Dialogue Only Way to End Conflict: Abdullah

Doha: High National Reconciliation Council (HNRC) Chairman Dr. Abdullah Abdullah on Saturday said durable peace would be established in the country if all stakeholders sincerely joined hands to achieve the goal.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony for intra-Afghan talks in Doha, Abdullah said, “I am honored representing Afghanistan at the event. I welcome and convey the warm regards from President Ashraf Ghani, I pray for the success of these talks between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Taliban.”

Abdullah thanked the leadership of Qatar that played a huge role in making the Afghan peace process a success. He also praised the Taliban and its political office head Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar for their all-out cooperation and efforts for peace in the country.

“I can say for sure that our country is ready to end four decades of war, horror and grievances,” he said before the chief executive.

He said he had arrived in Qatar for the establishment of durable peace in Afghanistan on the basis of the teachings of Islam and legitimate demand of the people. “We have a clear intention for sincere dialogue with the Taliban on ending war and empowering Motherland in the country,” he said.

Abdullah added the people of Afghanistan “...are ready for taking part in the long- avaliação and without such preparation there is sure to be failure.”

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Peace Process Being Forward in Prudent Way: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday said his government would move forward in the peace process in a prudent way to resolve the conflict existing in the country. A statement from the Presidential Palace said the president chaired a meeting of security forces on the commander-in-chief on Saturday.

The meeting assessed the country’s overall security situation, especially of Ghazni, Balkh and Logar provinces and issued necessary instructions to security and defense forces in this regard.

The meeting was convened on security measures in place across the country, the statement added. Shamin Khan Katounawi, Head of Independent Directorate of Local Government (IDLG), also presented a report about coordination among government departments.

First Vice President Amrullah Saleh and Second Vice President Sarwar Danish talked about the general and security situation of the country. They praised the bravery and resilience of defense and security forces and stressed the need for improved security in the country.

Karzai Expresses Hope for Successful Talks

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Abdullah Meets Pompeo on Sidelines of Intra-Afghan Talks

Doha - On the sidelines of the opening of Afghan peace talks on Saturday, US envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad has met with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Qatari FM.

During the meeting, the chairman of the HNRC assured the US Secretary of State that peace is a priority for Afghanistan. “We have come to end the war and conflict and to establish a lasting and just peace in Afghanistan,” he said in the statement quoted Abdullah as saying.

The US Secretary also said during the meeting that his country stands by the people of Afghanistan and supports efforts to achieve peace and an end to war and violence.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Abdullah also met with Qatar Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdul Rahman bin Jassim Al Thani on the sidelines of the intra-Afghan talks in Doha.

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Doha Talks: Afghans Say Their Only Demand Is Peace

KABUL - The people of Afghanistan say the government and Talibanes negotiating teams should agree on ceasefire and on honorable and lasting peace without any conditions.

The long-awaited peace negotiations between the Afghan government and the Taliban begun in Doha today (Saturday).

Led by former spy master Masoom Stanikzai, a 21-member team of the government arrived in Doha for direct talks with representatives of the movement.

On behalf of Kabul, Supreme National Reconciliation Council Dr. Abdullah, Foreign Minister Haneef Atmar, Minister of State for Peace Affairs Syadlat Mansoor Naderi and presidential representative Ambassador Zalmay Rahimi attended the launching ceremony.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also participated in the negotiations, with the Taliban ready for taking part in the long-awaited talks.

Demands of people from the different provinces and districts are that they should go beyond personal, party and office interests and make serious efforts for peace in the country because it would be very difficult to regain such an opportunity.

The Afghan people news said the residents of different provinces and collected people’s views in this regard via its social media account.

Mohammad Akbar Jabarkhel, a resident of Nangarhar province, said speeches of the delegates should be based on national interest. He said: “We have long been awaiting such a gathering among Afghans and finally the day came the help of Allah, but these people should declare trace before paving the ground for lasting peace in Afghanistan.”

Ziaulhaq, a resident of southern Kandahar province, urged the two sides to avoid negativity and instead work for people’s good.

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Politicians Call for Flexibility as Talks Begin in Doha

KABUL - Political parties and political movements on Afghanistan urged the negotiating delegations and the delegation representing the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to show flexibility for the sake of peace and for Afghanistan’s national interests.

They said that the two sides’ should try to satisfy the nation’s interests for peace. Former Hamid Karzai said that he hopes that intra-Afghan talks in Doha yield a positive outcome.

“At this very critical stage in the history of our beloved country, peace and security are the main priority of all people. I urge the negotiators to present the large national interests of the country over the limited and temporary demands, and to act with spirit of forgiveness and tolerance, focusing on the present and the future of our motherland,” said Karzai. ...A Message (P4)...(3)
UK, EU & NATO Call for Unconditional Ceasefire

Taliban Collect Electricity Bills on Outskirts of Kabul

KARUL - The United Kingdom (UK), European Union (EU) and NATO have welcomed the start of the historic intra-Afghan nego-
tiation (IAN) as an opportu-

nity to work togeth-

er for the establishment of sustained peace.

In a statement, the UK embassy in Kabul said the start of the negotiations can bring hope for all sides to come together and deliver the inclu-
sive, sustainable peace that the Afghans wanted and deserved.

A political solution was the only way to achieve lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan, the statement added.

“We call on all sides to talk between Afghans on how to end the con-

flict and build a better future. This is the core element of this solution,” the embassy stressed.

“It is important now that the two sides agree on a comprehen-
sive ceasefire and confidence building measures to bring much-needed relief to those who have suffered far too long,” the statement stated.

“We continue to make every effort to bring as many people as possible to the peace process must involve mean-

ingful participation of Afghan women and minorities at all levels of decision-making,” the embassy stressed.

An Afghan-led political settle-

ment must protect the progress made in the country, including respect for women, minori-
ties and hard-fought human rights.

“We remain committed to sup-

cporting the Afghan government build a more stable and secure Afghanistan in years to come. The sacrifice of British lives, including military personnel and their families, those of our NATO and international allies and the Afghan people is not forgotten.”

Meanwhile, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told participants of the inaugural event that all Afghan sides should seize the opportunity for peace.

He hoped the Afghan govern-

ment and Taliban negotiators would engage construct-
ivly so they could achieve a comprehensive peace agree-

ment that put an end to violence and built on the progress of the last 19 years to safeguard the human rights of all Afghans.

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Tajik Delegation Wraps Up 2-Day Official Trip to Kabul

KARUL - A delegation from Taj-

ikistan’s State Committee for National Security wrapped up an official visit to Kabul on Friday after meeting with high-
ranking Afghan officials over strengthening security in both countries and the region.

Tajikistan’s delegation, led by chairman Sayyedmaryam Vatimeh, met with Afghanistan’s First Vice President Amrullah Saleh, the Chairman of the High

KABUL - Taliban militants collect electricity bills from 610 clients in Uzbin area and 800 cli-

ents in Argahndi Bala area.

DABS believes that the Taliban would cut imported power lines if it stops distribution of power to such areas.

There have been reports of Talib-

an collecting electricity bills from homes in other provinces such as Kunduz and Helmand.

Amannah Chalil, a former head of DABS, warned of the problem...(More on P4)...(11)

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**The Intra-Afghan Talks Will be Controversial and Toxically Consuming**

Ongoing intra-Afghan talks in Doha, Qatar, between the Taliban and Afghanistan government has been controversial and toxic. The talks have faced multiple obstacles, including the Taliban's demand for a ceasefire and the Afghan government's refusal to negotiate until the Taliban disavow violence. The talks have also been criticized for excluding other stakeholders, such as civil society groups and women's rights organizations. As the talks continue, there are concerns about the future of Afghanistan, especially if the talks fail to produce a peaceful resolution. The international community, including the United States, continues to monitor the situation closely, hoping for a peaceful outcome.
3 Civilians Killed, 6 Wounded in Herat Gun Attack

HERAT CITY Three civilians were killed and another six wounded on Saturday in a gun attack in the 18th police district of Herat City, the provincial police said.

He said a number of people suffered casualties in the fire fight, but did not have exact figures. No one has been arrested in connection with the attack, but security forces are investigating the attack.

In a statement, Herat provincial Mohammad Rashid Rezai confirmed receiving three bodies and six wounded individuals and demanded immediate investigations into the attack. (Pajhwok)

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Indian Diplomat Attends Opening Ceremony

KABUL - An Indian diplomat is among the foreign dignitaries attending opening ceremony for the intra-Afghan dialogue in Doha.

In New Delhi, which has long opposed any talks with the Taliban, the External Affairs Ministry said Foreign Minister S Jaishankar would join the event virtually.

Joint Secretary for Pakistan Affairs, B Shergill, is among the diplomats taking part in the ceremony.

They welcomed the Taliban commitment not to host international terrorist groups, including al-Qaeda, nor to allow them to use Afghan territory to train, recruit, or fundraise.

"We welcome the same commitments by the Afghan government of the Islamic Republic. Afghanistan should never again serve as a base for international terrorism to threaten other countries. "You carry a great responsibility, but you are not alone. The entire world wants this."

Seize The Opportunity, Khan Asks Afghan Leaders

PESHAWAR - Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Saturday renewed his call for Afghan leaders to seize the historic opportunity for bringing peace to their country.

As government and Taliban negotiations gathered in Doha, Khan asked both sides to work together constructively and secure an inclusive, broad-based and comprehensive political settlement.

"In a statement, the prime minister stressed that a successful culmination of the Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process was indispensable for Afghanistan and for regional peace, stability and prosperity.

"We hope all sides will honour their respective commitments, persevering in the face of all challenges and remain unflinchingly committed to achieving the desired outcome."

Pakistan would continue to stand in solidarity with the Afghan people as they marched forward in this consequential journey towards peace and development, he promised.

On the commencement of the talks, the prime minister said, "We remain committed to supporting them in the peace process. We will continue to support them on the battlefield. And they [Afghans] need to know that. And we'll make sure they know that all the time. Their sacrifice is not lost on us," said the NATO commander (Palwak).

HIGH-SPEED & MOST RELIABLE INTERNET

KABUL - US secretary of state Mike Pompeo on Saturday said the Kabul and Taliban delegates to Qatar would write next chapter in history of Afghanistan and hoped the new chapter was one of reconciliation and progress not another chronicle of tears and bloodshed.

"We urge you to make decisions that move you away from violence and corruption and toward peace and prosperity," the secretary said in his speech to the launch of talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban representatives in Doha.

He said it took hard work and sacrifice to reach the opening ceremony. Pompeo urged the Afghan government and the Taliban to seize the historic opportunity of making peace, saying today was a truly momentous occasion.

"Afghans have at last chosen to sit together and construct a new chapter was of reconciliation and prosperity," the secretary said.

He also said it required sacrifice to keep it alive and take advantage of it so that the talks resulted in a durable peace.

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"Vowing not to forget 9/11," he said.

Noting that the problems in Afghanistan are one of the main reasons behind conflict in the country, the statement said that a successful culmination of the Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process was indispensable for Afghanistan and for regional peace, stability and prosperity.

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