KABUL - The two day Senior Officials Meeting wrapped up in Kabul on Thursday where representatives of the international community reaffirmed their longstanding support to Afghanistan’s long term development, peace and stability.

The senior officials and international delegations underscored the importance of the Brussels commitments and the Afghan National Peace and Development Framework (ANPDF).

“Today’s meeting is part of a larger conversation about how Afghanistan can be an effective partner with the international community to build a better future for our children, a future that is free from terrorism and violence,” said President Ashraf Ghani.

Meanwhile, Tadamichi Yamamoto, the head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has said that government’s reform agenda deserves recognition.

“The Afghan government is committed to achieving UN AGM’s reform agenda, strengthening its institutions and putting the lives of thousands of Afghan children back on track,” said Yamamoto.

Endangering Afghan Deportees

KABUL - Iran blames Afghanistan for deporting its citizens, saying certain elements are out to defame Kabul.

In an interview with Iranian media outlets, Afghan diplomat says, calling Iran’s complaints in case of deportations “mishandled.

The envoy saw no reason for Tehran’s criticism of his country, saying certain elements were out to defame Kabul.

“During the past 40 years of our imposed government’s agenda," he stated.

The CEO said women play a key role in the police force but that more need to be recruited and that corrupt officials need to be removed.

KABUL - Women’s economic emancipation was emphasised on the sidelines of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in Kabul, with First Lady Rula Ghani saying women councils – also involving men – will be formed in remote areas.

President Ashraf Ghani also attended the meeting at the Presidential Palace on Thursday evening, Rula Ghani briefed participants, including representatives of donor nations, on Afghan women’s activities and achievements over the last three years.

The first lady thanked international partners and the government for supporting and cooperating with the initiative to empower Afghan women, according to a statement from the Presidential Palace.

She said the Afghan women had made, “More on Pk. 02.”

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The Embassy of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Kabul intends to hold an Essay Writing Competition for English-speaking students, in order to encourage them to explore their creativity and express their thoughts in English. The Embassy wishes to invite all the students of Afghanistan to participate in this competition.

The Embassy of Pakistan in Afghanistan is proud to announce the Essay Writing Competition 2017 for Afghan students. The competition is aimed at encouraging Afghan students to develop their creative writing skills and to express their views on various topics related to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The competition is open to all Afghan students, both boys and girls, studying in primary, secondary, and higher education institutions in Afghanistan. The essays should be submitted in English, and the maximum length should be 1000 words.

The winners of the competition will be awarded certificates and prizes, and their essays will be published in the Embassy’s official website.

The first place winner will receive a prize of $100, and the second and third place winners will receive prizes of $50 and $25, respectively. The winning essays will also be published in the Embassy’s official website.

The competition will start from 1st August and end on 30th September 2017. The essays should be submitted through the official website of the Embassy of Pakistan in Afghanistan.

All the necessary information and submission forms can be obtained on the Embassy’s official website.

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