Ending War, Bringing Peace Is Top Priority for Foreign Policy: Atmar

KABUL - Mohammad Haneef Atmar, nominated foreign affairs minister, along with other nominees for different ministries, on Monday presented his plan to members of the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) and said “ending the war and bringing peace and stability in the country is a top priority for Afghanistan’s foreign policy.” He also stated that peace and stability in Afghanistan would be in the best interests of the region and the world. However, he stated that “Afghanistan will be faced with terrorism threats” even if a peace deal is reached with the Taliban.

Atmar stated that regional and global cooperation in respect of the Afghan peace process was needed and that assistance from stakeholders in fighting terrorism was also necessary. "Peace is a top priority for Afghanistan's foreign policy." He also stated that peace and stability in Afghanistan would be in the best interests of the region and the world.

Protest as Privileges of 72 Distributed to 158

KABUL - A four month risk fee of 72 nurses and drivers of Kabul Ambulance who worked on the front line during the first wave of Covid-19 have been distributed to 158 employees of this department against the procedures of the Ministry of Public Health.

Some of the 72 individuals complained to Pajhwok Afghan News, saying that their right had been ignored. But MoPH insisted under the procedure, 72 nurses and drivers of the 158 ambassadors deserved the privilege (risk fee).

Anti-corruption officials also insist the money has been distributed as per the agreement in the department in agreement with the 72 deserving workers. The payments were shared after complaints from other workers.

According to MoPH, at least 43,240 positive cases of Covid-19 have been cured and 1617 fatalities since March 2019. At least 1,632, and the total number of recoveries is 33,336.

AZIBI BANK RECENTLY HAD AN INTERACTIVE AND FRUITSULTION WITH SOME WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS ABOUT THE BANK’S PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

The women entrepreneurs were introduced by GIZ Afghanistan as part of our joint initiative to support women entrepreneurs and motivate small scale business growth in the country. The session started with the introduction of the bank’s various endeavors including our CSR initiatives and ended with a detailed brief on RIFA loans for women, an initiative of the bank to support women led business units.

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3. Multilevel Group Authorization Transactions

AFGHANISTAN, SIEMENS ENERGY SIGN COOPERATION AGREEMENT

KABUL - Afghanistan and German giant Siemens Energy signed an agreement of cooperation to boost the war-torn country’s energy sector.

The agreement was signed between the Ministry of Finance, National Water Affairs Regulation Authority and national electricity company Modria and Siemens Energy in the presence of President Ashraf Ghani. Atamullah Nasib, head of Afghanistan Investment Facilitation Unit, said that the agreement aims to help Afghanistan access new sources of revenue as a platform for electric transit, use local resources for electricity production, and create modern and sustainable system for power producers.

He said that currently, 28 percent of people in Afghanistan have access to electricity and it is expected to rise to 85 percent by 2022. Meanwhile, COO of Siemens Energy, Christian Bruch, said that the company will help Afghanistan produce electricity from renewable energy sources and turn the country into a hub of exporting renewable energy to the region. "President Ashraf Ghani that energy is not only important for infrastructure, but for development and investments." We will build an Afghanistan where citizens can look forward to reliable power, not only for their homes and offices, but to ensure that their products, whether agriculural, industrial, or services, can rely on sustained, 24-hour energy, a 7 days, 500 days year," the president said. (TT NEWS)

COVID-19: 228 New Cases, 15 Deaths Reported in Afghanistan

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health on Monday reported 228 new positive cases of COVID-19 out of 1,253 tests sampled in the last 24 hours.

The Public Health Ministry also reported 15 deaths and 44 recoveries from COVID-19 in the same period.

The new cases were reported in Kabul (94), Herat (55), Kandahar (9), Balkh (26), Takhar (20), Badghis (3), Logar (3), Wardak (3), Farah (2), and Zabul (2) provinces.

The deaths were reported in Kabul (9), Herat (2), Balkh (1), Takhar (2) and Ghazni (4) provinces, according to data provided by the Ministry of Public Health.

The data by the ministry shows that the cumulative number of total cases is now 45,484, the number of total reported deaths is 1,632, and the total number of recoveries is 33,336.

So far, 130,885 samples have been tested in the government centers and there are 33,336 known active COVID-19 cases in the country, data by the ministry shows.

Speak Out Against War, Kunduz Governor Tells People

KUNDUZ - The governor of northern Kunduz province on Monday called on people to speak out against the ongoing war in the country.

Governor Abdul Satar Mirzakwaz, who visited Chahar Darah district, addressed a gathering of tribal elders and residents, saying that he was ready to start peace talks with local Taliban in Kunduz district to ensure security.

Ahmad Amrozil, a tribal elder from Chahar Darah district said, people supported the government to the best of their ability but they struggled with problems in development, health, education, rehabilitation and other areas.

He then read minutes of projects, but there are no projects..." (More on P4, 5)

Saleh Includes Topic on Fight Against Corruption in His Morning Meeting

He added, to accomplish this task, it undertakes a regular program of gathering information, acting on the basis of the information, co-ordinating, and involving relevant and competent institutions.

In regards to the Kabul University attack, Saleh said, the militians realized that people with a better urban appearance would not be suspected at the entrance gate and are not searched seriously.

For this reason, they entered the university after the other wearing the same clothes as the dusty students, and their bags were not searched properly.

It was planned that if the first person’s bag is searched, the second one would have to attack the guard.

He points out that the identities of the suicide bombers have been..." (More on P4, 5)

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**Outlook Horoscope**

**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr.20)** Nov 17, 2020 - You may be feeling emotionally vulnerable today. People around you don’t seem to share the same reality, and it may be a good time to sacrifice your own peace in order to make the path ahead easier. Be sure to consider your options carefully. Someone may need to help you sort through your thoughts, or just be there to listen.

Nov 20, 2020 - It’s an advantage to join people in a social or family situation. It feels as if they are a part of a larger group, and this can make you feel more secure. This is a good day to make new connections and to express your feelings in a positive way.

Nov 27, 2020 - Calm down and get organized before you spread your ideas around. Control is especially true when it comes to love and romance. As someone you are close to may get carried away with some plans that you have excluded from your own. Don’t make things worse by getting in the way.

**Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)** Nov 17, 2020 - Your emotions are not, and I am good, Leo. At the same time, you may be feeling disheartened. You're probably getting yourself down, but it’s not necessary. The situation is not as bad as you think.

Nov 21, 2020 - It’s a good day to work towards greater unity and cooperation. This can help you to solve problems and to build stronger relationships. Be sure to approach this with an open mind, and you will find success.

**Gemini (May 21-Jun.20)** Nov 19, 2020 - The power of beauty, as it turns out. Someone has been going well lately in the love and romance sphere. Perhaps their energy is being transmitted, and you are feeling a sense of connection. Don’t worry about getting the upper hand. What you need to do

**Cancer (Jun.21-Jul.22)** Nov 17, 2020 - You may have experienced a change in your relationships recently. If you have, you may have noticed a shift in how you feel about your loved ones. A change like this can be difficult to accept, but it is important to try to understand why it happened.

Nov 21, 2020 - Today is your day to break free from any limitations that you may have been facing. It’s a good day to take action and to pursue your goals. Be sure to stay focused and to work towards your goals.

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Nov 21, 2020 - Today is a day to celebrate your accomplishments. You have shown strength and courage in the face of challenges. Take some time to appreciate all that you have achieved.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep.22)** Nov 17, 2020 - Matters of love and romance should be quite well, but not too to evolve in Virgo. Be careful of getting caught up in the details of your relationships. These can sometimes obscure the big picture.

Nov 21, 2020 - Be sure to focus on your goals and to avoid getting sidetracked by minor details. You have a strong foundation solid before you start building. If you’ve already started building, you may need to stand back and consider areas in which some extra support beams may be necessary.

**Libra (Sep.23-Oct.22)** Nov 17, 2020 - The person who is most often consulted and stable will not run away. Someone else may try to distract you from your work, but you may be in the middle of an important project and decide to take a break. Before you know it, the phone rings and suddenly you’re trapped with a problem that you hoped would take more than five minutes has turned into a big interruption.

**Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.21)** Nov 17, 2020 - Your world is chaotic, but you’re not. Scorpio. There are many people who would love to have control over you, but you’re not one of them. You have a strong sense of self and are not afraid to stand up for your rights.

Nov 21, 2020 - Today is a day to focus on your personal goals and to avoid getting sidetracked by external pressures. You are in a good position to make progress and to achieve your goals.

**Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21)** Nov 17, 2020 - A statement from UNAMA said that the politicians will meet the Taliban if stalemate continues. “Both sides must talk to a number of Afghan politicians, said that there was a desire of the Afghan politicians to reach a workable po

**Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19)** Nov 17, 2020 - Your brain is buzzing with ideas today. You may find that you get lost in your thoughts or that you have trouble focusing on one thing at a time. It’s important to take breaks and to give your mind a chance to rest.

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**Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18)** Nov 17, 2020 - The results of the last year’s report related to people in social situations, Aquarius. Perhaps you’re interested in hearing the same conversations again, or you may want to avoid difficult situations. Don’t be afraid to speak up, but try to stay calm.

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**Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)** Nov 17, 2020 - Things have probably been going well lately in the love and romance sphere. Perhaps your energy is being transmitted, and you are feeling a sense of connection. Don’t worry about getting the upper hand. What you need to do

**KABUL -** Peace negotiations represent a historic milestone and offer a rare opportunity to bring the conflict to an end, said participants at a gathering in the north-eastern city of Herat on Monday. Organised by the Provincial Peace Council and supported by UNAMA, the meeting brought together most religious leaders and vocal supporters for the peace negotiations in Qatar.

A statement from UNAMA said the participants largely hailed from the provincial capital and surrounding districts. Both parties were urged to find common ground and explore all options to achieve a workable peace deal.

**Afgani Politicians Likely to Meet Taliban as Peace Talks Stall**

DOHA - Afghan politicians likely to meet Taliban if stalemate in peace talks in Doha continues, a peace official said on Monday.

Mr. Sayed Hamed, deputy of High Council for National Reconciliation, said that there was a debate between the Taliban and Afghan officials before the talks could be held.

However, it was refused to avoid thinking that politicians didn’t let the negotiations to reach an understanding with the Taliban, Mr. Sayed Hamed said. He added that the Taliban will do the same to the talks.

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**4 Armed Robbers Killed in Herat Shootouts**

HERAT, Afghanistan - At least two armed robbers were killed during a shootout in Herat province, the Afghan National Police said, the Ministry of Interior Affairs, after the security police carried a “search operation” in Police District 7 of Herat province.

According to the ministry, the national police at least one gun after they retrieved a stolen vehicle. “Two armed robbers killed in a clash with ANP in 7th district of Herat City, Herat province,” said the MoIa in a tweet. “ANP retrieved one pistol & recovered a stolen vehicle.” Meanwhile, in aanova form...

**Magnetic Mine Injuries 2 in Kabul City**

KABUL - Two civilians were injured when a sticky mine exploded near Deh Barch near Deh Barch of Kabul’s 3rd district.

Kabul police spokesman Firuzullah added that no one else was injured in the blast, and no group has yet claimed the responsibility in regards to the incident. (Khamza Press)
November 17, 2020

Inrarn Khan's Trip to Afghanistan Crucial to Peace Process

The intra-Afghan dialogue is ongoing in the Qatar capital of Doha, but regional stakeholders still have not put an end to the violence in the country, which is the focus of the talks in the intra-Afghan dialogue. The Taliban leadership, the Afghan government, and the international community have a shared interest in achieving a lasting peace in Afghanistan.

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The North Atlantic hurricane season officially ended on November 30, 2020. The 2020 season was one of the most active on record, with 30 named storms and 12 hurricanes, including 5 major hurricanes. The season produced a number of significant impacts, including widespread flooding in the southeastern United States, heavy rainfall in Central America, and damage in the Caribbean. The season ended with a normal activity level, but experts say the increasing frequency and intensity of hurricanes may be a sign of climate change. (AP)

(19) Barack Obama…

Obama retired from the presidency in 2018, the former president of the US. He says he will not be attending the 2020 Democratic National Convention. "I won the presidency in 2008, the former president said. "I won the presidency in 2012, the former president said. "I won the presidency in 2016, the former president said. "I won the presidency in 2020," the former president said. "I will not change my mind, the former president said. (AP)

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The role of women in Afghanistan has been a topic of debate and discussion for many years. The Afghan government has made some progress in improving the rights of women, but there is still a long way to go. Women continue to face discrimination and violence in Afghanistan, and there is a need for more support and resources to help them. The Afghan government has also been criticized for not doing enough to protect the rights of women. (AP)

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A new vaccine that protects against COVID-19 in nearly 95% effective, on two doses by six months. A second nationwide lockdown was imposed in the country since September, with the number of daily confirmed coronavirus cases on Monday and a total of 305,488 new confirmed coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, the health ministry on Monday, was expected to announce the expansion of the lockdown to the entire country. The government said that the situation in the region is “critical,” and that the lockdown will be extended for another four weeks.

Coronavirus infections in Russia hit new record

Russia’s coronavirus task force reported 22,778 new coronavirus cases on Monday, a daily increase of 1,9 million confirmed infections. The task force has recorded more than 7 million COVID-19 deaths. The resurgence of the virus has swept through the country since September, with new infections and deaths reported daily since 3,800 in early September to over 20,000 this week. The task force's figures are based on reports from regional authorities, and the actual number of cases could be higher. The task force has also reported 95% of the country’s coronavirus cases. The task force’s figures are based on reports from regional authorities, and the actual number of cases could be higher.

India registers over 30,000 new cases

NEW DELHI - India has registered 30,548 new confirmed coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours, the lowest in the last four months. The daily tally of new infections in the virus-ravaged New Delhi Marine on Monday, an expert on the protection of the virus and its impact on the wider community of London said, told BBC News. "The data also shows there were 11 cases of severe Covid in the same group of people who were immunized. "This is really something to celebrate" he said. The chief medical officer at Moderna, told BBC News. "I did expect, but I don't think any of us really thought that the virus would be as effective at preventing Covid-19 disease, that was the biggest surprise."

Barack Obama: One election won't stop US ‘trumpish’ decay

WASHINGTON: The US faces a huge task in reversing a culture of impunity that has driven the country through 227,526 cases, which have fully recovered in the country. At the moment, 2,219 patients are in critical condition and are on mechanical ventilation due to severe oxygen deprivation. The president said that the situation was “critical,” and that the lockdown would be extended for another four weeks. However, he added that the government will work to ensure that the lockdown is lifted as soon as possible.

Tajikistan: The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in the country increased to 17,023, Trend reported. The figure represents an increase of over 2,200 people from the previous day. The government said that the situation was “critical,” and that the lockdown would be extended for another four weeks.

Ethiopia says Tigray town seized, war embarks Eritrea

ADIS ABOAB, Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has announced that it has captured another town in the northern region after newly sealed off the border with Eritrea. The prime minister said that the town is still under the control of the Ethiopian government. The government said that the situation was “critical,” and that the lockdown would be extended for another four weeks.

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Opposition parties win major cities in Bosnia’s local vote

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: Opposition parties won control over several major cities in Bosnia, according to preliminary results. The opposition parties won control over the cities of Sarajevo, Banja Luka, and Tuzla, as well as in other cities across the country, according to preliminary results reported by local media. Although the Sunday elections were local, they believed that the results could pave the way for new leadership of the small nation, which has been traditionally divided among several ethnic groups – Serbs, Croats, Muslims, and Bosnian Muslims. The results are a vote of confidence for the opposition, which has been critical of the ruling party, led by incumbent Alija Izetbegovic. The opposition parties won control over the cities of Sarajevo, Banja Luka, and Tuzla, as well as in other cities across the country, according to preliminary results reported by local media.

Modern: Covid vaccine shows nearly 95% protection

UN peace envoy urges Israel to back off building new settlement units

RAMALLAH - The UN envoy to the Middle East, Tor Wennesland, told the Israeli authorities to avoid building new settlements in the occupied West Bank in order to avoid further international condemnation. He stressed that building “settlements is illegal,” and that Israel’s government should promote on Sunday a „residential building project in the occupied West Bank.” It would seriously harm the two-state so- lution, he added, and undermine the Palestinians’ dream to establish their own independent state on the territories they have claimed since 1948. In a press statement late on Saturday, Wennesland said: “If these settlement units are built, they will reinforce a sense of existential threat to the people of Israel.” The statement came as the Palestinian Authority’s President Mahmoud Abbas called on the international community to support the Palestinians’ dream of statehood.

Putin, Macron discuss situation in Nagorno-Karabakh in phone call: Kremlin

MOSCOW - Russian President Vladimir Putin held a phone call with his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron on Monday to discuss the situation in Nagorno- Karabakh, the Kremlin said. The two leaders said that the situation in the region had generally stabilized and that it was time to address humanitarian issues, including the return of refugees and the preservation of a truce. "(More on P4)...(17)"

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PESHAWAR – Islamabad and Kabul are set to hold discussions on bilateral and transit trade as well as preferential trade agreement (PTA). Advisor to Prime Minister on Economic Affairs, Finance and Revenue, Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, tweeted that the Pakistani delegation to Kabul on Monday to boost bilateral trade ties.

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