Fresh Aid Pledges, Investment a Positive Change: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Thursday said the international community’s aid pledges worth $35.2 billion and an investment of $1.1 billion by the private sector in the past three months indicated a positive change in the country. The president addressed the final session of the Brussels Conference on Wednesday evening when the global fraternity pledged $35.2 billion in aid to Afghanistan over the next four years.

A statement from the President’s Palace said European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini hailed the Afghan Infrastructure Sustainability Warrants Attention: ADB

KABUL - The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting infrastructure development in Afghanistan and stressed the importance of improving project implementation and reducing dependence impact in the country.

Womin Zhang, ADB Vice-President for Central and West Asia and South Asia Operations, during the Brussels Conference said while funding was essential for development in Afghanistan, improved project delivery and infrastructure sustainability safeguarded significant attention from both the government and the international community.

Zhang said during the Brussels conference on Afghanistan that the ADB looked forward to continuing its partnership with the government and the international community.

Sharif Calls for Negotiated End to Afghan Conflict

PESHAWAR - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has once again underlined the need for a negotiated settlement of the Afghan conflict to ensure stability in the war-devastated neighbour.

At a meeting with NATO’s Military Committee Chairman General Peter Pavel on Thursday, Sharif recalled his visit to Kabul. “I myself and the fact of army-size medical assistance, Plane, 4 Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, AFGHANISTAN

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US Watchdog Questions Money Spent on Afghan ‘Ghost’ Soldiers

KABUL - A US government watchdog is probing the Pentagon to explain reports of thousands of “ghost” soldiers on the payroll of the Afghan security forces, which are heavily funded by international donors.

The International community has allocated more than $6 billion since 2002 to help support Afghan security forces battling Taliban insurgents and other militants. The United States and its NATO allies pledged earlier this year to provide around $5 billion in aid to Afghan security forces yearly and police.

The US government could be fraudulently, said the watchdog.

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