KABUL - Tehran on Sunday expressed its readiness to work together with Kabul on legitimizing the status of Afghans living in the Persian Gulf country and offered all possible support to the war-torn nation.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met with Afghanistan’s National Security Advisor, Mohammad Hanif Atmar, in Tehran on Sunday.

After his arrival in Kabul, he was received in bilateral co-operation with his Rabbani. Zarif was accorded a warm welcome by Deputy Foreign Minister Nasrin Amadi.

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The Afghan security forces maintain the right to repress and arrest the frightful acts of killers targeting our people, the interior minister said.

Raziq has warned Pakistan of dire consequences if it does not control the movements of all the teams and lonely fighters to Afghanistan.

Similarly, the two nations agreed that the neighbours could forge economic relations.

President Ahmed Javad Zarif voiced Iran’s welcoming of interaction between both countries.

In the past decade, the Afghans have been suffering bad conditions. According to statistics, there are 410,000 Afghan schoolchildren who have such passports must quickly change to new ones.

Hand written passports will be accepted and those with them, said the statement. A large number of government employees, journalists and state institutions’ representatives met with Zarif to discuss this problem.

Representatives of migrants in Iran have met with the CEO, who has promised government cooperation.

High Level Event on Anti-Corruption Campaign Today

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani and EU Ambassador to Afghanistan Franz-Michael Mellin will co-host a high level ‘anti-corruption conference’ at the Presidential Palace in Kabul on Monday to mark the end of the European Union’s 2017 anti-corruption campaign.

“Our campaign has put focus to some of the key challenges when it comes to stepping up the fight against corruption. The conference will address these very same issues,” said Mellin, special representative to Afghanistan, in a statement issued here on Sunday.

With the title: ‘Intensifying the effort to stop corruption, building relationships, boosting cooperation and common issues such as combating terrorism are under examination.

During the presser, Zarif conformed instant terror attacks in Afghanistan and shared his sympathies with victims of families. Both countries were located in a dangerous region and it is expected to intensify attacks.

Afghan President did not Decline Invitations to Visit Pakistan: Sadic

INLAMABAD – Pakistan’s National Security Advisor (NSA) Lt Gen Sartaj Aziz on Sunday, denying reports by Prime Minister Asfandyar Ghani’s ‘rejection’ last week to return to visit Pakistan, said Ghani had assured him they would return to Pakistan at a later date.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was expected to arrive here to find out which of these visits would be given priority.

Fledding Conflict in Kunduz

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Finland, Germany, Iran, Afghan Join Hands to Train Afghan Mining Experts

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and 248 cold storage facilities, with the capacity of storing up to 50,000 tons of agricultural products, across the country. The project will cost at least 540 million USD and will come from the ministry’s development budget, said Ahmad Shokoh Omar, the MAIL’s project manager of cold storage facilities.

He said that eight of the cold storage facilities would have a particularly large capacity of a total 40,000 tons and the project would take two years.

Eight cold storage facilities would be built in six provinces including Kabu, Kunduz, Kundasor, Badghis, Herat and Nangarhar in order to keep agricultural products of these provinces. (fresh). Omar added.

Meanwhile, the members of the agriculture institute of the Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan supported agriculture ministry to build cold storage facilities according to international standards.

“Two years ago, the ministry of agriculture had constructed 250 cold storage facilities for Bamyan province, but according to our information, we can say that they are warehouses not cold storage facilities. Because the moisture, temperature and air filtration regulations have not been controlled in these facilities in Bamyan, said Mohammad Yamen Farahmand manager of the institute (Tolovesh).

KABUL - A group of fifteen Afghan experts researched trainings in the field of mining and geological exploration, said, speaking with the joint efforts of Finland, Germany, Iran, and Afghanistan.

The Office of the Germany Cooperation with Afghanistan in a statement said last week, a two-week training on geophysical sciences, was held in the presence of the Afghan Geological Survey (AGS) participated in the workshop and will now return to Afghanistan.

The statement further added that the Geologic Survey of Finland has already been working with the Afghanistan Geological Survey and organised this training on the request of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs. In order to support further developing and strengthening cooperation between scientific institutions and donor operations in the mining and geology sector, the German programme for Academic Minining Education in Afghanistan (AMEA) supported this training as well.

According to the Office of the German Cooperation with Afghanistan, Finnish and Iranian trainees lead all courses. The party hosted mainly used the application of different geophysical methods in mineral exploration.

The statement also added other topics such as ground water, hydrogeology as well as building and construction stone assessments were covered. The participants further learned how to converge different methods and how to cooperate between different units and departments.

In response to the many invitations to visit Pakistan, Sadic pointed out that the Afghan president had not declined invitations extended to him by his Pakistani counterpart.

The meeting of Ghani and Sadic was held in the presence of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif’s and their aide’s.

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