Any Step Regarding Peace to be Based on Consultation: Ghani

President Ashraf Ghani on Thursday said any step to be taken towards peace in Afghanistan would be based on consultation.

KARUL - A statement from the Presidential Palace received by Pajhwok Afghan News said President Ghani addressed a consultative meeting about peace with the Coordination Council of Jamiat-e-Islami party this afternoon.

The meeting discussed the High Peace Council (HPC) activities and brought them at par with the new situation, creating a consultative peace board to be comprised of representatives from political parties, civil society and all 34 provinces as "More on P6.A." 

KARUL - The National Security Council (NSC) on Thursday directed the defense and security forces to intensify their operations against insurgents in order to protect civilian lives and reduce security forces’ casualties. The NSC, President Ashraf Ghani’s security team, issued the directives after thousands of families fled homes to escape clashes between Taliban militants and Afghan forces in two districts of southern Helmand province.

Jihghet and Malistan. While more than 30 policemen were killed in a single Taliban attack in "More on P6.A.”

National Unity Suffered Under Ghani: Abdali

KARUL - If peace truly comes to Afghanistan with the establishment of an interim government, I am ready to support that," says Shaista Mohammad Abdali, a potential presidential candidate and former ambassador to India.

Talking to Pajhwok Afghan News during an exclusive interview on last Tuesday, Abdali said national unity and peace of Afghanistan suffered badly during the past four years under President Ashraf Ghani.

Abdali, who served as Afghanistan’s ambassador to India for six and a half years, said he returned to the country to ensure compliance with demand of the people of southern Kandahar province.

On return to his country, Abdali held a series of meetings with tribal elders from Loyi Kandahar. He said he was now in talks with political parties, civil society activists and alliances in Kabul to restore national unity and enhance peace across the country.

"Unfortunately the national unity in the country was damaged in the past four years," he said, adding Kandahar elders had demanded him to contest the presidential elections.

Abdali said it would be decided later. "More on P6.D." 

Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations Face Another Test

KARUL - Pakistan and Afghanistan appear to have been locked in a renewed diplomatic row, following the killing of a Pakistani police officer on Afghan soil.

Kabul handed over the body of Tahir Khan Dastar — a senior Pakistani police officer, who was found murdered in the Afghan province of Nangarhar on Tuesday — to a Pakistani delegation led by State Minister for Interior Atta Shehryar Afridi at Torkham border on Thursday.

Dastar — hailed from powerful Dastar tribe of Pakistan’s North Waziristan region — was kidnapped by unknown "More on P6.B." 

Our Electoral Ticket to be Formed Soon: Hezb-i-Islami

KARUL - Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan leader Gulbuddin Hezb i-

Kabul said his party had reached agreement with 27 other political parties on forming a consensus candidate and addressing a press conference here, the HIA leader said members of their electoral ticket would be announced soon.

He said discussions were ongoing on formation of electoral tickets between political party and the chief executive office, but no one had so far formally announced their "More on P6.C."