Turkmenistan Offers to Hold Inter-Afghan Talks Under UN Auspices

ASHGABAT – Turkmenistan reiterated its readiness to deliver its political peace-building role in the Afghan peace dialogue pending the UNSC resolution. The statement was made during a meeting between President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov and the Afghan president. It represents Turkmenistan’s support for the dialogue process between the Afghan authorities and the Taliban. This unprecedented move by Turkmenistan has been praised by the Afghan leadership, recognizing the peace process as a stepping stone towards achieving peace and stability in the region. (More on P6-1)

Afghan Bank Notes Wearing Out Prematurely

KABUL - Counterfeiters and muggers are said to be the causes of over 170 million AFS worth of paper money being destroyed. (More on P6-1)

Obama Calls on NATO Members to Help Stabilize Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - US President Barack Obama on Tuesday called on all NATO member countries to help stabilize Afghanistan.

Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at the White House, Obama said that not only the United Nations, but also all NATO members should offer training and other support to Afghan forces following the drawdown of NATO troops. Obama said that the issue would be discussed at a NATO summit in July on the Polish capital city of Warsaw. “We had...” (More on P6-2)

Unity Govt. Unconstitutional Until Loya Jirga Convened

KARUL - The unity government would continue to work until the constitutional authority until the Loya Jirga is called to sessions, which needs the endorsement of the Loya Jirga. (More on P6-2)

Fatiem Retreats Pakistan Support for Afghan Reconciliation Process

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and Afghanistan on Wednesday agreed that the two countries should work closely for peace, stability and security in Afghanistan, which is essential for peace and stability in the region. (More on P6-4)

Abdy appointed as Deputy Head of NDS

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani appointed Abdul Ghani as the Deputy Head of the Afghan Intelligence - National Directorate of Security (NDS). Abdy was serving as a spokesperson for President Ghani and was appointed for the post in February this year. (More on P6-2)

New British Envoy Taliban Committing Acts like Terrorists

KABUL - New British ambassador to Afghanistan Karen Pierce, who presented her credentials to President Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday, said the Taliban were committing acts like terrorism by killing and targeting civilians and sparking unrest in Afghanistan’s security. (More on P6-2)

China will Support Afghan Reconciliation Process

KARUL - Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao met with former president Hamid Karzai on Wednesday at the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing. Chinese media reports.

Li said China and Afghanistan are friendly neighbors that understand, trust and support each other. At the year marked the 60th anniversary of the diplomat’s ties between the two countries, Li said China stands ready to work together with Afghanistan to further boost cooperation on trade, investment and security to benefit the people of the two countries. China will continue supporting the process of reconstruction and reconciliation in Afghanistan and helping to achieve peace, stability and development in the country at an early date. (More on P6-2)

Li added, “Hailing the traditional friendship between the two nations, Karzai thanked the Chinese side for the contribution to Afghanistan’s process of peace and...” (More on P6-2)

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