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Afghanistan

Condemns Terror

Doha: The Taliban on Sunday detonated a car bomb outside a government security compound in central Afghanistan killing 14 people and wounding 180, including scores of children. The attack came at the onset of a two-day meeting between Afghan citizens and the militancy, meant to open the way to an Afghan peace process that should build on a deals for peace between the United States and the Taliban to end the longest-ever U.S. war.

"It is very hard to sit across from those men who are waging a war against innocent Afghans, but it is also a test of our commitment to peace," said a senior Afghan government official involved in the talks. The Taliban and U.S. officials are trying to strike a deal on a Taliban demand for the withdrawal of U.S. and other foreign forces and a U.S. demand that the Taliban not let Afghanistan be used as a base for terrorism. But the Taliban have refused to negotiate with the U.S.-backed Afghan government, denouncing it as a U.S. puppet.

So while the 60-member delegation of Afghan representatives in Qatar includes...(More on P4)...(5)...(More on P4)...(6)

KARAIL - The British Museum is working with the UK Border Force and other government law enforcement agencies to help return the second items, which were brought there for analysis, conservation and cataloguing.

Among the items due to be returned are Gandharan sculptures which had been illegally exported from Afghanistan and entered Heathrow Airport from Peshawar on September 3, 2002. They consist of a bodhisattva torso made of the metamorphic rock grey schist and a group of nine other figures made of the same rock.

'...Selfish' MPs Interested in

British Museum to Help Return Ancient

Artefacts Looted from

Iraq and Afghanistan

KARAIL - Sixty percent of the prisoners are addicted to narcotic drugs in the Pul-e-Charkhi prison of Kabul, the Afghan Minister of Public Health said on Sunday.

Speaking at the inauguration of a 20-beds drug treatment center at the Pul-e-Charkhi prison, Dr. Firuzuddin Firuz, the Minister of Public Health said 60 percent of inmates are addicted to drugs in all prisons across the country. According to Mr. Firuz, the family members of the inmates especially...(More on P4)...(6)