the hub of transit trade in the region. Talking about benefits of CPEC, the country’s southwest Balochistan province where the...