BEIJING - Addressing a press conference in Beijing, Liu said: “China supports the efforts made by Afghans to restore peace and stability.”

Responding to a question regarding the Afghan government’s plan to establish a new militia unit to assist the security and defense forces, Liu said: “We will continue to follow the relevant information.”

“In principle, I want to say that China hopes that Afghanistan can restore peace and stability at an early date.”

This comes after the Afghan government announced it was almost ready to roll out its plan to establish a militia unit, made up of civilians and reserve troops. Their objective would be to safeguard territory that security forces have retaken from insurgents. The militia unit will be divided into battalions and will fall under army corps, (TeloNews)

China ‘Hopeful’ That Peace Can Be Restored Soon

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Lu Kang, said on Monday that China hopes Afghanistan can restore peace and stability “at an early date”.

KABUL - President Donald Trump, addressing the General Assembly, has praised the administration’s support for the United Nations. The US government would be “partners in your work”, Trump told the UN General Assembly at the opening session of the two-day event, according to The Washington Post.

Due to what calls a bloated bureaucracy and mismanagement, Trump believed the organisation, which was created in 1945, had not realised its full potential in recent years. He said: “We encourage all member states to look at ways to take bold stands at the United Nations with an eye toward changing business as usual and not being beholden to ways of the past which were not working.”

Flanked by his Ambassador Nikki Haley and Secretary General António Guterres, Trump offered this message: “Make the United Nations great. Not again. Make the United Nations great...” (Pajhwok)

Pakistan Rejects Remarks Attributed to Abbasi Regarding Kabul Attack

KABUL: - The Pakisthan government has rejected remarks attributed to Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi regarding the deadly attack in Kabul which left more than 140 dead last May.

The Prime Minister House of Pakistan in a statement said: “The remarks are simply baseless and have no relevance to discussions with any media person.”

The statement further added that the relevant print media should carefully review the contents of discussions before reporting.

Speaking to Financial Times earlier Pml Abbasi had said at least three to four people had used the crossfire and a vehicle... (More on P4)

AAF Receives First Black Hawk Helicopters

KABUL - The Afghan Air Force (AAF) took delivery of its first four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters on Tuesday as part of a planned replacement of its aging fleet of Russian-made Mi-17 helicopters, officials said.

The U.S. plans to supply a total of 159 Black Hawks to Afghanistan in the coming years as it boosts the capacity of the AAF, considered one of the best-performing parts of the Afghan Defence and Security Forces.

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