Ghani Calls for Join Action Against Terrorism

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday condemned a terrorist attack on Istanbul’s Ataturk International Airport in Turkey that killed 39 people last night. “Condemning the terrorist attack, the President said that the people of Afghanistan feel the pain and suffering of the people of Turkey more than others as we have been the victim of terrorism for years,” a statement by ARG said.

The statement further added that the President considers terrorism a great threat for the security of the region and the world, and reiterates joint action by all countries against this heinous phenomenon.

"President Ghani extended his heartfelt sympathies to the people of Turkey more than others as Afghanistan feel the pain and suffering of the people of Turkey more than others as we have been the victim of terrorism for years," a statement by ARG said.

Afghanistan’s national existence and non-interference, mutual respect, national integrity, peaceful co-existence and non-interference. Afghanistan’s foreign policy and diplomatic mission had suffered a huge setback during the past few years," a statement by ARG said.

Atmar to Discuss Moscow’s Support to Afghan Forces

KABUL - The National Security Adviser Mohammad Haneef Atmar is due to visit Russia in the near future to discuss Moscow’s support to the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) besides holding talks on other issues of bilateral interest. The Office of the National Security Adviser has said Atmar will hold talks with the (More on P4)

Election Reform Delay A Threat to Afghanistan, Warn Observers

KABUL - Any more delays in the electoral reforms and further delay the conduct of the parliamentary elections and pose serious threats to Afghanistan’s national interests as well as the nation’s political stability, say observers and election monitoring groups. Afghan Civil Society and Elections Network (ACSEN) on Wednesday expressed concern over the current deadlock and... (More on P4)

WJ to Bring No-Trust Vote Against Women Affairs Minister

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga (WJ) – or lower house of the parliament – has decided to table a no-confidence vote against Women Affairs Minister Dilbar Nazari because of her poor performance, a lawmaker said on Wednesday. Jakarta Post's letter, the WJ deputy secretary, told reporters enough signatures had been collected and heads of house commissions and administrative panels had decided to move the no-trust vote against the minister... (More on P4)

Ghani Promises All Possible Assistance to Dead Soldiers’ Families

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday talked to relatives of the security personnel killed recently and assured them of assistance, including children’s education. A statement from the Presidential Palace said Ghani extended his heartfelt sympathy to family members of the dead Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers during separate phone calls. Those who said... (More on P4)

Talks with Govt. on 3 Controversial Points Still Ongoing: HIA

KABUL - Terming ups and downs in peace process as a natural phenomenon, the Hekmatyar-led Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) top peace negotiator on Tuesday said discussions on three controversial points were still ongoing with the Afghan government. Peace talks between the government and the HIA have been taking place over the past nearly three months and the High Peace Council and the HIA have also signed a... (More on P4)

Drastic Reforms Brought to Foreign Policy: Mustaghni

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Wednesday said Afghanistan’s foreign policy, undergoing drastic changes, was based on policy and diplomatic interests as well as the nation’s political stabil... (More on P4)