Afghan Transit Trade Via Pakistan’s Gwadar Port Begins

KABUL - Transit trade to Afghanistan through Pakistan’s strategic Gwadar port began on Sunday with a consignment of bulk cargo from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Anadolu Agency reported.

“The first transit consignment of bulk cargo through Gwadar to Afghanistan started today. Several consignments are lined up for coming days,” said Mohammad Shafiq, Pakistan’s special envoy for Afghanistan, on Twitter.

“The ship carrying trade goods for Afghanistan anchored at the port, after which the goods were transported to Afghanistan after customs clearance,” local broadcaster Geo News reported.

With its 400-kilometer coastline, Gwadar is a key deep sea port currently operated by China, which seeks to gain direct access to the Indian Ocean via Gwadar with its $64 billion Pakistan-China Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. The economic corridor is hoped to provide China cheaper access to Africa and the Middle East and also earn Pakistan billions of dollars to provide transit facilities to the world’s second-largest economy.

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Violation of Humanitarian Law is Flagrant

The International Humanitarian Law (IHL) which arranges the relations between states and international organizations and the issues regarding international law is one of the concerns of the parties. That is to say, IHL regulates the rights of the parties of armed conflicts like the soldiers who no more participate in war and on whose behalf a war is being fought.

Warring parties are supposed to discriminate between combatants and civilians. They must not discriminate between civilians. They must also respect the rules of behavior prescribed by humanitarian law and value the fundamental rights of Afghan soldiers when they surrender and put their arms down, they are no more attached to armed forces so they have to be treated with humanity and their rights and dignity are not to be violated.

The IHL will be applied only during armed conflicts which are of two kinds: International Armed Conflict and Non-International Armed Conflict. The first occurs when one or more states use armed forces against another state or against its citizens. National freedom fighters in which people fight against colonial powers and their allies or forces for their right to live and be free, are not considered as armed conflicts. The latter includes the conflicts between a state’s soldiers and non-soldiers or among groups or parties within a state. The IHL includes many principles: the principles of human treatment without discrimination, restriction in the use of arms, distinction, proportion, and contemporaneity. In fact, the IHL allows the parties to be directly involved in conflicts and to be immune from criticism and punishment in international law.

Further, national conflicts, involved in armed conflicts, states including those of international community are responsible to respect IHL. Hence, warring parties are supposed to discriminate between combatants and civilians.

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The IHL is aptly said that conflict is not a connection between one human and another, but between states but individuals against whom it is totally fall away against one another not on the basis of being human or resident but on the basis of being soldier. The main objective of the IHL is to protect the right of people involved in armed conflicts. It is evident that any violation of the rights of humanity is a violation of humanitarian law.

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Turkey’s Approaching Crossroads

By: By Mohammad Zahir Akbari

Turkey has at one time or another been a main player in the diplomatic and military engagements in the Middle East. It has been a consistent actor in the region, continuing to play a significant role in the politics of the area. Turkey’s policies have been shaped by its long-standing history of colonialism, its strategic location, and its commitment to Western values. However, in recent years, Turkey’s approach to the region has been characterized by a shift away from its traditional Western allies and towards more assertive policies. This has led to tensions with its neighbors, particularly Syria and Iran, and has raised concerns about Turkey’s role in the region.

Turkey’s foreign policy has been guided by its desire to maintain its status as a regional power and to assert its influence in the Middle East. The country has been particularly active in Syria, where it has supported the opposition against the regime of Bashar al-Assad. However, Turkey’s involvement in Syria has come at a cost, with significant military and civilian casualties and a growing humanitarian crisis. The situation in Syria remains volatile, and Turkey is facing a number of challenges in this region.

Turkey has also been playing a significant role in the Middle East peace process. However, its efforts to broker a resolution have been met with skepticism, and there is little evidence to suggest that a lasting peace can be achieved. Turkey’s relationship with Israel has also been strained, with the two countries frequently at odds over issues such as the status of Jerusalem.

In conclusion, Turkey’s foreign policy in the Middle East remains a work in progress. The country’s approach to the region is characterized by a mix of ambition and pragmatism, with a focus on achieving its objectives while minimizing the risks associated with its actions. Whether Turkey’s efforts will be successful remains to be seen, but one thing is certain: the country’s role in the Middle East will continue to be an important factor in shaping the region’s future.
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**World’s Biggest Coronavirus Virus Study Begins**

The world’s biggest COVID-19 vaccine study got underway Monday with the first of 50,000 planned volunteers helping to boost shots created by the US government along with Moderna Inc — one of several candidates in the final stretch of the global vaccine race.

Hong Kong has announced further restrictions in a bid to curb a surge in coronavirus cases, including a ban on gatherings of more than five people, a ban on restaurant dining and mandatory face masks in public places.

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KABUL - Acting Public Health Minister Mohammad Jawad Umri has again rejected the smuggling of ventilators to Pakistan, saying the devices might have been smuggled from the suppliers.

During an exclusive interview with Tolo News, Umri said the ministry has signed contracts with two companies for supplying ventilators and no respiratory device had been smuggled from the ministry.

He said the ministry totally rejected Pajhwok’s report regarding the smuggling of sourced ventilators to Pakistan.

He did not provide more details regarding the supplier companies and said: “The entire process of contracts with ventilator suppliers has been completed, but the devices were not handed over to the ministry. There is no possibility of smuggling from those ventilators.”

KABUL - Afghan legislators and citizens on Sunday called on President Ashraf Ghani and Dr. Abdullah Abdullah to complete the cabinet, which still has empty positions almost 70 days after the two signed a political agreement.

Based on the agreement, which was signed in May, Abdullah will head the High Council for National Reconciliation and will be able to have his picks in 50 percent of the cabinet. The Presidential Palace has said that it has prepared its 50 percent of the cabinet.

Meanwhile, Abdullah has not yet appointed three deputies of the High Council for National Reconciliation.

They should not take the cabinet hostage. They should use the opportunity and send their picks to the parliament for a vote of confidence,” said Abdel Rab (Abdul) Watilak, an MP.

“Lack of implementation of the political agreement can cause problems for the peace process and the intra-Afghan negotiations,” said Abdullah Qasimy, a senator.

Sources have said that a list of Abdullah’s picks for the ministry’s cabinet has already been sent to the Presidential Palace, but some names in the list have not been rejected by the president.

“The Afghan leaders should prioritise national interests rather than their own interests,” said Ahmad, a Kabul resident.

“Mr. Abdullah has shouldered a big responsibility, which is peace. First, he should complete the formation of the cabinet, which still has empty positions almost 70 days after the two signed a political agreement. Then, he should form the cabinet government and other Afghan factions.

Positive Change of Youths’ Association chief Ahmadullah Mirzaee reiterated UN’s continued support for a peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan.

Atmar thanked the UN SRSG for the country has been cut to 8,600 from 30,000.

KABUL - Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Halim Atmar and the UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Afghanistan, Deborah Lyons, conferred on latest developments.

They urged the Taliban to facilitate the urgent start of talks with the government and other Afghan factions.

The importance of strengthening regional and international consensus on the process and establishment of a humanitarian ceasefire were also deliberated on.

Both sides exchanged views on preparations for peace, the consensus for peace, the statement Lyons emphasised the importance of the consensus for peace, the statement...