Beijing - Pakistan is an important neighbor of Afghanistan and will continue to play a pivotal role in the peace and reconciliation process in the country, Cheng Xizhong, visiting professor at Southwest University of Political Science and Law, said on Monday.

"Pakistan is an important neighbor of Afghanistan. Pakistan will continue to play an important role in the peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan and continue to support the establishment of a peaceful, stable, unified, democratic and prosperous Afghanistan," he said in the newly-published book "China Economic Net." While commenting on the peace agreement signed between the United States and the Afghan Taliban in Doha, the capital of Qatar on Saturday, he said under the agreement, the United States has called on the Taliban to withdraw its forces in Afghanistan, and foreign troops are expected to withdraw completely within 14 months.

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China Pledges Support for US-Taliban Peace Agreement

BEIJING – China on Monday pledged its support for the US-Taliban peace agreement in Afghanistan and called for the "orderly and responsible" withdrawal of foreign troops to avoid a power vacuum and possible terrorist resurgence.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said the reconciliation process should be "Afghan-led and Afghanistan-owned," despite the Taliban’s refusal thus far to negotiate directly with Afghanistan’s elected government.

China shares a long border with Afghanistan and is wary of crime and violence spilling over into its volatile Xinjiang region, which is on a virtual lockdown after years of anti-government bloody violence. China has also provided aid to the Afghan government and is seeking to profit by helping develop the country’s deposits of copper and other minerals.

China’s desire for stability and concerns about the spread of extremism are partly at odds with its view of the rival goals of the United States and the Taliban, both seeking to establish their rule in Afghanistan. By contrast, the United States leaves the region, which it considers a corner of its sphere of influence. As a result, it has sought to build alliances with both the government in Kabul and the Taliban.

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Pakistan Important Force in Afghanistan Peace Process: Cheng Xizhong

US House Speaker Pelosi Calls for Women’s Role in Afghan Peace Talks

Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, and she also expressed optimism about the US-Taliban agreement that could lead to the drawdown of the US troops from Afghanistan.

WASHINGTON - In a statement released on Sunday, Pelosi said that many significant additional steps – including the start of intra-Afghan dialogue – remain to achieve comprehensive and enduring peace in the war-torn country, stressing that the Afghan government must be at the negotiating table and that their voices must be heard.

"These steps include the start of critical intra-Afghan negotiations between Afghan political leaders, the Taliban and civil society to advance a political settlement and permanent, sustainable ceasefire agreement," Pelosi said.

Meanwhile, Pelosi stressed the participation of Afghan women in the peace talks with the Taliban, saying "their voices must be heard."

"The participation of women in the peace process is critical for the security, economy, and governance of Afghanistan," said Pelosi.

She said that all... (More on P4)...(1)

Ukraine will continue taking part in the NATO Mission in Afghanistan, says the country’s foreign minister, Yuliya Prystaiko.

KIEV - "Ukraine remains a trusted US and NATO partner and we support the peace and stability settlement in Afghanistan by taking part in NATO’s Resolute Support Mission," the minister said, as long as the Afghan people need help," Prystaiko wrote on Twitter.

In a separate tweet, the top diplomat noted that Ukraine welcomed the US-Taliban agreements reached in Afghanistan.

"After many years of war the path to peaceful resolution is now open," the foreign minister wrote. As UNIAN reported earlier, on February 29, 2020, in Doha, Qatar, the United States and the Taliban signed an agreement aimed at ending the war in Afghanistan. The agreement has four points, according to Al Jazeera - a timeline of 14 months for the withdrawal of all US and NATO troops from Afghanistan, a Taliban guarantee that Afghan soil will not be used as a launchpad that would... (More on P4)...(2)

Ghani and Abdullah Divided over Negotiating Team

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah are not in agreement over the formation of a negotiating team to hold talks with the Taliban.

The intra-Afghan talks must begin by March 10, according to the intra-Afghan agreement set by the signed US-Taliban deal, which was signed on Saturday, Feb. 29 in Doha. President Ghani, who spoke at a press conference in Kabul on Sunday, suggested that the negotiating team should not have more than eight members as it will create "teams within teams," if it is more than that. But he said that a council will be formed within the next five days to form the negotiating team.

The government has nine days to form a negotiating team according to the US-Taliban agreement and the Afghan-Government-US joint declaration. "International and internal pressures are there," he said, "but both the politicians and the government will ultimately reach an agreement," said Akrum Khilwak, former head of the secretariat of the High Peace Council. (TOLO NEWS)

Taliban Says Won’t Participate in Intra-Afghan Talks Until Prisoners Released

KABUL - The Taliban will not participate in intra-Afghan talks until roughly 5,000 of its prisoners are released, its spokesman said on Monday. "If our 5,000 prisoners - 100 or 200 more or less does not matter - do not get released there will be no intra-Afghan talks," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid was quoted as saying by Reuters.

According to the US-Taliban deal, intra-Afghan negotiations are scheduled to start on March 10. The agreement calls for up to 5,000 Taliban prisoners to be released in exchange for up to 1,000 Afghanistan government captives by March 10.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, however, has rejected prisoner release. He said that if it is not in the authority of the United States to decide, "they are only a facilitator." US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told CBS’ “Face the Nation” program there had been prisoner releases from both sides in the past, and voiced hope that negotiations would begin in the coming days between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

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Afghan-French Director's Film Wins Award at Berlin Film Festival

The abduction comes as the United States and the Taliban signed a deal in Doha on Saturday. Under the deal, 3,000 Taliban prisoners and 1,000 others held by the group are expected to be released by March 10. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, however, has rejected their release. (1TY NEWS)

US Surrendered in Afghanistan After 19yrs of Humiliation: FM Zarif

Tehran – Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has said that the US has finally surrendered in Afghanistan, following the signing of an agreement between Washington and the Taliban for the withdrawal of all US troops.

“US occupiers should never have entered Afghanistan. They did not have the right to conquer and humiliate everyone for centuries. After the surrender, US has tendered its utmost courtesy to the Afghan government, Syria, Iran or Yemen. US is still not interested in going beyond while leaving huge mess behind.”

he wrote on a short Facebook post. Zarif’s remarks came after US and Taliban representatives signed a peace agreement in Doha, with the help of Qatar, that stipulates the withdrawal of all US forces from Afghanistan within 14 months.

Planned construction projects could earn you a good income, Virgo, but today you might not be very comfortable with your current situation. Perhaps you’re thankless, or you feel that you’re wasting your time. You’re considering moving to a more flexible area. Don’t lose your cool today. It’s not the day to make any definite decisions or even consider your options. You’re not in an objective frame of mind. Wait a few days and then think about this some more. You might change your mind.

Liberia (Sep 23-Oct.22)

Mar 3, 2020 - The energy that has propelled you forward for the past several weeks might seem to be tapering off today, but it’s not as though your life or your universe. You might need to take a little leisure to grasp what’s happening in your life. New friends, new opportunities, and new responsibilities have appeared in your path, but you could not be feeling so sly, wondering if you can find any peace. All the time you should judge your path with your intentions. If you're not working hard, get it done, and don't make yourself crazy over it. Get on your way. (Read more)

Suspected Coronavirus Cases Rise to 77: MoPh

KABUL – The number of suspected coronavirus cases has risen to 77 in Afghanistan, with only one confirmed positive in northern Herat and 15 suspects that borders Iran, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPh) said Monday.

A list Pajhwok Afghan News received from the MoPh shows 59 suspected coronavirus cases have been registered in Herat, 13 in capital Kabul, two in Ghor and one each Logar, Helmand, Panjshir and Baghlan provinces. Of the 59 suspected cases in Herat, 34 have been declared negative and one positive, but the next 24 cases are still under investigation.

However, other sources said suspected coronavirus cases in Kabul, Helmand, Logar, Baghlan and Ghor provinces have also been identified as negative. Some social media users claimed a positive coronavirus case has surfaced in northern Balkh province, but MoPh spokesmen acknowledged this later and ruled it a rumor during a telephonic conversation. However, MoPh officials said no positive coronavirus case has been detected in Balkh province.

Earlier, President Ashraf Ghani ordered government to work in full coordination to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Ghani has stressed the need for awareness about the dangerous virus, saying awareness should be provided in universities, schools and crowded areas. Provincial governments have been directed to launch comprehensive awareness campaigns about the coronavirus. (Pajhwok)

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March 3, 2020 - Plans for getting together with friends or a romantic partner might be in place as you prepare to leave your usual routine and enjoy a change of pace. If you have any lingering worries, though, take comfort in the fact that you won’t be alone in your thoughts. This feeling will pass in time.

Pieces (Feb-Mar.20)

Mar 3, 2020 - A group with which you’re affiliated could be excited about a course of action that you might not be too thrilled about. Perhaps you’re tired of taking a backseat to the people who have had time to catch your breath. Hang in there! Sometimes it might seem to lag a bit today, causing you to question whether you really want to continue. But you should remember that time has been on your side. Use it wisely and you’ll be able to do well.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Mar 3, 2020 - You might have planned an exciting evening with friends or your current partner. But it may not be the right time for a romantic evening for you. Go with the flow. You might change your mind.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Mar 3, 2020 - Today you might feel like you’re doing well, even if you’re not. You might have missed a positive opportunity, but success is still in the wind.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct.22)

Mar 3, 2020 - Attempts to master a new computer program or other form of higher education might seem to be quite confusing right now. You tend to doubt your ability and feel frustrated sometimes. You need to keep it. You aren’t beyond all help! Nothing more than a bit of focus, concentration, and dogged persistence is required. It might also pay to ask someone’s help who knows more about it.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Mar 3, 2020 - The real level of growth that you’ve probably been experiencing is not something you can suddenly prove too much for your ego. Sooner or later, you might need to take a little leisure to grasp what’s happening in your life. New friends, new opportunities, and new responsibilities have appeared in your path, but you could not be feeling so sly, wondering if you can find any peace. All the time you should judge your path with your intentions. If you’re not working hard, get it done, and don’t make yourself crazy over it.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.21)

Mar 3, 2020 - You might need to inform them of any of your relationships. Work hard, get it done, and schedule time for socials for now (see Las in March).

Leo (Jul 21-Aug.21)

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Outlook Horoscope

I have a different opinion and you have a different one. I am a part of a distinct group, we are with another one. However, it is not a matter that should be considered something wrong and negative. I believe in peace and the Taliban in the same way it is because of the efforts to understand truth. I may understand truth from a particular perspective while you may understand it from a different one. In this case, there is something very interesting and must be accepted readily as a necessary part of social life. However, that is not the opinion about the majority – here the difference in ideas and opinions are treated in a very awkward manner. In our society the disparity in perspective and outlook between two persons or two groups of people means each other’s enemy. This sort of attitude has made both the government and the leaders among the people. It is really the sort of attitude that must be adopted by the majority of the all the countries. We have to think about the same things that have the capacity to think and to distinguis between the right and the wrong? Such sort of attitudes is really very destructive for a nation and does not have any positive impact on operation, national integration and nation building take place easily. In fact, every group thinks that it knows all the truths in the universe and has all the positive qualities in the world; that it has been the most blessed and beloved group on the face of earth and that the developments that have taken place through out the history are basically because of it – in fact, it thinks that the whole world and the incidents in the world revolve around it and it is the main character of the novel while all others are supporting characters or side-roles. Who are you and who are we? And what is the reality of our imaginations, thoughts and our opinions? What are the logic and the reason for your belief in which there is no concern and our view? Do we or you have any sort of connection with sacred revelations? Who is among us who can claim that his every breath is taken in the reality of God and truth, that whatever he thinks is truth and will always be truth? Think and develop the habit of thinking that whatever others think can be true as well. In fact, neither you have come to this universe nor the others have come to this universe ready to trust anyone else’s opinion or thoughts. Why is that? In order to become the truth one has to work and prove. And the same question applies to your opinion as well. It is the same right that is to say and the same state that is to say that the right to have opinions. Yes, it is correct that you can have that right but you must take care and understand the serious condition which you have to trust each other and realize that what the other person is saying is basically his opinion, not a sin or a crime. If there is no such trust then there is no need of sharing opinions and ideas and then there is no use of exchange of knowledge and opinions. First, it is really necessary that there should be trust over each other’s intentions and ideas. If no one are willing to learn, to understand and to trust, there should be discussions and discussions must be continued. However, the understanding of the discussion has not beccom complete. In fact, we have not yet learnt the manners of discussions. What we are doing is not discussion but strong emotional and aggressive disbelief in others in fact, habitual of abusing each other and showing how illiterate and ignorant we are. Discussion, in the real sense, is the practice of the wisdom and understanding and mean opinion. When we lack wisdom and understanding, therefore, what we practice is nothing but antagonism. Unless, we overcome this situation and invoke wisdom and understanding with open arms and have healthy discussions with one another, we are not able to bring about change in our personalities and in the long run in our habits and our society. Everyone should acknowledge that there is a healthy relation between us and our urge for truth and let’s start healthy discussions with one another and much to the truth – the actual truth, the one that can emancipate us from the darkness of ignorance and lead us to the light of truth and reason. We need to come to the truth and we have to do as the most superior creature on the planet or may be in the whole universe.

By: Mohamed A. El-Erian

Firms and governments must increasingly internalize the uncertainty – and the overestimation of it – as the dominant probability – of an acceleration of four secular developments that influence the business and political leaders. Let us see how they do it. Decision-makers should think of these trends as a growing consensus about our interconnections. We are all feeling like a tsunami for those who fail to adapt their thinking and practices in a timely manner.

The first and most important trend is climate change, which has shifted from a distant concern, on what we can do in the short-term to a timely requirement, to an action, and it is an increasingly urgent threat.

The mobilization of various concerned segments of society, owing partly to unusual climatic disruptions in recent years, has given rise to increasing calls for climate action. The recent acceleration of climate change due to the use of fossil fuel is now recognized around the world. However, this has made many countries and international organizations to realize the crucial role of sustainable development in the context of climate change.

The second trend is the increasing role of technology in our lives. The development of new technologies has led to an increase in the use of digital platforms and digital technologies. The impact of technology on society is vast and it has changed the way we communicate and interact.

The third trend is the increasing role of data in decision-making. The use of data has become an essential part of decision-making processes, and it has become increasingly clear that data-driven decision-making is necessary for effective governance.

The fourth trend is the increasing role of privacy in decision-making. The increasing use of personal data has led to concerns about privacy and data protection.Governments and companies must ensure that privacy is protected and that personal data is used responsibly.

In conclusion, the impact of trends on the effectiveness and success of companies and governments alike. And while being challenged overall, the four trends in technology, data, privacy and climate change will continue to evolve and shape our world. The four trends are interconnected and will interact with one another and we need to be prepared to adapt to these changes.
Argentina President to Introduce Bill to Legalise Abortion

BANGKOK - Thailand's MotoGP was post-poned on Monday, leaving the schedule in doubt after the season-opening Qatar MotoGP was called off last week.

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The United States Congress continues to negotiate a potential political declaration struck late in December 19, 2019

The Qatar side expressed interest in implementing Large-Scale Projects in Turkmenistan

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Turkish villagers, those with fishing permits, have mostly started to cross in inflatable boats over the last two days, according to local media reports. The United Nations said on Tuesday it had allocated a number of $22.5 million to provide food and non-food items for people affected by the earthquake in Turkey.

In this regard, the Qatari Foreign Minister added: “Recent repeated launches of projectiles by North Ko- rea are a serious threat.”

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Philippines Not Seeking New Military Pact with U.S.: Presidential Spokesman

MANILA - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has not authorized any new negotiations to forge a new military pact with the U.S., adding that Duterte does not want the U.S. to terminate the VFA.

Panelo said Sunday, the Philippines’ foreign affairs secretary, adding that the Philippines leader is determined to terminate the VFA. Panelo belied reports, which quoted the Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. Jose Manuel Romualdez as saying that Manila and Washing-

ton are finding ways to come up with an agreement similar to the VFA.

“Actually I was talking about our first or two-thirds of the VFA, which was granted to the U.S. and the agreement is still valid, and as far as Washington is concerned, it also expired,” Panelo said.

The launch was the nuclear-first of its kind, which is a departure from the U.S.-led forum in which Manila and Washington are involved. The announcement comes just as President Rodrigo Duterte strongly criticized the U.S. during his visit to the U.S. last week.

The Philippine president compared the U.S. to a “cold war power” during a press conference in the Philippines, saying that the Philippines would no longer be a “hardcore ally” of the U.S.

Duterte’s comments follow a recent meeting with the U.S. President Donald Trump, during which Duterte expressed his concerns about U.S. policies in the region.

Duterte’s intransigent stance follows a series of high-profile visits to nations in the region, including China, Russia, and Iran, in which he has repeatedly cast doubt on the effectiveness of the VFA.

Romualdez, who is also the foreign affairs secretary, said the Philippine government will “not kowtow” to the U.S. and that the Philippines “will continue to pursue its policies independently of the U.S.”

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F ive Nations to Facilitate the Intra-Afghan Dialogue

By Alireza Rajaee

KABUL - The Taliban's leader Mullah Hibatullah has released prisoners in a statement released on Saturday called their release of up to 5000 of its prisoners would be released in exchange for Taliban prisoners in exchange for the US-Taliban deal. Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg of Norway, Uzbekistan, and other officials, “Ghani said. \n
Pakistan's foreign minister said that the Taliban and the US was signed a joint US-Afghan declaration on the signing in Doha of an agreement. Secretary Mark Esper and NATO Secretary-General for Afghanistan, an official said on Monday. The group is comprised of Ger stan to work out arrangements to ensure neither country's security is threatened by actions from the terri- The two employees belonged to the usual “amir,” which some interpreted as a leader “zaeem,” using a different term than the real negotiations will start now and then we will have to see the assumptions that we had, how cohesive are various players and what are their demands.” “Does Taliban join a democratic setup or a democratic setup adjusts to Taliban? We are all watching this space,” the minister said. (TV NEWS)

KARUL - America’s accord with the Taliban, freighted with imperfections and uncertainties, is expected by the Afghan government and our N.A. also, says the US Secretary. The deal was a road map to peace, security and stability, Mark Esper wrote in an article, which appeared in the Washington Post on Monday. He characterised the agreement as the first dance the US had ever had to put an end to the 19-year conflict in Afghanistan and to bring American troops home for good. The Pentagon chief acknowledged seeing a significant drop in violence in Afghanistan over the past week. This set the stage to approve a condition-based agreement with the Taliban. Esper hoped the peace treaty would ensure that Afghanistan never again became a staging area for terrorists to launch attacks against the US and its allies. (Ptvnews)

KABUL - Afghanistan-Pakistan Issues: Qureshi's minced words about the region and the world, as well as a number of Afghans, were invited and they (the Taliban) became convinced that they are a big power in the country, because (the US) will only sign with them. This created more igno-rance,” Khan said. “The... (More on P4)... (6)

KABUL - A number of people on Monday emerged in Kabul to voice their support for President Ashraf Ghani’s questioning of Taliban prisoners’ release under the US-Taliban deal. The historic agreement between the Taliban and the US was signed on February 29 after around one month of talks following the US-Taliban talks with the Afghan government, but it seems that the Tal- iban has shown flexibility to sit around the negotiation table with all latitudes in the next ten days. (ATN)

A group consists of five coun- tries has been formed to mediate the intra-Afghan dialogue. The group is comprised of Ger- many, Norway, Uzbekistan, Qatar, and Indonesia. According to the US-Taliban agreement signed Saturday in Qatar, the intra-Afghan dia- logue starts on 10th March. The Taliban demanded the re- lease of up to 5000 of its pris- oners, in exchange for 1000 Afghan forces who are in the Taliban’s captivity. However, President Ghani said Sunday that Afghanistan has no commitment to release the prisoners and that the Tal- iban demands cannot be con- sidered as a pre-condition for the talks. Markus Potzel, German Spe- cial Envoy for Afghanistan told Ariana News that his country was ready to host the process. Meanwhile, the two sides are expected to discuss the cease- fire and the formation of the future government. It comes as the Taliban has fre- quently denied holding direct talks with the Afghan govern- ment, but it seems that the Tal- iban has shown flexibility to sit around the negotiation table with all latitudes in the next ten days.

NEW DELHI - Real negotiations will start now. Indian foreign minister said on Monday, refer- ring to intra-Afghan talks following the US-Taliban deal. Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg noted that a lot has changed in Afghanistan since 2001 when Taliban were ousted from power, adding gains must be protected. “To US and West one has been that it is in the US and West interest that the achievements of the last 18 years are secured, protected and not jeopardized,” Hashakhan said. The Centre for Policy Research’s Dialogue 2020. “To my mind the real negotiations will start now and then we will have to see the assumptions that we had, how cohesive are various players and what are their demands.” “Does Taliban join a democratic setup or a democratic setup adjusts to Taliban? We are all watching this space,” the minister said. (TV NEWS)

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