Afghan government ‘strongly welcomes’ European Parliament call for immediate ceasefire

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Afghan government ‘strongly welcomes’ the European Parliament’s call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Afghanistan, said a spokesman for the Afghan Presidential Spokesperson’s Office on Thursday.

The European Parliament on Wednesday called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Afghanistan, without giving a timeframe. The resolution needs ratification by the European Council in December.

Addressing the ongoing talks in Doha, the Afghan government and the Taliban delegation since September 12, 2020, the Afghan government said its negotiations are key to the peace process.

The EU Parliament will insist on the need to be inclusive in these talks. "The Afghan government is ready to listen to all sides to get an inclusive and permanent ceasefire," the statement read. "All political parties, including the political and civil society, including Afghan women, youth and the ethnic groups, should be involved in the talks and throughout the whole process."

Meanwhile, the Parliament condemned the escalation of violence throughout Afghanistan. "We are concerned about the number of civilian casualties," the statement said. "The Afghan government is ready to put an immediate and permanent ceasefire."

The European Parliament stands ready to facilitate and support the peace process in the aim of preserving the values of democracy, human rights and the rule of law, holding upon the political, economic and social achievements of the people of Afghanistan," statement concluded. (KHAAMA PRESS)

Almond Price Down by 50pc in Daikundi Due to Coronavirus

NIELI - Farmers from central Daikundi province have harvested 25 metric tonnes of almonds but decline in its price and sale made them worried, an official said on Friday.

Agriculture Department Head Ali Abdul Wahid Fremi said Daikundi province produces different types of almonds but Star Base, Gaftak and Starakhe were the best and high-quality almonds.

But farmers are worried about the declining price and sale of almonds. Khalid Hassani, one of the farmers, said, "We have no other source of income apart from the sale of almonds. We are worried about what to do from now on because today they have made in Afghanistan in vain... (or) be hurt once again from Afghanistan or because of Afghanistan," said a farmer.

The remarks came a day after Afghanistan wrapped a three-day official visit to Islamabad, where he met with Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Prime Minister Imran Khan and President Arif Alvi, discussing Afghan peace process and Pakistan's role in the process. (RHAMA PRESS)

Approval of $110 Million Grant to Enhance Power Supply in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan – The Asian Development Bank (ADB) today approved a $110 million concessional loan to support power supply and strengthen Afghanistan’s energy sector by improving cross-border trade in energy.

The project will finance the construction of the 400-kilovolt overhead transmission line from the Uzbekistan system to the Khera-Akhun substations in Afghanistan—a key interconnection node to receive power from Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It will also expand the development of a line by, including associated equipment, at the Khera-Akhun substations. The project will allow Uzbek power into the Afghan power grid and cross-border power purchase and sales agreement signed in August 2020 for the Afghan government and Uzbekistan governments.

ADB Energy Specialist Nanda Thammachar said, "The project will help provide reliable and affordable electricity to households and businesses by strengthening the grid and increasing power import capacity by 900 megawatts, with our year-round firm energy imports of 3,300 gigawatt-hours." The project will be implemented through cross-border transmission power transfer and parallel (P4) operation.

Aid to Afghanistan

President Chowkider on Thursday, met with the Taliban deputy leader Abdul Salam Hanafi in Doha amid the start of the direct negotiations between both sides of the talks.

Talib, a member of the republic’s negotiating team, said that resolving a 40-year conflict requires patience, care and hard work.

The Disputed Points

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Taliban Destroys Kandahar Airport

KABUL — The Ministry of Public Health in the city of Kabul on Friday confirmed 211 cases of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours.

The Taliban have previously committed such an act, damaging thousands of kilometers of roads throughout Afghanistan.

Negligence, No Coordination Behind Paktia Insecurity

GARDEZ - Negligence on the part of security institutions and lack of coordination between them has resulted in deterioration of the security situation in southern Afghanistan, according to a statement on Thursday.

The security situation in Paktia deteriorated over the past two months with increasing militant activities. Some civilians were blown up during this period and a road connecting Gazer with six districts has been blocked.

Addressing reporters here, the Wazir Jaga said the security leadership of Paktia was unconcerned about its responsibility, which further deepened the problem.

Nawab Moshel, a delegation member, said the security leadership is not discharging its responsibility the way it should.

They have committed negligence and continue to do so.

The coordination between different security institutions is weak and the central government has not provide them the needed equipment.

"Elements behind target attacks are knowledgeable beings who are willing to give advice. You should not despair but stay focused and try not to get caught up in minor details," he said.

The Taliban have previously provided them the needed equipment, which may have served as a strong force, maybe an internal one, and are not being awarded.

"What they don’t realize is that the Taliban have a large number of people working for them. They should make plans to change the faces of their communities."

5 Of 211 Cases Test Positive for COVID-19 in Afghanistan

KABUL — The Ministry of Public Health reported 211 new cases of COVID-19 out of 2,331 samples have been immediately tested in government centers and there are 4,990 known active cases in the country.

The total cumulative number of total reported deaths is now 39,268, the number of recoveries is 3,432,862. The number of deaths from COVID-19 globally is more than 1,032,242 and the number of known globally virus cases is 34,322,710, according to Johns Hopkins University.

A number of Kabul residents said that there are no garbage bins in most of the city and where available they are not used properly, giving most areas the look of fifth depots.

On Tuesday, a Kabul resident, took to Twitter Afghan coordination agency that a number of residents dumped garbage at the end of their street and the municipality did not collect that.

Work Launched on Virus Hospital in Samangan

AIBAK - Construction work on a Covid-19 pandemic hospital has started in northern Afghan province.

The hospital – a $ 700,000 project – is being constructed north of Aibak, the provincial capital, said Director General of Public Health, Abdul Khalil Mustaq told the foundation stone-laying ceremony.

"The hospital was being constructed on 4.5 acres of land with financial support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)."

He added the hospital would have 50 beds and its construction is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

On Wednesday, 39,268 individuals have been infected with the pandemic in Afghanistan as of Wednesday.

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Outlook Horoscope

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Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Oct 3, 2020 - Keep a careful track of things right now and you will find that the help that is on offer will make the biggest difference.

Lack of coordination between different security institutions is one of the reasons why the Taliban have a large number of people working for them.

Gemini (May 21-Jun. 21)

Oct 3, 2020 - You may have gotten yourself into a deep mess and you wonder whether you can sort your way out of it now. You may be wondering whether you can sort your way out of it now. You may be wondering what to do next.

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Regulate matters. She added that work collection to the private sector to better support platform, a regional initiative, which envisages a future in which inclusive and sustainable growth. (PR)

The US issued a clear threat of sanctions against Turkey should it stop drilling for gas off the coast of Cyprus. (Reuters)

Energy Strategy 2030. It is also aligned with the EU’s 2030 climate and energy goals. (PR)

In May five men were killed and hundreds of others injured in clashes with police following the death of a man in a Central African town. (AP)

UN’s special envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad met with the Taliban for the fourth time in the past month in the Qatari capital, Doha. (AP)

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The UN’s special envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad has expressed concern that the Taliban’s renewed offensive, which has seen them seize control of a number of districts in recent weeks, is likely to spark a fresh wave of violence in the country. (AP)

The talks, however, the terms of the agreement with the US are still being finalized, with the Taliban demanding significant changes. (AP)

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Sydney: Australia's foreign minister said she would travel to the Indo-Pacific region, the most counterpoints from the Quad ministers, to discuss economic and security issues. The high-level meeting will be attended by China, which was removed from the meeting last week after its veto on the UN resolution on the situation in Myanmar. The meeting is aimed at enhancing cooperation and mutual understanding in the region.

Austria to discuss security, recovery at virtual meeting with Japan, India, U.S.

New Zealand: New Zealand has confirmed 16 new cases of COVID-19, all of which were in managed isolation. The cases are part of a cluster linked to a COVID-positive person who travelled from Australia. The country has maintained zero community transmission for several months.

US to launch bilateral talks with China on regulatory issues

New York: The United States announced it would launch trade talks with China on regulatory issues, including intellectual property, forced technology transfer, and retaliation. The talks are seen as a response to China's growing influence in the region.

Canada and US announce new $140 billion investment in arts and culture

Canada and the United States announced a new $140 billion investment in arts and culture as part of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement. The investment aims to support cultural projects and initiatives in both countries.
KABUL, Afghanistan - More than 2,300 children have been assisted to education thanks to two schools constructed by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) with the generous contribution of the Government of Korea.

One of the schools located in the Jeleber area, Hamid Karzai International Airport, was inaugurated today. The eight-classroom school is equipped with furniture and facilities including a playground and solar panels to ensure a continuous supply of electricity.

“The Korean government has prioritised education and the vulnerable when it comes to its assistance toward the Afghans,” said Zha Hyoung, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea. “In making my heart greatly heavy when I think of and hear of the plight and sufferings of refugees, going through it and outside their home countries. The dire situation IDPs are in is not of ordinary gravity. Against this backdrop, my thanks go to the host communities that have been bearing the brunt of IDPs and returnees. Education is part and parcel of the sustainable development strategy of not only the community and the nation, which has been the case for Korea. I sincerely hope the facilities that are built with the support of Korea will play a significant role in this regard,” Ambassador Hyoung added.

Through the generous contribution of the Government of Korea, UNHCR and partners have constructed two eight-classroom school buildings, including one in the Herat province, Western Region. Both locations are among the priority areas of return and reintegration identified jointly by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Republic of Korea.

“Every child has the right to education. For many girls and boys in Afghanistan, education is a distant dream,” said UNHCR Representative in Afghanistan, Caroline Van Buren. “With the support of our donor like the Republic of Korea, and in coordination with the Afghan government, we are building schools in the priority areas to help improve access to education in the country.”

Since 2022, more than 5.3 million Afghan refugees have returned so far in 2022. Some 24 million Afghans have also been... (More on P4--4)

U.S. Offers 100 Ventilators to Help Afghanistan Fight Against Coronavirus

KABUL - The government has provided funds worth of cash of worth $1.6 million and a high amount of drugs and medical equipment to Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul over the last four months, officials of the two countries in attendance.

Figures by airport officials show that in the last four months they have prevented the transportation of gold and a high amount of drugs and medical equipment worth $640,000 and 70,000 dollars, as well asutos as well as 900 kilograms of drugs, 18 kilograms of gold and precious stones worth $11 million in 2019.

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“For at least six months after they are installed in health centers, we will carry out USAID’s training of the patients.”

The cost of the ventilators is estimated at $1.5 million. Welcoming US assistance to the Afghan government, Wilson said, “I am confident that the generous and coordinated efforts of the Afghan government and public health will distribute these to the 347 facilities in the country in a just manner, the people of Afghanistan have... (More on P4--4)

Illegal Transfer of Over $1.6M Prevented at Airport: Official

The former hajj minister said that creating hurdles by the Afghan government to achieve that goal.

He said the government had ignored ulema while fulfilling efforts”, he claimed.

Addressing a gathering of religious scholars and his supporters in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, he said the government was not treating religious scholars well.

“The president’s word is in power and for his political mission, he is opposed to the peace process and has been trying to sabotage the ongoing peace efforts,” he added.

Murtaz charged that peace was significant more than anything else and that the Afghan government and the Taliban should set aside prevarigations and power and think about their people and the country.

He said the government had ignored ulama while fulfilling the demands of alma was its responsibility.

He alleged that the government was spending resources or creating divisions in political parties and ulama, therefore it had adopted a discriminatory policy to achieve that goal.

The former hajj minister said that crass hurdles by any side in the way of the peace process was not acceptable to them. (ToloNews)