KABUL - Amid growing efforts for peace in the country, President Ashraf Ghani said in Badghis province on Friday that he assures the nation that peace will come to Afghanistan. Ghani who addressed a gathering in Badghis province called on the people to play a positive role in peace which is unique in it.(More on P4.46).

KARUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) on Thursday said that the Afghan Air Force (AAF) is conducting at least twelve air strikes on insurgent targets in the country on a daily basis across the country and that those strikes have been constructive in tackle- ing militants.

Defense Minister Tarig Shah Bahtani meanwhile said that the Afghan army is fully capable of defending Afghanistan’s sovereignty and the people.

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The deadline for submission of sealed bids will be August 2018 at 14:00 hours, Kabul time. Attendance to the conference is mandatory.

Only NGOs found to be eligible will receive the complete bidding documents via email after sending the required documents.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held in the same IOM office located in Ansari Square, Shahr-e-Naw (opposite to German Clinic) Kabul, Afghanistan on 27th August 2018 at 14:00 hours, Kabul time, where all details of the project will be discussed. Attendance to the conference is mandatory.

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“I, as a student, want avenues to be closed for warlords and lawbreakers who want to be in government, it is good news for us and we pray that such things are not repeated in the future as it is not a good sign of Afghanistan to be better. It is a bold decision. Because of these people the war does not stop in Afghanistan, if they are not pre- vented from being in govern- ment, the future of the country will be worse,” said Ismail, a Nangarhar resident.

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