Qatar’s Emir, Afghan President Discuss Peace, Mutual Ties

DOHA - President Ashraf Ghani and Tuesday met Qatar’s emir Hamad bin Hamad Al Thani and both sides discussed enhancing bilateral ties and economic cooperation as well as strengthening and exploring opportunities for investment in Afghanistan, Ghani’s spokesman Sediq Sediqqi tweeted.

“We welcome you dear brother and your delegations to Doha, we hope our joint efforts will help Afghanistan find peace and stability,” tweeted Sediqqi quoting the emir of Qatar.

“We are happy to have you in Doha today and we are ready to expand bilateral under your leadership and guidance,” said Al Thani.

Meanwhile, President Ghani expressed his gratitude to the emir of Qatar for the gracious hospitality extended to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan negotiation team.

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Atmar Outlines Talks Situation, Says Team Focusing on Three Issues

DOHA - Speaking to journalists in Doha, Qatar, Haneef Atmar, Afghanistan’s acting Minister of Foreign Affairs outlined the current situation around the on-going peace talks and said the republic’s team was focusing on three issues at this stage.

The first was on a dispute over the framework of the talks, which he said needs to be cleaned up as soon as possible.

Secondly, a reduction in violence is demanded by all Afghans and this should happen immediately, he said.

The third focal point was that negotiations should lead to a political agreement as soon as possible, he added.

In addition, Atmar stated that bloodshed needs to end and all issues resulting in the (... More on P4-13)

Germany Renews 21b AfS Aid Pledge to Afghanistan

KABUL - The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on Tuesday said Germany has renewed its pledge to provide 23.5 billion Afghanis in aid to Afghanistan for good governance, sustainable economic development and municipal infrastructures.

According to the ministry, Germany was committed to further assistance with Afghanistan in various spheres in coming years.

“With this aid, Germany will fulfill its pledge of 340 million euros in civilian aid to Afghanistan, which it had promissed at the Brussels conference in 2016,” MoF’s said.

State Secretary of German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development Martin Lauer said, “Improving the (... More on P4-14)
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VJ Summons NSIA Head Over Persian Language Comment

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Monday demanded the head of the National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) to explain his comment regarding Persian language.

Some youth today (Monday) gathered in front of Shakzi Park and protested against the inclusion of Persian language among the foreign languages.

The Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament also debated the issue at today’s session.

Mohammad Ali Akhlaqi, a lawmaker from Ghazni province, said all languages spoken by Afghans are in the list of foreign languages.

He added negative politics, its result would be dangerous for all. Today a large number of lawmakers discussed this issue as this promotes barrenness and prejudice.

NSIA head Ahmad Jirad Ro- souli earlier told a press conference that national languages were included in the computer and National Identity Card on the basis of codes of the International Standard Organization and the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology.

He said not only one language, but also several languages had been included in the list of foreign languages.

He added Pashto, Baluchi and all other languages were included in this list.

WJ said it is a list of foreign languages which are spoken by Afghan people in their movements in other countries, therefore they are included in the list of foreign and local languages (Pajhwok)

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KARIAL - Afghanistan National Cricket Team’s Mohammad Shahzad on Tuesday谚ial Tariqat was killed in a traffic accident.

“ACB and Afghanistan Living Nature consume the heart breaking and gross loss of its aggressive batting openers and a very fine batsman to the Traffic Accident Injuries,” said Tariqat who lost his life to trag-
The views and opinions expressed in the articles are those of the authors and do not reflect the views or opinions of the Daily Outlook Afghanistan.
With the recent start of peace talks between Janne Taalas, Finland’s Special Envoy to the US, and the Taliban, there are new opportunities and hope for the future of Afghanistan.

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Tonga said that students from both parties have had no issue with education system.

**Zaurays Khan:**

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**Taliban:**

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**Lukaše:**

The Czech government said that they will continue to support the education system in Afghanistan.

**EU:**

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Khalilzad said that he is encouraged by what he heard during his visit to Afghanistan.

**Lavrov:**

Lavrov said that the conditions for the treaty are in place.

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Hurricane Delta now Category 2, roars at Mexico’s Yucatan

MEXICO CITY—Hurtling toward the coast, Hurricane Delta intensified to Category 2 and was expected Wednesday to top 115 mph (185 kph) winds Tuesday. "From now on, everyone in southeastern Mexico should brace for potentially catastrophic Category 4 on approach to the U.S. Gulf coast this week," said National Hurricane Center director Ken Graham.

Delta, westmost tropical and the Cayman Islands bracing for tropical storm warnings, could peak Wednesday as a Category 2 hurricane before shifting southwest. The immediate impact was expected to be “very warm” and “dry conditions” in the eastern side of Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula, where sustained tropical storm force gusts were forecast from Tuesday through Thursday.

VATICAN CITY—Argument over Pope Francis’s plans to reduce the size of the College of Cardinals made its way to the Vatican this week in the form of a sealed brief that had been sent by a former pope to a newly elected pope to discuss the matter.

A Vatican spokesman confirmed Friday that an anonymous letter was received from Pope Benedict XVI, who stepped down in 2013, criticizing the recent decision to increase the size of the College of Cardinals from 115 to 134, saying it was a “dangerous” move that would undermine the authority of the pope and the church.

The letter, which was written in Italian, was sent to Pope Francis on Friday, a day before the new Pope’s inauguration ceremony.

The Vatican spokesman said the letter was “expressed in a personal and not institutional capacity” and that it was the pope’s responsibility to make decisions that are in the best interest of the church.

But the letter has raised concerns among some Vatican experts who fear it could undermine the pope’s authority and lead to a further decentralization of power within the church.”

Top Israeli, UAE diplomats in meeting to talk Palestine

BERLIN—The foreign ministers of the United Arab Emirates and Israel are meeting in Berlin on Tuesday for talks that Germany hopes will strengthen nascent ties between the two countries amid Israeli-U.S. tensions.

The meeting comes as Berlin is chosen as the location for the first such talks between the two countries agreed to last year in a U.S.-brokered deal. The agreement, signed in a White House ceremony last month, reflects the changing political landscape of the Middle East, which has long been subject to competition between Arab and Western powers.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said on Tuesday that Berlin is “most honored that the Israeli and Emirati foreign ministers have chosen Berlin as the location for the talks. This shows that Berlin is a trusted bridgehead between the two countries.”

At the meeting, which is expected to last a day, the two foreign ministers will discuss topics ranging from the current tense situation in the region to a possible resumption of negotiations on a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The German government has been pushing for a resumption of direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians, which have been stalled since 2014.

But while the European Union is expected to support the resumption of talks, the United States has been hesitant, with President Donald Trump saying recently that he believes a two-state solution is no longer viable.

Meanwhile, Israel’s new leader, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has signaled his interest in a resumption of negotiations, but he is also wary of committing his government to a settlement freeze and a halt to settlements.

Netanyahu’s announcement comes as the Trump administration is expected to soon announce its plans for a “historical” peace plan that would include the recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

The Trump administration has repeatedly signaled its commitment to a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but it has also been cautious about committing to a specific plan or timeline.

Meanwhile, Palestinian officials have repeatedly called for the resumption of direct talks, but they have also expressed skepticism about the Trump administration’s intentions.

The meeting between the two foreign ministers is expected to provide some insight into the current state of affairs in the region and the prospects for a resumption of direct talks.

In the meantime, the two countries are expected to continue to work on building ties and fostering mutual understanding and respect.

A statement from Maas’s office on Monday said: “The meeting today shows that Berlin is a trusted bridgehead between the two countries.”

The statement added: “We hope that the meeting will contribute to a further strengthening of the ties between Israel and the UAE.”

EU says that no-deal Brexit becoming more likely

BRUSSELS—A top European Union official said the United Kingdom and the European Union are “very close” to an agreement that would avoid a no-deal Brexit.

And he pointed his finger at British Prime Minister Boris Johnson for making things too difficult for the bloc when he decided last month to introduce a law that breaches the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement it struck with the bloc to make sure it could leave the union.

The agreement is considered a threat to the bloc’s stability, but Johnson has said he would rather leave the bloc than accept a no-deal Brexit.

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Afghanistan and International Partners Prepare for 2020 Afghanistan Conference

The Afghan Minister of Finance, Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, in his opening remarks said: “The 2020 Afghanistan Conference presents a unique opportunity to work together with a strong commitment to the principles of aid effectiveness and mutual accountability for improved transparency, legitimacy, as well as effectiveness. Progress on mutual accountability is all the more imperative, and both the government as well as international partners must hold themselves and each other accountable for use of development resources and for development results.”

Insecurity: 173,000 Girls Out of School in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Around 175,000 girls have been deprived of pursuing their education due to insecurity and lack of schools in southern province, an official said on Tuesday.

MubarakAhmad Ghazni, Ghazni education director, told Pajhwok that thousands of girls have been deprived of education due to security and other issues.

According to him, Ajirzhan, Naika, Abband, Gilan, Waghaz, Andar Gar, Zhambal, Khezana and Rashidkan districts have no schools for girls. He said, “According to our calculations, about 175,000 girls have been out of school in these districts.”

He said it was insecurity that kept schools shut and prevented enrollment of teachers for girls. He accused Taliban militants of not allowing girls to attend school particularly in Panjshir-dominated districts.

The education official said they had several times contacted Taliban insurgents in this regard, but failed to address the issue. He said, “There are some Taliban who really want to open schools, but their leaders are against it.”

He said around 400,000 students have been deprived of education in Ghazni and 80 percent of them were girls.

The education director also accused residents of the certain districts of not cooperating in enrollment of girls’ schools.

A resident of Andar district, told Pajhwok that thousands of girls were deprived of education in Ghazni. She said, “Well-off families have sent their children to Ghazni, but others are left behind.”

The process of preparing for the conference has provided us, as partners, an opportunity to have a comprehensive and detailed discussion on Afghanistan’s past, present, and future development trajectories. More specifically, the conference will be an opportunity to signal to the Afghan people the international community’s continued partnership with Afghanistan. The constructive conversation will be continuous, focusing on policy and implementation until and after the Conferences.”

Abdullah Lands in India to Tackle Peace Process, Bilateral Relations

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India is a strategic partner of Afghanistan, and has continuously supported the government & people of Afghanistan, Abdullah said in a tweet prior to his departure from Afghanistan Tuesday. “Our bilateral relations with India is very important to us, & the role of India in establishing a lasting peace in Afghanistan & the region is vital,” he added.

“I am visiting India on an official invitation to the Government of India to discuss the peace efforts, & the need for regional consensus & support for the Afghan Peace Process,” he further said. (KHAAMA PRESS)

Iran’s Side of Herat-Khaf Railway Nearly Complete

THERAN - The Iranian side of the Khaf-Khur railway route will be completed in the next two months, the Iranian Deputy Minister of Transport and Urban Development Abbas Khatibi has said. In a trip to the Afghan western province of Herat on Monday, Khatibi said that 93 percent of the work on the Iranian portion of the railway route has been completed. Meanwhile, Afghanistan railway officials in Herat said that the Afghan government will start work on the 4th phase of the Khaf-Herat railway project within the next days. The 4th phase of the project is to lay the track from Chilabband District of Herat towards the Herat airport. Economic significance refers to the economic significance of the project, officials of Herat Chamber of Commerce and Industries have said that the implementation of the project will help to further expand exports and imports relations between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and Iran.

“We are very optimistic we will complete this project within the next one or two months and ensure that the project becomes operational 100 percent during this period,” Khatibi told reporters in Herat on Monday.

In the 4th phase, 40 percent of the work will be focused on the geotechnical portion and surveying of the project,” said Sayed Aqa Aqazi, the head of the Herat Railway Directorate. Work is ongoing by a Kazakh company hired for the project, said Aqazi.

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