Afghanistan Never Begs Peace from Taliban: Ghani

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has warned that his government will never negotiate with the Taliban, adding that the peace talks will not include any “disloyal” group. The president also urged that fighting terrorism is just as important as making peace, and that the people of Afghanistan should cooperate on ensuring security and peace.

Ghani said, “We don’t want war, peace is what we want, but the Taliban don’t compromise peace, if someone thinks that I beg for peace which is not true. He also stated that Afghanistan had $80 billion deficit, he believes that I should be prevented from entering the country going into those who should be examined. Internal is that I will implement the Nation’s doctrine, I demand the Afghan to stay with the Government, I will not want about the Servlet or anyone else who will not gain 5 billion dollars anymore President Ghani during his speech said. President Ghani also said, “If the war ends, Afghanistan economy will grow quadruple.”

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KABUL - The Haqqani network and other groups in Pakistan and along the Afghan-Pakistan border are continuing an open campaign against the security of nations. Earlier in the week, Secretary Kerry said Pakistan had taken strong action against the Haqqani networks recently. However, he refused to certify that Pakistan had done enough to counter the network. He added that the suspension of $300 million of US military aid to Pakistan.

Kerry remarked: “We all recognize the continued security threat that is posed by the Haqqani network and other terrorist groups that operate inside Pakistan and along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.”

He added the Pentagon was aware of that and the US continued to discuss the issue with the allies in the region. “I am not aware that there’s any disagreement here in terms of the way we’re looking at it.” (Pajhwok)

WFP Committed to Food Security for All Afghans

KABUL - The Executive Director of the World Food Program (WFP), Ertharin Cousin, wrapped up a four-day visit to Kabul, declaring that the organization’s commitment to continue working for the food and nutrition security of all Afghans.

Cousin said that the organization faces many challenges, including meeting the emergency food assistance needs that are currently up- rented. WFP works to secure all Afghans have access to sufficient, nutritious food,” said Cousin. “WFP will continue working in partnership with the government, other donors and stakeholders to improve food security and nutrition for millions across the country for their interests.”

Ghani added, “Stability is not supposed to come from the gun, the stability comes from sacrifices and unity between the people,” but I want to inform you that those who make a noise, because they are no longer on their way to make billions of dollars, I don’t want to comment on their noise,” said Ghani.

Regarding the peace process Ghani said that Afghanistan do not need peace by asking for peace. “We are going ahead with peace with fasting and supplication, anyone who feels that the president of Afghanistan is at the peace table, but his efforts seems to be failed. (Monitoring desk)

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