KABUL - Presidential Palace spokesman Sediq Sedghi on Sunday endorsed the Taliban's call for the escalation of violence and argued the Taliban must "enter the peace process in a real way".

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Fawad Khan Khuzravan, a spokesman for High Council for National Reconciliation, said that Abdullah side's list of ministerial nominees will soon be finalized and sent to the presidency. Sources close to Abdullah said that the delay was due to differences with his supporters over that. "(More on P4)...." (More on P4)....(2)

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The statement comes following a meeting between Afghan Consulate General Najibullah Ahmadzai and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan in Peshawar, the diplomatic mission said in a statement. Both sides discussed issues concerning commerce, trade routes and Afghan refugees stranded in Pakistan, with Ahmadzai asking the chief minister to provide more facilities to Afghan refugees and facilitate trade between the two countries.

Mahmood Khan assured Ahmadzai that Pakistan wanted to strengthen trade relationship with Afghanistan. He assured that Afghans living in Pakistan were brothers and would never differentiate between them. He added that Afghans stranded in Pakistan would be repatriated through a proper strategy. (Pajhwok)

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In a series of tweets, Mujahid said that fighting continues as they have got no other option left.

He said that the process of prisoner release should be completed so that intra-Afghan negotiations could begin.

“If one doesn’t want the war to continue, then why they create hurdles to push negotiations?” Mujahid asked.

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MUMBAI - Three generations of Bollywod's Bachchan family were infected with coronavirus as former Miss World Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and her daughter and son tested positive for the virus.

An eight-year-old of the Bachchan family tested positive for coronavirus.

Aishwarya, who was unwell, had been admitted to hospital.

The official said that the family was under quarantine.

Aishwarya and her husband Abhishek Bachchan tested positive on Saturday, while son Aaradhya who is in Mumbai with her tested positive on Monday.

During the coronavirus pandemic, India has recorded 10,693,752 cases of infection and 1,51,058 deaths.

Erdogan Rejects Global Criticism Over Hagia Sophia Decision

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has rejected international condemnation over the decision to change the status of Istanbul's landmark Hagia Sophia from a museum to a mosque, saying it represented his country's will to use its "sovereign rights".

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According to the Ministry of Finance, over 2.2 billion afghans were allocated for the broad distribution funds for needy families across the country during the lockdown. The Ministry has called on all municipalities in 34 provinces to report back on their spending with clarity and transparency.

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From the 2.2 billion... (More on P4...)

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“The security forces in Afghanistan have clearly damaged the spirit of volunteerism,” Khorram, who was also a former President Hamid Karzai’s advisor, told FNA on Sunday.

He added that Pentagon has signed contracts with the media in Afghanistan, where propaganda against the Fatemiyoun forces--a group that is active in Afghanistan, but was fighting in Syria alongside Iran and other Resistance Front--to eventually damage the status and influence of Iran in Afghanistan.

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