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KABUL - India Permanent Representative at the UN Syed Akbaruddin has stressed the need for continued international community support to Afghan security forces in fight against terrorism.

Addressing Quarterly debate on United Nation Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), the Indian envoy said the support and safe havens enjoyed from beyond Afghanistan’s borders by groups such as the Taliban, the Haqqani Network, Da’esh, (More on P4)...(3)

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump has dismissed his National Security Advisor (NSA) John Bolton as a result of disagreements on policy issues.

Trump tweeted: “I informed John Bolton last night that his services are no longer needed at the White House. I disagreed strongly with many of his suggestions, as did others in the administration.”

Trump tweeted that he told Bolton Monday night his services were no longer needed at the White House and Bolton submitted his resignation Tuesday morning. (More on P4)...(2)

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