Govt, Taliban Reject Power-Sharing Strategy Claim

KABUL - Reports that a strategy has been finalised under which the Afghan government and the Taliban would share power and would be given control of areas currently under their respective control are misleading.

The Afghan government and Taliban negotiating teams have agreed on procedural rules in Doha after about two and a half months of discussions and the second round of talks kicked off in Doha on January 9. The talks are underway without any progress.

The negotiating teams have held three meetings in the second round of talks in Doha so far. These meetings did not deeply discuss relevant issues while according to Nader Nadir, no meeting between the two sides had been held over the past ten days.

A strategy has been formed through which Afghan government and the Taliban would share power and every side would control their areas. Kabul News claimed obtaining a strategy of an interim government through which the Taliban and Afghan government would share power 50/50. The Prime Minister’s position would be created, the interim president would have five deputies, the Taliban would get seats in the parliament and during the interim government period, the Taliban would control their areas and the Afghan government would control their own areas. Some other media outlets also made similar claims.

But the Taliban spokesperson in Qatar and the State Ministry for Peace Affairs categorically rejected the reports. Tahafin Qaftar spokesperson Dr. Mohammad Nasim told Pajhwok Afghan News: “We have many times reiterated that the republic’s commitment for peace and hard work for peace. I instructed them to continue their efforts for peace,” tweeted Abdul

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Abdullah also hailed efforts made by the republic side for talks on peace.

“In a video call with the Republic’s Negotiation Team in Doha, I listened to their report, the progress they have made, and the challenges they face. I praised the team for their tireless efforts, and hard work for peace. I instructed them to continue their efforts for peace,” tweeted Abdullah.

“I reiterate the republic’s commitment for peace and to finding a political settlement for the current crisis. I also instructed the team to focus on ceasefire, reduction of violence and an end to the targeted killings as the priorities of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan,” said Abdullah.

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Deputy spokesman of the president, Dusouq Ashrafspal, in a tweet said that Mohammad Mohammadi, head of polio project of UNICEF was ordered to leave Afghanistan within the next 24 hours.

Mohammad Mohammadi, UNICEF head for its polio projects was ordered to leave the country for lack of transparency in the vaccination program and his insincerity towards the Afghan President, he said.

Some sources earlier had said that Mohammad Mohammadi and the president had a disputed discussion over Covid-19 disease.

According to reports, President Ghani had asked Mohammadi to provide details of the budget spent on Covid-19 disease but he refused to do so (Pajhwok)

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Taliban Sees Afghan Govt as Main Hurdle for Peace

DOHA - A key negotiator of the Taliban on Friday said that President Ashraf Ghani’s government in Kabul is the “only hurdle” for the Afghan peace process, naming Pres- ident Ghani for prolonging the process and not willing to hand power to another gov- ernment for the sake of peace.

Addressing reporters in Moscow, Stanekzai, whose presence was denied by Spas- nik, said the Taliban should not be expected to lay down their arms as long as the interna- tional troops remain in the country.

“You witnessed that Mr. Ashraf Ghani made different statements... Even in one of his statements, he said that if a future govern- ment is established, he should be the leader, the president,” Stanekzai said. “You can see that they are leaving NATO and the US...”

Ghani Appoints Wahid Majroh as MoPH Acting Minister

KABUL - Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has appointed Wahid Maj- roh the Acting Minister of Public Health (MoPH), the Presidential Palace confirmed.

The Provincial Deputy spokesperson Dawo Khan Minapal stated in a tweet: “With the introduction of a new minister, President in a decree, named Majroh as Acting Public Health Minister.”

This comes as, President Ghani had fired the country’s health minister, Ahmad Jawad Osmang on, December 31st, 2020, which raised questions over the legitimacy of President Ashraf Ghani’s move.

Osmang was dismissed as health min- ister after several employees of the ministry were arrested on...

AFGHANISTAN Improves in Global Corruption Index

KABUL - The latest global corruption index indicates that Afghanistan has made improvement in the fight against the menace.

The 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index ranks Afgh-

istan in 136th place on the list of 180 coun- tries with a score of 79, the same it scored the previous year.

In 2019 index, Afghanistan was ranked 137th with a score of 79.

Compiled by the non-governmental organi- zation Transparency International, the index scores countries between zero and 100, zero being high- ly corrupt and 100 very clean.

Afghanistan is tied with Burundi, Congo, Turkmen- estan, and Guinea Bissau in the 136th spot.

With a score of 19, Afghanistan is a significant improver on the CPI in Asia, climbing 11 points since 2012. The country instituted significant legal and institutional reforms and recently an- nounced plans to establish a new anti-corruption commission, the Transparency International said.

“COVID-19 is not just a health and economic cri- sis. It’s a corruption crisis. And one that we’re currently falling to manage,” said Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair, Transparency International.

Do you think the Afghan government is doing enough to fight corruption? Why or why not?
Pakistan Militant Chief Killed in Nangarhar

NANGARHAR - Pakistani Taliban's (L) militant group head Mangled Bagh was killed in an air strike in eastern Nangarhar province, according to government sources.

Mangled Bagh's death was confirmed by government sources, who said that Bagh was killed in a bombing attack along with two of his comrades in the Achin district of the province.

The blast took Beltani banduk locality of Achin on Thursday morning.

“Mangled bagh, the leader of Pakistani Taliban terrorist group, was killed along with two of his comrades in a roadside bomb explosion in Beltani banduk locality of Achin district of Nangarhar this morning (Thursday),” Ambakhel tweeted.

Ambakhel said that Mangled Bagh was involved in a number of “terrorist activities.”

Pakistani Taliban (L) is a militant group founded in the Keyer district of Pakistan. The U.S.

KARUL - The Ministry of Public Health on Friday reported 69 new positive cases of COVID-19 and said the group was committed to every article of the agreement.

The Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said: “Assertion by the US about technological developments and commitments is unfounded.” IIA is fully committed to all clauses of the agreement, he added.

Mujahid said that the Taliban are not meeting the US as per the US-Taliban agreement with the United States, including regarding releasing prisoners, and coming into contact with the Taliban.

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The Historic Mission of Intellectual Community in Afghanistan

By: Mohammad Zahir Akbari

Historically, the intellectual community played very constructive role in the development of culture and social integrity in Afghanistan during our country’s history and global level. If we look at the history of European countries, it was the dynamic intellectual masses who were the backbone of a dark period in the history of society, and a modern and rational society. In the medieval age, when a scientist invented or discovered something that he knew, he faced much criticism. Similarly, in the history of Afghanistan, we see a situation where the black people had no right to vote and for years they were subjugated and even legally accepted as lower class in human society. With devoting their precious lives, the intellectual community succeeded to break the strongest chains of slavery and inequality against faiths of ages. After centuries of enlightening-efforts of intellectuals, the door of the society successfully has opened everyone and the black men and women are seen in the highest social and political positions such as presidents, prime ministers, and secretary of defense as we see in the current or recent era. Despite external elements everywhere and every time, the flag of enlightenment fights higher than ever.

The intellectual community have also played very liberal roleing in some historical period of Afghanistan. During Hafizullah Khan and Ahmadullah Khan, although there were very limited intellectuals in this country such as Mohmood Tarzee with his few friends and followers, they brought widespread changes in the society and ended the 30 years of mullahs. This led to independence of the country, establishment of Afghanistan’s first constitution, freedom of expression, universal education and many more. Although the number of the national was relatively low among a predominantly illiterate population at that period of the country, they were considered, competent men and made real deep changes. Based on historic narratives, Sonu et al. have provided a forum for the Afghanistan thinkers of the modern era. Women, in the past, era, despite thousands of professors, scholars and writers while thousands of whom graduated from well-known university of the world but they are the followers of ethical nation leader and accordingly divided on the basis of ethical and lingual criteria. If we look around the country, there are thousands of educational institutions, professional classes, and a lot of young people are not sure whether to follow the way of terror, republicanism. Hence, the Afghan intellectual community have fulfilled their historic mission in modern Afghanistan. They are not busy in domestic-broadcasting social and political movements against racism, extremism, injustice, corruption, superstitions, environmental pollution and other social and political issues, the best bet in the current conditions is the food of cultural work as a writer, teacher and professor but not make any rules; it means he or she never stood against these voices against it. Today is the possibility of accepting a position of corruption in the family but they stand silent. Therefore, there seems no serious commitment for such and no strategic approach to get out of this situation. If there is a little effort in this field, it is more for promoting of their social and political position rather than having serious concern about the real situation of the country. For them it is not important that in recent years who seriously criticized against current situation but after that they desired peace in the country and the world. And from the other hand, some world some rebirth and all problems resolved overnight. However, it is very clear people see an atmosphere of fear. Unfortunately, it means we must thoroughly support our government and society with providing fundamental foundations to maintain the stability of the ongoing critical condition. Although 30 years have passed from age of new Afghanistan, still we are faced with racism, extremism, violence, injustice, corruption, superstitions, environmental pollution and other social and political challenges. Unfortunately, a number of intellectuals began escaping the country and trying for being mad for any types of sacrifices in the course of freedom lawmakers the desirable accomplishments. Although a large number of the deceased combatant fight for individual issues, there are many youths who really died and they need to rescue. The Afghan intellectual community constantly destroys educational atmosphere; goes as to present from enlightenment of the new generations. Give the love for the black men and women who are facing at war situations are very vulnerable alongside of oppositions of terrorist groups. However, the good news is that the government has decided to prevent the youth and from going away from the Afghan society and the youth are estimated 200-300 thousands. This issue is the key to solution of the problem. About activity 20 years of war and violence are too little, it is very necessary that the youth leaders and the intellectuals have to accomplish their responsibility enlightening the people and vulnerable groups in the country. It is very necessary to support the honest and committed thinkers ensuring their security a way to the greatest capital of this country. The Afghan intellectual community should become a beacon in the endless days of Afghani’s men and women to indicate the right way, criticize and lead the way. They should have to accomplish their responsibility of enlightening and promoting all over the country.

Joe Biden’s Surprises

Biden’s relationship with Obama and his legacy are more complicated than appearances suggest. Although Obama frustrated many Capitol Hill Democrats with his icy tone and deliberate, slow pace of action, Biden is a political animal who has served in Congress for 47 years and has three decades of experience as his key to success. Biden is gambling on experience as his key to success. Biden deliberately describes his own proposals as “bold.” His image as the “lubricant” of an otherwise obstructed Senate is very important to him.

Joe Biden knows enough about the US presidency to understand that the first few weeks are the easiest and most pleasant. There will inevitably be setbacks and crises, particularly for a president who took office amid a raging pandemic, economic collapse and Black Lives Matter unrest near to a presidential election point.

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President Joe Biden and aides are showing signs of prickle new, overgrowth of scrutiny of his heavy reliance on executive orders in his first days in office. The president in just over a week has already signed more than 34 executive actions or directives aimed at addressing the coronavirus pandemic as well as a gamut of other issues including environmental regulations, immigration policies and racial justice. Biden has said he will act by the orders to ease foundation of the U.S.-Mexico border wall and removing Trump-era immigration policy that largely banned transgender people from serving in the military.

Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, a top Senate Republican who has been one of the president's harshest critics, said Thursday that Biden was “looking for an excuse to undo the damage Trump has done to our country.” Biden’s top White House communications director, Jen Psaki, defended the president’s actions, saying “no one requires me to do anything.”

The president has been under fire from both sides of the aisle for his handling of the pandemic, with Republicans charging that he is overreacting and Democrats saying he is not doing enough. And last week’s Capitol riot is showing that the administration’s plans will have to work around the constraints of the pandemic.

Pakistan government appeals against acquittal of men convicted of beheading U.S. journalist Pearl

KARACHIS- Pakistan’s government appealed to its Supreme Court on Monday against acquittal of 11 men who were convicted of beheading U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl.

The government’s appeal in the Supreme Court follows an order of the high court on Jan. 29.

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**Minister: Bacterian Gold ‘Safe’ Despite Comments in Budget Feud**

KABUL - The Afghan acting Minister of Information and Culture Mohammad Tahir Zahir on Thursday said that the bacterian gold collection, one of Afghanistan’s greatest historic resources, is “safe and sound.” He said that the politician should not politicize the historical assets of the nation.

This comes as tensions between the government and the parliament are still high over the 1401 (2021) financial budget. Earlier this week, the speaker of Afghanistan’s parliament, Mr. Rahmatullah, and a number of lawmakers in the parliament, said that the government has taken the budget plan “hostage.” They also said that the bacterian gold collection was facing an imminent threat of theft. Rahmatullah and other representatives gorged the gold collection before transferred abroad, in view of the danger of theft.