China Offers Shanghai Role to Resolve Afghanistan’s Crisis

China's President Xi Jinping (6th R front) poses for a group photo with other leaders during the China-Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) summit held in Tianjin, China, September 5, 2014. (AP Photo/ChinaFotoPress through Getty Images)

China has proposed a new role for Shanghai to help resolve Afghanistan’s crisis, a key topic of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit on Friday.

China, along with Pakistan, and Iran, will play a constructive role to help Afghanistan in their quest to restore peace and stability in the country, as leaders from the SCO member nations gather in the Chinese capital to mark a two-day summit. President Ashraf Ghani represents Afghanistan at the summit, which opened on Friday.

According to the Tajik presidency, Ghani met with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the summit.

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As Afghanistan celebrates International Widow’s Day on Friday, that Shanghai summit is expected to debate major issues related to its countries’ respective constituents, particularly the issue of terrorism in Afghanistan’s northern region.

“Excellence, heads of states and colleagues, as a host country, let me welcome you all to the Shanghai summit in which leaders from the member nations are expected to debate major issues related to their respective constituents,” Xi promised that his country as a key member of the organization was ready to support Aghanists and an Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process.

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China's President Xi Jinping (6th R front) poses for a group photo with other participants and observers of the 16th SCO Council of Heads of State meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, June 24, 2016. (China Daily via AP)

China has 500,000 War Widows

Aid to Afghanistan: Kabul – 26th June, International Widow’s Day is celebrated across the world. Afghan Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (MoLSAMD) said on Tuesday that five hundred thousand widows are now the breadwinners of their families.

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Sartaj Aziz and Rabbani Meet on the Sidelines of SCO Summit

Pakistan Prime Minister’s Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz and Afghanistan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani on Friday met on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Tashkent. Afghan National Security Advisor Hanif Atmar was also present.

Building upon the ideas generated in the meeting between Foreign Secretaries and Defense Deputy Foreign Ministers in Islamabad on June 20, 2016, they agreed to constitute a high level bilateral mechanism for consultation and coordination on various important issues relating to bilateral relations and cooperation, including security, movement of people and vehicles between the two countries and other relevant issues. The proposed mechanism will be co-chaired by Advisor Sartaj Aziz and Afghanistan’s Minister Salahuddin Rabbani and will include the participation of the National Security Advisors of the two countries. It will also have a joint technical working group to deal with the concerns of both sides.

The main purpose of this Mechanism would not only to address and resolve issues of concern to both sides through appropriate mechanism but also to prevent the recurrence of violent incidents like the ones witnessed recently.

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