

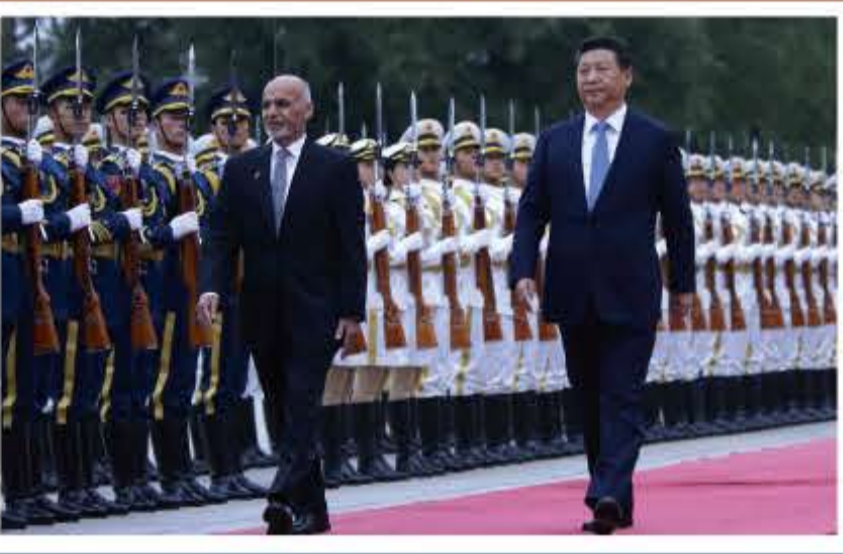
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# China Firmly Support Peace in Afghanistan: Xi

*China Cherishes its Friendship with Afghanistan: Li*

KABUL - As the People's Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties and the "Year of China-Afghanistan Friendship and Cooperation, Chinese President Jinping Xi said in his message, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government and people, warm congratulations and best wishes to the Afghan government and people. Mr. Xi added that "Over the past 60 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, China and Afghanistan have always enjoyed mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual support. Our friendship has taken a deep root in people's



heart. Your successful visit to China last October has greatly strengthened the China-Afghanistan Strategic and Cooperative Partnership." He further added that I attach high importance to China-Afghanistan relations. The Chinese side firmly supports peace and reconstruction in Afghanistan and stands ready to play a constructive role in helping Afghanistan advance its peace and reconciliation process and bring China-Afghanistan relations to a new level. While Chinese premier, Li Keqiang, in his message to Afghan CEO Dr. Abdullah ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Infighting between Ex-Jihadis Shuts Schools



MAHMOOD RAQI in the Koh Band district of central Kapisa province, residents say. The schools have been closed ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Group Poisoning Water for ANA Arrested

KABUL - Afghan National Army soldiers have arrested a group of three insurgents who planned to poison water for the soldiers of 6th Battalion located in Mosahe district, the statement states. A separate statement from the defense ministry also issued Monday morning states that 52 ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Prisoners Released from Maidan Wardak Jail

KABUL - Four prisoners who were arrested in traffic and drug related charges were freed from captivity in Maidan Wardak province on Monday. Officials say they were released through a decree from the presidential palace. The decree indeed reduced the period the period captivity which paved way for their release, according to a statement issued by the media office of Maidan Wardak. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



## Delhi Policy Group Voices Security Concerns over Situation in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI - Rising incidents of suicide attacks in Afghanistan worries one and all. A New Delhi-based think tank, the Delhi Policy Group, has voiced serious security concern about the prevailing situation in Afghanistan with the Taliban continuing to carry out suicide attacks. The level of violence has gone up since the Withdrawal of foreign forces in Afghanistan. Indian security experts believe a peace dialogue



with the Taliban may bring about peace and stability in the country. The Delhi Policy Group has been working in Afghanistan on peace dialogue for the past eight years. With the formation of cabinet in Afghanistan and bilateral security agreements ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## 14 Rebels Join Peace Process in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - At least 14 insurgents have surrendered to security forces and an ammunition depot has been seized in northeastern Badakhshan province, officials said on Monday. The insurgents surrendered during clearing operations in Tagab district, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement. Some 20 villages were cleared in Kashm and Tagab districts. A huge ammunition depot ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Seerat Conference Held at Pakistan Embassy



KABUL - Embassy of Pakistan in Kabul on Monday organized a Seerat Conference. The Conference was attended by a large number of people including religious scholars, parliamentarians, political ...*(More on P4)...(17)*



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