4 Nations Call on Taliban to Join Peace Talks

KABUL - Representatives from four countries gathered in Kabul on Monday called on the Taliban to resume peace talks with the Afghan government.

The talks were preceded by a whirlwind visit of Afghanistan Prime Minister Abdullah Abdullah. He met with U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington Saturday and with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Moscow Sunday.

Senior officials from Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the United States opened Monday’s meeting in Kabul, Afghanistan, with calls for an initiative to bring the two sides together for talks “aimed at reduction of violence and establishing lasting peace in Afghanistan and the region.”

Afghanistan

Muslimyar Must Be Vigilant in Negotiations

Ahmad Fawad A隘zazi

KABUL - Afghan official said Monday that peace and electoral reforms are a pre-condition for the government to negotiate with insurgent groups.

A隘zazi, spokesman for the Ministry of Justice, said the approval of the key law was “a tangible sign that the government is committed to facilitating the electoral process.”

President Hamid Karzai, on his way to meet with U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington Saturday, had stressed the importance of the law.

A隘zazi said that efforts are underway to arrest those who have refused to pay their debts on time. “The Attorney General’s Office has identified around 370 defaulters, and the ministry said that the AGO has intensified efforts to recover the bank’s money.”

A隘zazi said that the government is committed to paying the blood of innocent people. “We will be discussing the prioritie of the National Unity Govt. in the council of ministers. We will be discussing the prioritie of the National Unity Govt. in the council of ministers.”

Delayed Elections Set for Oct. 15: Official

KABUL - Afghanistan will hold parliamentary and district council elections, originally scheduled for last June, on Oct. 15, an Afghan official said Monday.

Ahmad Yusouf Nasirzai, head of the Independent Election Commission, said the reportedly delayed date conforms with Afghan law.

The current parliament was extended beyond its five-year term by President Ashraf Ghani after politics were unable to agree on a date for elections.

The delays have been driven by concerns about security for voters, as the Taliban insurgency has become more localized in the year since US-NATO forces officially concluded their combat mission.

A bitter presidential election in 2014 went to two rounds before Ghani and his rival Abdul Abdullah Abdullah, who agreed to a U.S.-brokered power-sharing deal. Abdullah is now chief executive in a unity government that has publicly committed to electoral reform. His deputy spokesman, Javid Faizal, said reforms should be implemented before the elections are held.

“Any announcement for the parliament and district council elections should come after reform has been introduced in both electoral commissions,” said Faizal, referring to the IEC and the Election Complaints commission, both of which have faced accusations of corruption and partnership in elections held over the past decade.

He noted that the international community, which has bankrolled Afghan elections, said they were “a commitment.”

Do not dwell in the past, and do not dream of the future, but focus in the present moment. Buddha

Wolesi Jirga Approves Budget for Fiscal Year 2013

KABUL - The budget for fiscal year 2013 (2014), which was rejected in December finally passed the Afghan Wolesi Jirga or the Lower House of Parliament with majority of votes.

Wolesi Jirga approved a budget of 14,893.5 billion Afghanis, which is a twelve percent increase from last year budget.

Aagu was rejected for imbalance of funds allocation. Lawmakers had said that as provincial legislatures are not called equally.

But during today’s session, majority of lawmakers accepted the budget and used some women’s capital. On the sliding, the Monica’s cap radio was opened to opponent the NEMs transparent card to approve.

The approval was announced by Abdul Rashid Bagrami, speaker of the house, after the voting. 604, 616 billion Afghanis.

UN Chief Urges World to Keep COP21 Spirit to Combat Climate Change

ABU DHABI - UN chief Ban Ki-moon on Monday urged the international community to keep the spirit and momentum of the UN Climate Conference.

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