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# Trump's Afghan Policy Likely by Mid-May: Khalilzad

KABUL - The Trump administration may finalise its policy on Afghanistan ahead of next month's G-7 summit in Italy, a former US ambassador says. Zalmay Khalilzad, who served as US ambassador to Afghanistan, said in an interview on Sunday that the Trump team was expected to conclude negotiations on the Afghan policy by mid-May. President Donald Trump will attend the meeting of the seven leading industrialised economies in Taormina, Sicily, next month. Khalilzad told the BBC's Pashto Service: "The on-



going discussions will conclude by May 15, when Italy will host the G-7 meeting, which will also be attended by President Trump..." He stressed the need for comprehensive consultations on America's new Afghan strategy. Afghanistan is a complex issue, with domestic, international and regional aspects, according to the ex-ambassador. Being consulted by the Trump team, Khalilzad believed the new US policy on Afghanistan might be different. America's goal was to make Afghanistan self-reliant and prevent it becoming a terror safe haven again. (Pajhwok)

## Improper Measles Vaccination Leaves 4 Children Dead

TIRINKOT - Improper measles vaccination has left four children dead and eight others in critical condition in the Gizab district of southern Ghazni province, an official alleged on Sunday. Dost Mohammad Nayab, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a measles vaccination drive was conducted in the district last week. Due to flawed vaccination, four children died while eight others were evacuated to a health centre in Daikundi in critical condition, the official said without giving details. Public Health Director Dr. Khan Agha Miakhel said he had contacted the officials concerned in Daikundi and they... (More on P4)... (10)

## Kabul Says Investigating Deadly Army Base Attack



KABUL - The government on Sunday said it had launched investigation into Friday's deadly attack on the 209th Shaheen Military Corps in northern Balkh province. Acting spokesman to the president, Shah Hussain Murtazavi, told a press conference here that information about the attack would be shared with people after the fact-finding commission tasked with investigating the incident completed its work. "If a commander or any official of the corps is somehow involved or had committed negligence will be taken to task," he said. He said the president, who met the bereaved families in Balkh, had directed the organs concerned to use all available resources in treatment of the wounded soldiers and helping the martyrs' families. The injured would be under intensive care and seriously wounded would be shifted to Kabul and foreign countries... (More on P4)... (11)

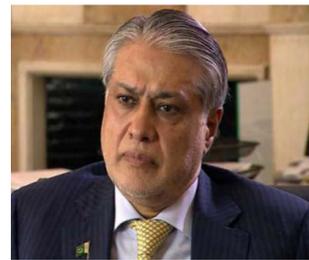
## Officials Call Environmental Pollution a Grave Threat

KABUL - The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) says 70 percent of recreational and agricultural areas have been converted into residential buildings and commercial plazas in major cities of the country. As a result, oxygen sources would be dangerously depleted in the next four years if the situation persisted, EPA deputy head Ghulam Mohammad Malakyar warned at a ceremony marking Earth Day. There would be no recreational spaces or oxygen sources if green areas' conversion into buildings and land-

grab continued, he said, calling the present environmental changes a grave crisis. Green areas and agricultural land were limited in Afghanistan, the official explained. No agricultural lands except mountains would remain in the future if the environmental changes were not controlled, he cautioned. Some 30 years ago, three percent of Afghanistan's land was forested but 2.5 percent of it was destroyed during the war, he said, adding the rehabilitation process... (More on P4)... (8)

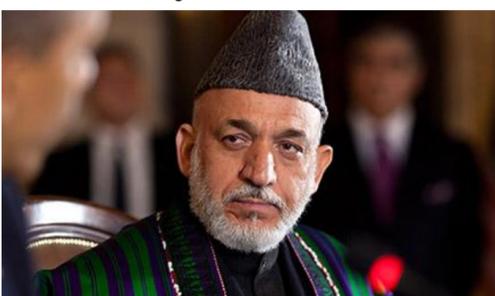
## Afghan Peace Link with Regional Peace: Dar

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar Sunday said that peace in Afghanistan was directly linked with peace in its neighboring countries especially Pakistan. He said this in a meeting with his Afghan counterpart, Eklil Ahmed Hakimi at Washington wherein he apprised him about the economic situation in Pakistan, said a press release issued by the Finance Ministry. He also highlighted the steps taken by the present government for enhancing the GDP growth rate and putting Pa-



kistan on the path of sustainable economic growth. During the course of discussion, ... (More on P4)... (9)

## Karzai Says Can No Longer Call Taliban Brothers after Army Base Attack



KABUL - The former Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he can no longer call the Taliban militants as brothers after the barbaric attack on the Shaheen army corps in Balkh province. Speaking during a press conference in Kabul, Karzai called on Taliban to stop committing atrocities against the Afghan nation. He said each move and each bullet fired by the Taliban

insurgents serve the interests of the outsiders who are pursuing their specific goals and interests in the instability of the country. The former President also warned that the specific circles are working in the country to spark ethnic tensions among the Afghan people as he insisted that the Afghan people should get closer than any other time to maintain unity... (More on P4)... (13)

## 'World Immunization Week' Launched in Afghanistan



KABUL - The yearly 'World Immunization Week' campaign was launched on Sunday in Afghanistan to raise awareness about the importance of vaccination. The Ministry of Public Health, World Health Organization and UNICEF together launched the cam-

campaign with national and international partners supporting immunization services in the country. Immunization is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions preventing illness, disability and death from vaccine-preventable... (More on P4)... (15)

## US Embassy Joins Afghans in Mourning Taliban Attack

KABUL - The US embassy in Kabul on Sunday condemned in the strongest terms the Taliban attack on an Afghan National Army (ANA) base in northern Balkh province. Ambassador Hugo Llorens said in a statement: "On this day of national mourning, I join millions of Americans in condemning in the strongest terms Friday's cold-blooded attack on the Afghan armed forces. "We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and coworkers of the victims of these despicable criminal attacks. We join all Afghans in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation."... (More on P4)... (12)

## OIC Strongly Condemn Attack on Afghan Army Base in Balkh

KABUL - The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has strongly condemned the attack carried on army base in northern Afghanistan on Friday in which more than 200 people were killed and many injured, a statement from organisation said on Sunday. OIC Secretary General Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimen described the attack as heinous and barbaric stated that the fight against terrorism embarked upon by the government of Afghanistan would not relent, the statement said. He commended the continued efforts of the government in bringing unity among the people of Afghanistan despite these dastardly but unfortunate incidences that were carried out specifically to destabilize the country and create chaos. The Secretary General extended his condolences to the government and people of Afghanistan as well as to the families of the... (More on P4)... (14)

## Iran Condemns Deadly Attack on Shaheen Corps in Balkh

KABUL - Iran has vehemently denounced a deadly terrorist attack on the Afghan National Army (ANA) base in the northern Balkh province. The Iranian Embassy in Kabul expressed its deep sympathies with the "brotherly and friendly people and government of Afghanistan and the families of the victims." In a statement, the embassy said there was no justification for Friday's assault on the 209th The attack, claimed by Taliban, came at a time when the soldiers were praying in a mosque. President Ashraf Ghani has declared Sunday a day of nationwide mourning. (Pajhwok)



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**Request for Expression of Interest For**  
Consultancy Services for Operating Manual for the Directorate General for Public-Private Partnership (DG-PPP)  
Ref: MOF/PPP-02/CS/CQS

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Consultancy Services for Operating Manual for the Directorate General for Public-Private Partnership (DG-PPP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

All tasks shall be performed within **4 months** from the time of commencement.

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- The firm shall have solid management competencies, this shall contain description of standard policies, procedures, and practices that the entity has to assure quality interaction with clients and outputs.
- Experience, in PPP in developing countries or other conflict-affected countries would be a considerable advantage.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (Kabul time)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by 15 May, 2017.

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