Ghani Promises to Tackle Unemployment

KABUL — President Ashraf Ghani on Monday addressed delegates at a youth forum and promised and promised to tackle unemployment in the country and emplore more young people within the administration.

Addressing delegates at the Presidential Palace, who came from various provinces, Ghani said bringing reforms is government’s duty and a program will be started soon on working out how unemployment can be tackled.

Ghani also urged delegates to put questions to him in future and promised to bring in more young people into the administration.

Positive pressures are welcome.

President Ashraf Ghani
Peace in Afghanistan Means End of War

KABUL — President Ashraf Ghani on Monday said that the Afghan government demands peace with dignity which Afghanistan’s constitution protects in it.

Ghanist said the youth role is essential in better stability and their critiques must have constructive aspect.

Masoom Stanikzai
Afghanistan Still Needs Regional Cooperation in War on Terror

KABUL — President Ashraf Ghani on Monday said that the regional countries have still not seriously cooperated with Afghanistan in the war on terrorism.

The acting defense minister, Masoom Stanikzai, criticized the weak regional cooperation.

Rabbani, Balkhi Address MPs over Migrant Crisis

KABUL — The Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani and Minister of Refugees and Repatriation on Monday addressed parliament over the ongoing migrant crisis in Europe with the focus being on Afghan refugees fleeing the country.

According to Rabbani, so far this year 146,000 Afghans have sought refuge in Europe. He said that of these, 41 percent have been given asylum in various countries and that 33 percent are still being processed.

Rabbani went on to say that the two key issues driving Afghans to Europe is insecurity and unemployment.

He, however, in order to be granted asylum, all Afghans have to prove their lives are in danger, he said.

“Afghanistan had the highest number of asylum seekers in the past but that has changed. Syria now is the number one country,” he said.

But as he pointed out, some European countries are now taking a hard line against accepting refugees.

“Foreign Ministry has been monitoring the situation since the start of the migrant crisis and a high-level meeting has been arranged on it,” he said.

Paris Attacks Intensify Migrant Debate in EU

PARIS — The Paris attacks and the discovery of a Syrian passport near one of the assailant’s bodies have revived the European debate on whether to take a harder line on migrants.

With the continent facing its biggest migration crisis since World War II, EU states have braced for crunch on how to stem the flow and share out the new arrivals.

There have been steady calls from the right — and more emergent Sunday — for nations to be wary of the wave of “Muslims, war and poverty in Africa and the Middle East.”

“Not every refugee is an Islamic State terrorist,” but to believe that there are “enough to foresee a challenge to the lives of Europe’s citizens,” experts have warned.

Diplomatic Efforts Stepped up to Revive Pakistan-Brokered Afghan Talks

ISLAMABAD — Islamabad, Afghanistan and regional stakeholders are involved in diplomatic efforts to push for the revival of the Pakistan-brokered Afghan peace talks that faced a deadlock after the collapse of the international conference held in the Swiss town of Geneva in November.

The Afghan peace talks have been postponed since then while the Taliban have now almost 30 percent of the country.

Talks were conditioned around the Afghan refugees that have made their way across Russia to the Scandinavian country.

Following the meetings, a decision was taken to re-negotiate up to 90 percent of all recent Afghan arrivals in Norway. However, the exact number of refugees “remains to be calculated.”

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