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Dostum Stresses Political Settlement of Ongoing Conflict

First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum has asked the Taliban to accept the government reconciliation offer send their specific peace plans to the government so that option for its solution could be explored.



KABUL - Referring to the Afghanistan's Solvation Alliance, the vice president said the purposed of the alliance was to rescue the country from security threats and maintain a position on peace process. "As security situation in the north deteriorated, the threats of Daesh and other rebels groups increased we the leaders of northern part of the country decided to create an alliance to save the county. It was never against the government or to weaken the national unity government," he said. "We created this system and we will protect it at any cost, but it was also our duty to criticise the weakness of the government in a constructive manner and introduce reforms," he said.

In his election message the first vice president said government, political parties and the people had their role and responsibilities for the successful conduct of election. "We experienced undesirable events in previous election and concerns still existed regarding the conduct of upcoming free and fair polls. Being the vice president of this government it was our responsibility to ensure the successful and fair election," he added. Peace Process: Referring to the ongoing peace process, Dostum said the government of Afghanistan has achieved domestic and international consensus on peace process which was the need of hour. He said fighting ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Do More for Durable Political Settlement in Afghanistan, Gen. Votel to Pakistan

KABUL - Commander of the United State Central Command (CENTCOM) Gen. Joseph Votel on Monday asked Pakistan to do more in Afghan peace process as Islamabad's role remained key for the accomplishment of overall objective. Addressing reporters here Gen. Votel said cooperation from Pakistan remained key to accomplishing the overall objective of a durable political settlement in Afghanistan. "We continue to work closely with Pakistan to help them fulfill the important role that they have indicated they want to play. Now is the time for them to step forward, do more and be supportive." The CENTCOM commander said extension in the funding to the Afghan Security Forces though 2024 would provide time and re-



sources to fulfill the intent of US South Asia Strategy. "At the recent NATO summit, international partners agreed to extend funding to the Afghan Security Forces through 2024. This is noteworthy and will provide us both time and resources to fulfill the intent of our South Asia Strategy," a statement from the Resolute Support RS mission quoted Gen. Votel as saying.

"Since the Afghans took the lead for their own security in August of 2014, we have seen strong continued international support for the Resolute Support mission. This year, 29 of 39 NATO Allies and partners increased their military or financial commitments to the campaign. Significantly, we welcome our Gulf partners from the United Arab Emirates and Qatar ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Govt Asks IEC to Announce Presidential Election Date

KABUL - A meeting was held between the president, foreign stakeholders and the IEC on next year's presidential election. National Unity Government (NUG) leaders have asked the Independent Election Commission (IEC) to announce the date for the 2019 presidential election as "soon as possible", the President's Office said in a statement late Sunday.



According to the statement, President Ashraf Ghani met with IEC members, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan and head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) Tadamichi Yamamoto, and various ambassadors of countries supporting the election process. "At the meeting the leadership of the NUG asked the IEC to reassure the people about the (voter) registration process and

provide facilities for political parties, civil society organizations and international observers to monitor the election process," the statement read. ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

UNAMA Condemns Kabul Attack that Left Scores of Civilians

KABUL - The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan condemns yesterday's attack outside Kabul's airport that initial findings indicate killed and injured scores of civilians. The suicide attack took place among a crowd gathered to greet First Vice President Abdul Rashid Dostum, shortly after his convoy had departed the area. "This was a senseless attack that served no purpose other than to spread terror and try to promote division," said Tadamichi Yamamoto, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Af-

ghanistan. "The organizers of these attacks, those supporting these cynical crimes, must be held accountable and brought to justice." Attacks targeting civilians are violations of international humanitarian law. Under international humanitarian law, such attacks may amount to war crimes. The United Nations maintains that all parties to the conflict must at all times uphold their obligations to protect civilians from harm. UNAMA's 2018 mid-year report on civilian casualties documents how suicide ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

Karzai, Nabil Likely to Join Coalition for 'Salvation of Afghanistan'

KABUL - Following the return of Vice President General Abdul Rashid Dostum to the country, Junbish-e-Milli party says 'Coalition for Salvation of Afghanistan' is expected to announce its presence next week. The coalition was formed in July last year in Ankara, the capital of Turkey, comprising four key political figures including Atta Mohammed Noor, chief of the Jamiat-e Islami party, Acting Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabani, also of the Jamiat-e-Islami, Mohammad Mohaqiq, chairman of the People's Islamic Unity Party and Abdul Rashid Dostum, leader of Junbish-e-Milli party. "In this alliance which is expected to announce its presence next week, would be compromised of most of the government high-ranking officials," said Bashir Ahmad Tayenj, Spokesman of Junbish-e-Milli party. "We have finalized talks with Hamid Karzai [former president] and Rahmatullah Nabil [former Intelligence chief] and there is a possibility that they might also include in this coalition," he added.

Kunduz Lawmaker Accused of Usurping Family Land



KUNDUZ CITY - Some relatives of lawmaker ShaistaBazNasari on Sunday alleged the lawmaker has usurped their more than 1,000 acres of family land. But Nasari, a member of parliament from northern Kunduz province, rejected the allegations as a politically-motivated conspiracy against him. His relatives with their number reaching 15 on Sunday arrived in front of the Governor House in Kunduz City, the provincial capital province, to register their complaint. Among them was Kausar Nasari, who introduced himself as brother of lawmaker ShaistaBazNasari, accused Shaista of grabbing around 1,000 acres land of the family in Khanabad district. "He has usurped our land and threatened us to death. We have

many times approached the local government to resolve our problem, but they failed. We want the president to resolve our problem, if this problem is not resolved, we all will set ourselves on fire," he warned. A girl among the protesters introduced herself as niece of Nasari and said the lawmaker had grabbed land of other family members. "He came in Ramazan and took away 35,000kg of wheat yield by force from us, sold our lands and purchased apartments on that money in Kabul and Kunduz City," the girl alleged. Another woman, sister of the lawmaker, said Shaista had grabbed their land by using force. But the MP rejected the allegations as a conspiracy against him ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

20 Taliban, 8 Daesh Killed in Ghazni, Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Twenty Taliban and eight Daesh rebels have been killed in airstrikes and clashes with security forces in northern Baghlan and southern Ghazni provinces, officials said Monday. Baghlan police chief Brig. Gen. Ikramuddin Sari told in a press conference in Pul-i-Khumri, the provincial capital, that foreign forces conducted airstrikes in DehnaGhori and Burka districts of the province last night. A Taliban's ushar in-charge Abdul Ghafoor was killed along with two

others in the airstrikes that also killed Taliban's military chief for Burka district along with four others. Separately, the police chief said, insurgents coordinately stormed security check-posts in Nahrin district late Sunday night. Six attackers were killed and nearly a dozen more wounded in the ensuing clash, he said. In Ghazni province, the Taliban attacked security posts in Zankhan, Andar, Qarabagh, Jaghata, Giru, Gilan, Rashidan and in GhazniCity late Sunday night, ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Group of Taliban Militants Involved in Major Attacks Arrested In Kandahar

KABUL - A group of four Taliban militants involved in major terrorist related activities has been held by during an operation of the operatives of the Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), in Kandahar province. The provincial government media office in a statement said the militants arrested during the operation have been identified as Aminullah son of Esmatullah, Rahmatullah son of Shahabuddin, Abdul Malik son of Feroz Khan, and Noor Ali famous as Khan Mohammad.



The statement further added that the militants were involved in major destructive and terrorist related activities in Kandahar city, Khakrez district, and Maiwand district. According to the provincial government, the militants were planting improvised explosive devices on the roadsides to target ...*(More on P4)...(11)*