TEHRAN - Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Afghanistan stressed the need to build up and develop infrastructures for boosting trade.

Speaking at an Afghanistan-Iran Joint Business Forum held in Tehran, in which, it was emphasized on developing trade based on strengthening infrastructures and removing barriers ahead of development of transport between the two sides.

In this meeting, important issues in the field of transport, removal of border challenges were discussed in order to promote and develop trade between the two countries of Iran and Afghanistan, he added in a meeting with IRNA on Sunday.

According to the decisions made by the senior trade officials of the two countries, it was envisioned that joint trade and business committee will be held every year; he said, adding, “Iran-Afghanistan Joint Business Forum was held last year Afghanistan’s capital Kabul in 2019. The Forum was held in Tehran this year.

In this meeting, the two sides agreed to take many steps and measures with regard to the development of railroads, construction of border roads and customs development in order to witness trade boom between the two neighboring countries.

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Taliban Replace Head of Negotiating Team

DOHA - Mawlowi Abdul Hakim is appointed as head of the Taliban’s negotiating team for the upcoming intra-Afghan talks, according to sources, consulting 21 members.

Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesperson to the Taliban, said in a tweet that Mohammad Aimali Stanikzai who head group’s political team, has been selected as the deputy.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Naeem Wardak is given the post as the spokesperson for the Taliban’s political office in Qatar, replacing former spokesman Muhammad Naim.

The changes came at a time an Afghan negotiating team is preparing to head to Doha for the long-awaited Intra-Afghan Dialogue. (KHAAMA PRESS)

138 Afghan Sikhs Settle in Delhi

DELHI - The Indian government announced a total of 138 Afghan Sikhs families have been relocated in the country, as they sought safety from the ongoing threat against them in Afghanistan.

After Afghan Sikhs were attacked in the country, the Indian government started to provide them shelters and basic essential.

Currently, Afghan Sikhs are safely relocated in Delhi and were equipped with full life facilities by the Indian government.

Meanwhile, Indian government announced their full support saying they will also take steps to protect this minority group inside Afghanistan.

This comes as Afghan Sikhs were targeted in deadly attacks in Kabul killing 25 Sikhs, which was claimed by the ISIK group.

In a statement issued on Sunday, Afghan Sikh leaders welcomed the relocation of Afghan Sikhs in India.

Mohammad Hasham Alokozai, anmer senator and an advisor to President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, said, “People have been in deep tension and security situation thus security officials should be called to the house next week.”

Mohammad Hasham Alokozai, anmer senator from Helmand province, said, “Not only in Kabul but in no area of the country a person can feel safe. All highways have been also insecure and laws of the Taliban could be implemented at most of the highways.

It was also accused the security officials for negligence in duty to protect the people’s properties, saying the Taliban have customs on the outskirts of highways and slowly the population as well, said sources.

A number of others senators expressed similar views in the house and said security officials should be summoned to the house by next week.

Fazel Hadi Mulaim, the speaker of Moshirinjira Jirga, said that the security officials’ negligence is the cause of the increase in insecurity in capital Kabul.

He tasked the security and defense affairs commissions of the jirga to take note of the incompetence of the security officials so that a teenager can be made about them.”

Two security officials to be summoned to the general session of the house by (More on P41).”

India, Iran Exchange Views on Afghanistan

TEHRAN - Defence Ministers of India and Iran discussed ways to take forward bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional security issues, including peace and stability in Afghanistan.

During their meeting in Tehran, the Defence Ministry said on Sunday. In a departure from protocol for defence meetings, the Iranian side also raised the issue of recent reports citing the safety of minorities in India, it has been learnt.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with Iran’s Minister of Defence and Logistics Brigadier General Amr Hatami at the latter’s request on September 5. Mr. Singh was on a transit halt in Tehran on route from Moscow to New Delhi where he attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers meeting.

Singh reassured the Iranian Defence Minister, Rajnesh Gohil, that India will continue to play its due role in regional stability.

India is a 95% majority Shia country, and Iranian officials raised the issue of safety of minorities as Mr. Singh represents the largest Shia population as well, said sources prior to the meeting.

According to the sources, Mr. Singh reassured the Iranian Defence Minister that all minorities (More on P41).”

Quote of the Day

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Monitoring Panel Members Working Beyond Term

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The Independent Commission for the Oversight of the Implementation of the Constitution was established a decade back under Article 157 of the Constitution.

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JALALABAD - Dates harvested from the Canal area in eastern Nangarhar province has been sold solid traditionally in the market due lack of required equipment, technology and facilities.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has pledged around 2,000 trees to be planted in the Canal area 10 years earlier. It would have started planting dates with four yellow.

However, the garden started producing dates later than expected and the yield increased last year. Date harvest at the Canal garden has been reached on four tons this year — four times up compared to last year’s yield, officials said.

Eng. Abdul Qaher Hamidi, the Canal’s head, told Pajhwok Afghan News that due to lack of facilities and technical equipment the date harvest of the Canal could be collected and sold traditionally.

He said efforts were underway to buy processing machinery till the date collected well and offer it to the bazar as well.

GHAZNI - Local sources in Ghazni province claim 5 security forces have joined the Taliban due to lack of governmental support.

A source in the region, who didn’t want to be named, claimed the incident took place on Saturday, in the Aarni Khurd area belonging to the city.

According to the sources, the Taliban attacked a police check point in Aarni Khurd, while the security forces faced shortages of equipment and central command also has not cared about the security forces and only affiliated with the Taliban.

Meanwhile, a source close to the officials added that during the clash Taliban captured six members of soldiers, and the authorities are trying to contact the trapped troops in the hands of the insurgent group.

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The Afghan government has confirmed the completion of the Taliban prisoner release except for a few names that have not been included in the list. The international partners have reservations, however, about the process being fair and transparent. The Afghan government has said that all the conditions for the release have been made for the start of the intra-Afghan negotiations. The process is in line with the Taliban's negotiating team's commitment. (Pajhwok)

Meharagona Jiroga...

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Government Lock...

to the president and to the head of IRGC, Major General Esmail Ghaani, who warned that not to waste and not to lose the available opportunity of peace. Librarians also support the ongoing operation. (Pajhwok)

Former Maliki...

An Associated Press news agency Katy left Maliki with his wife, Aminata Marga this week, with nearly 30,000 live families. (Pajhwok)

Nebati's New Coalition ...

The parliament has been in session since he was hospitalized following his detention for 10 days by the Army. His current medical condition has improved, according to the Maliki, a political leader who has long been in detention, including on charges of corruption and sedition. (Pajhwok)

Saudi Arabia's Abroad...

A Chinese journalist, who was arrested by the NDS forces on criminal charges in November 2018, has been released in the capital Kabul. He had been in detention for two days. The government has acknowledged the high-level contacts for cautery. (Aljazeera)

FM Stabbing After 1 Killed, 7 Injured in Birmingham...

The police have released the latest information about the stabbing incident in the city of Birmingham. (Aljazeera)

Manhunt for Lone Suspect in UK Stabbings After 1 Killed, 7 Injured in Birmingham...

MANCHESTER — A man has been charged in those attacks. Including a stabbing rampage in a city park in Reading Monday. (Aljazeera)

And asked anyone who witnessed the incidents or has CCTV or cellphone footage to contact police. Graham said there was no suggestion the attack was terror-related. (Trend)

Prime Minister Saeed...

The meeting centered on the Afghan foreign policy, including a discussion about the importance of the meeting. The most important of which is the meeting between the two countries. (Trend)

The poll would have been the former prime minister’s closest election in a generation. (Trend)

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Since the fall of the Taliban, the country has made significant progress in terms of stability and security. A handful of other nations have since moved to Morales. (Trend)
**Former Mali President Keita Leaves Country Amid Transition Talks**

BAMako - Mali’s oustred President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has left the country after his government and the country’s political leadership agreed to a transitional council that will oversee the country’s return to civilian rule.

President Keita’s departure comes as the country faces a political crisis following the protest movement that led to the resignation of Prime Minister Soumeylou Boubicka and the ousting of the military junta that had been in power since August last year.

Keita’s departure was announced by the Malian authorities, who said he had left the country to receive medical treatment.

The country’s transitional council, which includes representatives from the military, political parties, and civil society, is expected to be formed within days.

The move is seen as a significant step towards stabilizing the country, which has been mired in political and economic crisis for years.

Keita’s presidency was marked by a series of corruption allegations and economic mismanagement, which led to widespread discontent and protests.

The transitional council has vowed to hold free and fair elections as soon as possible, and to work towards a stable and prosperous future for Mali.

The departure of President Keita and the formation of the transitional council have been welcomed by international partners, who have emphasized the importance of ensuring a smooth transition to civilian rule.

The United Nations, the European Union, and other international organizations have called on all parties to work together to achieve a peaceful and democratic transition in the country.

The transitional council is expected to play a key role in reforming the Malian political system and addressing the country’s pressing challenges, including security, governance, and economic development.
KABUL - The government negotiating team may travel to Doha, the capital of Qatar tomorrow (Monday), one of the negotiating team members said on Sunday.

Ghulam Farooq Majroh, a lawmaker from Herat province and member of the negotiating team, told Pajhwok Afghan News the government was fully prepared for talks and the negotiating team is scheduled to travel to Doha tomorrow (Monday).

Majroh did not provide information regarding whether the government team departure to Doha and the launch of intra-Afghan talks was delayed.

This comes at a time when US Chief Negotiator Zalmay Khalilzad had already arrived in Doha to participate in intra-Afghan talks. According to some sources 21-member Taliban negotiating team had arrived in Doha and they are all set to start intra-Afghan talks. (Pajhwok)

Intra-Afghan Talks: Government Interlocutors Travel to Doha on Monday

KABUL - Some Meshrano Jirga members on Sunday stressed that available opportunity of peace talks should not go in vain and asked the government to put ceasefire in its agenda during peace talks with the Taliban.

The Upper House held its first session after summer recess and condemned some of the government efforts that may hamper peace talks.

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Mohammad Suhail Hoseni, a lawmaker from Ghazni province, said: “Both sides should aligned views to end the war and we should be the top priority during talks.”

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