Engagements with US over Afghanistan to ‘Yield More Positive Results’

Following years of an acrimonious blame game, the Pakistan and U.S. militaries appear to be engaged again in tactical counterterrorism cooperation for promoting a negotiated settlement to the war in Afghanistan.

KABUL - The International Olympic Committee on Friday named a young Afghan woman, Samira Asghari, among nine candidates for membership of the body in a move to boost women’s rights.

Thomas Bach, the IOC president, said the nomination of the 24-year-old Asghari, who played basketball for her country and has taken on a series of administrative roles, sent a message.

“She’s a young woman of Afghanistan who is very active in promoting the right to play sport for women in Afghanistan, you all know it’s not an easy task,” Bach told a press conference.

“With this nomination we wanted to send a signal not only to men and women in Afghanistan but also in all these countries where women are facing serious obstacles to doing sport.” (AFP)

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Ghafoor was responding to comments made by a top American general on Thursday that cooperation from Pakistan "remains key to accomplishing ..." (More on P4)...(1)

KABUL - A second ‘special public trial’ of suspended telecoms and IT minister, accused of corruption and misuse of authority, on Saturday ended inconclusively due to lack of evidence.

The first trial of the former minister, Abdul Razak Wahidi, was held on July 2, which had also ended in futility.

Wahidi was suspended as IT minister after he was accused of corruption late in 2016. The prosecutor in-charge of the trial told today’s public hearing that Wahidi had interfered in Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA) affairs and had ... (More on P4)...(2)

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