**Quote of the Day**

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, stashed, or convulsed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.

Dana Walig

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**Negotiators Need to Show Flexibility: Stanikzai**

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**Khalid claims Iran not entirely supportive of Peace Process**

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Handwashing Day Celebrated at Kabul School

KABUL - Government and UNICEF officials and partners joined in celebrating the centre of children’s development. The Handwashing Day - Hand Hygiene for All - is more than just a slogan. It has become a reality for all.

Official Foiled Attempted Blast in Kabul

According to Arian, the vehicle was found armed in Sang Noorha area, arresting at least three suspect who are introduced to relevant authorities to conduct preliminary investigation. Arian also elaborated further the suspects are doing an explosive target area of attack, but said usually the Taliban insurgents carry such an offensive weapon.

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Grenade Attack on Wedding in Badakhshan Injures 15

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Why Are We United in Democracy?

By: Mohammad Zahir Akbari

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The Afghan government and its international allies seem optimistic about the outcome of the intra-Afghan dialogue going on in the Qatari capital of Doha, but reaching peace agreement will be a rocky road and there are some individuals who are opposed to the process. The US national security adviser HR McMaster said that the Trump administration had been “absolutely wrong” in its negotiations with the Taliban. He was convinced that “proceeding with the Taliban” looked like “in mass execution in the sector’s surgery every Sunday but is that every other girl’s ‘school’ hallucinated?”

Moreover, US-Special Representative for Afghanistan’s Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad and the Trump administration have been repeatedly trying to prove that they will put an end to the four decades of war in Afghanistan. The US administration has proposed a hasty troop withdrawal, which is likely to complicate political transition through a negotiation with the Taliban. However, the US forces have not taken into consideration the consequences, power and inability to remain a socialist agenda. It is a dangerous mission and the blood and treasure spent by the US and the European Union are a big loss.

Trump has a history of taking to Twitter to announce policy, frequently to turn back on his promises or policies that are not at the interest of the US. For instance, he has forecast troop withdrawal but he also mentioned that his final decision depends on the outcome of the upcoming Presidential election, as he said with Sultana in 2018, in a move that prompted the resignation of Jim Mattis as defense secretary. Trump tweeted recently, “We should have the small remaining number of our brave Men and Women serving in Afghanistan as a message to the Taliban that the US and the American people will continue to push for the successful negotiations and settlement of the war. This is the most important and main example for rule of will of people over their country. As yet, the ethnic divisions and tribal hatreds that bring us back to 80s insecurity and little achievements have never been overcome. The country.

The good news is that some governments, especially in Europe, have started to recover from the devastating health and economic fallout of this pandemic. Despite the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, the global community achieved the MDGs despite the crisis. This achievement is not only the result of governments’ actions, but also of the global community’s determination and commitment.

Kevin Rudd, a former prime minister of Australia (2007-10, and 2013), is a good example for this. He said, “Australia’s foreign assistance has since fallen in the midst of the global financial crisis a decade ago, my government was entering a much more dangerous world, and the prospects for a UK’s future was not as much support as they need. And other development assistance (which helps to deploy vaccines in developing countries) received by India is not far from the crisis. The government need to review the past and move forward in the future. If the people of Afghanistan, as a nation, unite and make the power conditional to public vote and prevent from any corruption and fraud in the process, there is one more thing that needs to be avoided: unacceptable. The situation is a bad state of affairs.

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The Recovery Needs Development Aid

By: By Kevin Rudd

A 9 October 2020, COVID-19 was ravaging China, and beginning to envelop the West. I warned that the crisis was likely to be replicated across much of the developing world, with significant long-term consequences for us all. Sadly, this prediction was confirmed.

As of mid-October, India is on track to overtake the United States as the country with the highest number of COVID-19 cases, and Latin America is expected to surpass the main world the Caribbean. The World Bank teams that the pandemic could push around 50 million people into extreme poverty. This is a very clear sign of the magnitude of the pandemic. All of it is, must be the first time in more than two decades of the global financial crisis has become a pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has also accelerated other shifting trends that were already underway, including the increase in tension between the US and China, rising protectionism, and a carbon-intensive recovery that will be more to the world against climate change. All of these trends will make the post-pandemic development agenda even more difficult to achieve. At the global level, the challenge is to ensure that vulnerable everywhere people are protected. Failing that, we will be entering a much more dangerous world, and the prospects for a robust global economic recovery will be severely dimmed.

I know from experience just how important the current moment. Even in the midst of the global financial crisis a decade ago, my government remained steadfast in our commitment to increase Australia’s foreign aid budget to 0.5% of gross national income (GNI). Unfortunately, that change was delayed, and Australia’s foreign assistance has since fallen to less than half its level in 2007-08.

To their credit, British Prime Minister David Cameron’s government pursued a similar course earlier in 2020, including – even during the midst of the austerity that followed – a commitment to the foreign-aid target of 0.7% of GNI called for under the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the time. And even earlier, at the height of the crisis in April 2009, my government made a commitment with that of the G20 to support the United Nations’ appeals over the financial assistance. The UK’s aid budget has since watered down, and Australia’s assistance decreased as the world has recovered from the crisis.

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US testing 3 drugs to tamp down coronavirus
WASHINGTON—U.S. government officials are launching a new study next week into three drugs being tested against COVID-19, with the hope they could help tamp down an ever-present response by the immune system that can cause severe illness or death in people with COVID-19.

The US National Institutes of Health says the study will enroll 3,200 hospital patients in 164 hospitals with moderate to severe illness in the United States and Latin America, testing three antiviral drugs—remdesivir, ritonavir and lopinavir—"immunomodulating drugs" designed to dampen the immune-system response that can contribute to severe illness.

Migration ev'nt scans reject to calls, faces renewed protests
THAILAND—The Thai PM rejects calls to resign, saying he is "quite ready to lead the country".

The Thai PM, Prayut Chan-o-cha, has rejected calls to resign after a wave of protests over his leadership and his government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prime Minister Prayut, who has been in power since 2014, said on Friday that he is ready to lead the country, according to a transcript of the broadcast.

Prayut's government has been under pressure since the protests started in July, with demonstrators calling for his resignation and demanding an end to political repression.

The protests have grown in size and intensity in recent days, with thousands of people taking to the streets across the country.

The government has responded by increasing security measures, including the use of tear gas and rubber bullets.

Virologist: Milan surge spreading to risk-populations
VIENNA—The state of emergency was lifted on Thursday after Italy reported a new daily record of 1,197 deaths, but experts warn that the spread of COVID-19 could still be accelerating in the wider region.

Health officials said the situation in Italy was still serious, with the number of cases continuing to rise in other parts of the country.

"The expansion of settlement activity in the Israel-occupied West Bank has increased in recent weeks, and this is a continuation of the pattern of increasing settlement construction and expansion," said Vita McLoughlin, a researcher at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The "handing over of territories to the Israelis" has continued in recent months, she said, with new settlements being built in the occupied territories.

"There is a real concern that this trend could continue and that the situation on the ground could worsen," McLoughlin said.

"The decision by the by-election taken by the Israeli authorities to hand over more and more settler units on the ground is a serious development," she added.

Malaysia's king urges politicians to end 'semestral' political struggles
KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia's King Sultan Muhammad V has urged politicians to put down their differences and work together.

In a statement on Monday, the king said he was deeply concerned about the political instability in the country and that the government should be formed as soon as possible.

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"I urge all politicians to put aside their differences and start working together for the benefit of the people," he added.

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"I hope that all parties will work together to form a government that can represent the interests of all Malaysians," the king said.

Malaysia's parliament is due to convene on Monday to vote on the king's appointment of Muhyiddin as prime minister.

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TASHKENT - At the event, organised by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Central Asia, together with the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, representatives of foreign and local media, academia, and leading experts of analytical centers of the EU, Germany, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and Uzbekistan considered the stated prospects of mutually beneficial cooperation in achieving long-term and sustainable peace in Afghanistan. EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Mrs. Birgit Rieker, first deputy director of the Afghanistan Ministry of Health,Mrs. Nemat Nabi, and director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Afghanistan Magdalena Kirchner, Director of Human Rights and Development Unit Oruba Nemat added comments. Commenting on the launch of negotiations between the Taliban Movement and the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Doha, IBIS representatives stated that this is a historic chance to put an end to the conflict in Afghanistan. According to him, the negotiations will not be easy, this is only the beginning of a very long process. However, according to the expert, there is no other alternative, the settlement of the situation in Afghanistan is possible exclusively through political dialogue and the implementation of an inclusive peace process by the Afghans themselves and under the leadership of the Afghans themselves. Noting the need for ensuring the continuity and progress of the peace process, A. Nemat noted that further strengthening of the comprehensive and long-term Afghanistan - European partnership can play an important role in the process of achieving peace. 

KANDAHAR CITY - Construction work on 119 canals as part of the first phase of Dadla dam’s expansion project was launched in southern Kandahar province on Thursday. The project, inaugurated in Shad Wali district by Rural Rehabilitation and Development Minister Mushahidullah Karimi and a delegation accompanying him, Kandahar Governor Hayatullah Hayat, Bali and local influential personalities were present. The second phase of the project’s phase will cost $89 million. Karimi (More on P4-5)

4 COVID-19 Patients Die in 24 Hours in Afghanistan

KARUL, Afghanistan - The country has recorded 2,646 new positive cases of coronavirus in the past 24 hours, according to the Ministry of Public Health’s report, while at least 4 patients died. In total, at least 425 samples were taken for spot test and 62 turned positive, bringing the total positive cases nationwide to 4,086. While at least 197 recovered from the disease, the country recorded one death during the past 24 hours, according to the ministry. From beginning of the outbreak, the country registered at least 40,086 infected patients, of which 33,516 are reported recovered. While, 1,485 reported dead nationwide. Most of the cases are reported in Herat, Baloch and Skandah provinced according to the report.

HATpin - Foreign fighters are hacking the Taliban in the ongoing attack in Helmand, the provincial governor Yasir Khan said on Thursday as violence in the southern province continues into its eighth day. Yasir Khan said that foreign fighters are associated with Al Qaeda, and Pakistan-based J dwar-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba are supporting the Taliban in the battle. He said that the Taliban has provided safe havens to the fighters associated with Al Qaeda, J dwar-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba, stating that these terrorist organisations are providing military and bomb-making training to the Taliban fighters. But the Taliban spokesman has rejected the claims.

While the province of Al Qaeda, J dwar-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Taiba and terrorists from Central Asia, they collaborated with the Taliban now and in the past,” said Yasir Khan. Reports indicate that the fighting in Helmand has done significant damage to public infrastructure. Whether it is the Taliban or someone else, no one has the right to inflict damage on public assets,” said Suftiali, a civil society activist in Helmand.

All warring factions should ensure the safety of public assets, said Suftiali, a civil society activist in Helmand. The Taliban launched a massive offensive on Lashkar Gah city six days ago. The... (More on P4-5)

ABD Hands Over Additional Medical Supplies to Help Fight COVID-19 in Afghanistan

KARUL - The Asian Development Bank (ADB) handed over to the Government of Afghanistan a second batch of personal protective equipment (PPEs) worth $933,360 to help the country combat the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The PPEs were turned over to the Ministry of Public Health today. In the ceremony, along with the first batch delivered last July, it will help frontline health workers. They will be distributed to medical centers across Afghanistan. “Frontline medical workers are making their health and lives to treat patients during these difficult times,” said ADB Country Director for Afghanistan Mr. Nanendra Singh. “The supplies procured today aim to meet immediate need to support Afghanistan in containing the spread of COVID-19 by building the capacity and reliance of the country’s national health system,” he added. The support was financed through a $2.27 million grant under ADB’s technical assistance on regional support to Afghan Finance and Procurement of urgently needed PPEs including... (More on P4-5)

Return of Taliban Emirate Unacceptable to Afghans: Abdullah

KARUL - Abdullah Abdullah, head of the High Council for National Reconciliation, on Friday said that a return of the Taliban’s emirate is unacceptable to Afghans and any circumstances. “There is no war in Afghanistan, Abdullah said, making a remark on the second anniversary of former Kandahar police chief Gen. Abdul Raziq’s death where other dignitaries and politicians including First Vice President Amrullah Saleh, National Security Advisor Hamdullah Mohib, and leaders of political parties attended. The Taliban has been a war on the people after the withdrawal of the international forces, added Abdullah. He also stressed that the people’s dignity, identity and pride will not be undermined when it comes to achieving long-term and sustainable peace. “There is a need to continue the peace process with confidence and patience,” he added. Abdullah said that there is a need to continue the peace process with confidence and patience. “We will not lose the situation in Afghanistan,” he added. Abdullah said that there is a need to continue the peace process with confidence and patience. “We will not lose the situation in Afghanistan,” he added.

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