Kabul Seeks Clarification on Trump Talk of Wiping out Afghanistan

Afghanistan called on Tuesday for an explanation of comments by U.S. President Donald Trump in which he said he could win the Afghan war in just 10 days by wiping out Afghanistan but did not want to kill 10 million people.

KABUL - UN Habitat chief Maimunah Moham-mad Sharif said the organization was ready to assist the Afghan government in surveying and registration of properties and property ownership documents of houses built in unplanned areas.

Maimunah on her four-day trip to Kabul told reporters today that she was happy traveling to Afghanistan for the first time and talked about the organization’s strategic cooperation with the Afghan government. ...(More on P4)(2)

KABUL - Afghanistan placed among top five countries after Afghan athletes won one silver and two bronze medals in the 10th Asian Junior Taekwondo Championships in Jordan.

Afghanistan’s Farzad Mansouri won silver medal in +78kg category after beating his rivals from Jordan, Uzbekistan and North Korea.

He lost his last match to his Iranian rival. Murtaza Saleh, another taekwondo fighter, defeated his South Korea and Taiwan rivals and won a bronze medal. ...(More on P4)

KABUL - Trump’s remarks followed a meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan at the White House on Monday at which Trump voiced optimism that Pakistan could help broker a political settlement to end the nearly 18-year-old war in Afghanistan. The remarks drew a stiff response from Afghanistan’s presidential palace, which has been excluded from talks between the United States and the Taliban and which accuses Pakistan of supporting the insurgency.

“The Afghan nation has not and will never allow any foreign power to determine its fate,” the presidential palace said. “While the Afghan government supports the U.S. efforts for ensuring peace in Afghanistan, the government underscores that foreign heads of state cannot determine Afghanistan’s fate in absence of the Afghan leadership,” it said in a statement.

It called for clarification of Trump’s statement. ...(More on P4)(3)