Pakistan’s PM Urges Trump to Restart Peace Talks with Taliban

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said he wants the United States to restart peace talks with the Afghan Taliban.

KABUL - Khan spoke at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, before he met with U.S. President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly. Trump called on administration's months-long peace negotiations with the Taliban two weeks ago, citing ongoing deadly insurgent attacks against Afghan and American service members. He declared the dialogue process as “dead” just when the two sides had reached a draft framework agreement to end the 18-year-old Afghan war.

Khan stressed Monday that Pakistan had played a role in arranging the U.S.-Taliban dialogue to help bring peace to neighboring Afghanistan. “The peace deal was just about to be signed,” before Trump canceled the talks, insulting the Pakistani leader. Khan added that his country had not been informed about Trump’s decision, which he said he only learned about through the media. Speaking to the Council, Khan had a message for Trump. “Look, there is not going to be a military solution. For 19 years if you have not been able to succeed, you’re not going to be able to succeed in another 19 years,” he said. Monday’s meeting with Trump is Khan’s second since he visited the White House July 22 for his first interaction with the American president. Officials in both countries say the July meeting has helped improve bilateral ties. Khan rejected allegations that Pakistan’s covert support and... (More on P.24)

Delhi Way of Deeper Defence Ties with Kabul

KABUL - India has not shown any inclination to pursue a deeper defence relationship with Kabul, a Congressional report said on Tuesday. “India has been the larg- est regional contributor to Afghanistan’s reconstruc- tion, but New Delhi has not shown an inclination to pursue a deeper defence re- lationship with Kabul,” the Congressional Research Service (CRS) said.

The CRS report, “Afghanistan Background and US Policy in Brief,” came days ahead of President Donald Trump’s scheduled meetings with the prime minis- ters of India and Pakistan.

On the eve of the Trump-Modi meeting, External Affairs Minis- ter S Jaishankar called on US Special... (More on P.05)

Stoltenberg, Khalilzad Discuss Peace, Security Situation in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - NATO Sec- retary General Jens Stoltenberg has held a meeting with the US Special Representative for Af- ghan Reconciliation, Ambas- sador Khalilzad and discussed issues related to peace and se- curity in Afghanistan, accord- ing to a statement on Tuesday. Both sides discussed the secu- rity situation in Afghanistan and... (More on P.28)

Convocation Speech of the 22nd Convocation of AIOU

The 22nd Convocation of AIOU was held on Tuesday. President Dr Arif Alvi was the chief guest. In his address, he congratulated all the graduates of the AIOU. “We have worked hard for the past few years and have published a lot of books. Today we have started... (More on P.06)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1951 and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits both migrants and society.

In the framework of Numerous Programs, IOM Bids Evaluation and Awards Committee (“BEAC”) now invites Interested Bidders to submit “Bid” for Supply and Delivery of NFI Kits for Kabul province.

Interested bidders shall obtain a complete set of the “Instruction to Bidders” by sending email to iomkabulprocurement@iom.int from Tuesday to Wednesday (24 September - 02 October 2019) between 09:00hrs until 16:00hrs.

Eligibility for obtaining the complete set of ITB (Instruction to Bidders) is that interested bidders must have sufficient experience in supply and delivery of NFI kits and a valid business license, as per the requirements of the ITB. Interested bidder must provide proper credentials and copy of the business license in order to obtain complete set of the ITB.

A pre-bidding meeting will be held at IOM office located at Street No. 3, House No. 28 Ansari Square, Shah-e-Naw, Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday 06 October 2019 at 14:00 hrs, where all details of the project will be discussed. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is optional for this project. The deadline for submission of sealed bids will be Sunday 13 October 2019, by 15:00hrs. Late submission of bids will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened at the above address in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend on 14 October 2019 at 15:30 hours.

IOM reserve the right to accept or reject any bids, and to cancel the procurement process and reject all bids at any time prior to award Contract, without obligation to inform the affected bidder/s of the ground IOM action.

IOM Bids Evaluation and Award Committee

IOM Kabul


Tel: 30231. Sat phone 03 873 762 869 855, Fax: 03 873 762 869 856.