

Quote of the Day

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

Colin Powell

No Letup in Violence Even after Pakistan-Backed Talks: Faisal

KABUL - Javed Faisal, spokesman for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah, on Tuesday said Afghanistan expected sharp decline after first round of direct talks with Taliban but insecurity continued to haunt the nation.

He lamented groups behind insurgency in Afghanistan still enjoyed active Pakistan's support and they were not refrained from their activities despite Pakistani officials' pledges following first round of talks with Taliban.

Afghan government delegation and Taliban representatives held face-to-face talks last month in Murree, a tourist resort close to Pakistan's capital Islamabad.

The government was sincere about talks with Taliban, he said, suspecting



Pakistan did not stop supporting insurgent groups in Afghanistan. Afghan government expected dramatic decline in militants activities in the country after the first round of talks ended in Islamabad. According to Faisal, the gov-

ernment was committed to peace talks with Taliban and would explore every opportunity that could guarantee peace and prosperity in the country.

He said the second round of talks would be held soon, but did not give information about the venue and exact date of talks with Taliban.

The second round of talks with Taliban were expected to kick start from July 30 in China, but government sources revealed that second round was also expected to take place in Pakistan.

Earlier, a Pakistan security official, who wished to go unnamed, said that second round of talks between Afghan government and the Taliban would take place in Islamabad as well. He hoped the talks would bear positive result. (Pajhwok)

Pakistan Gets \$336m to Support Forces in Afghanistan



KARACHI - Pakistan on Tuesday received some \$336 million from the United States for its ongoing role in combating a Taliban insurgency in neighbouring Afghanistan.

The injection of cash, which comes as the Taliban steps up its annual summer offensive launched in late April, has helped Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves reach

a fresh high of about \$19 billion, state bank officials said.

Regular payments to Pakistan under the Coalition Support Fund (CSF) programme began in 2001 when Pakistan joined the US-led coalition in Afghanistan as a "frontline ally".

Pakistan provides use of its air bases and other facilities in exchange for the ... (More on P4)... (1)

Electoral Reform Suggestions to be Presented Soon: Tawhidi

KABUL - The Electoral Reforms Commission (ERC) on Tuesday reassured to evaluate all conditions for which election commissioners got nominated and would incorporate changes to the laws in order to ensure neutrality during elections.

The electoral reforms commission was formed following a presidential decree and officially started work last week. The panel is headed by Shah Sultan Akefi.

Sediqullah Tawhidi, the commission's deputy chairperson, told journalists that in the past few days the commission has developed work plans and ways to obtain suggestions from civil society, major political figures, youth associations and women's rights organizations.

He added next week some members of the



panel would travel to seven parts of the country in order to collect suggestions from civil society, local elders, Ulama councils and other segments of society in line with electoral reforms.

According to Tawhidi, they would complete a set of short-term plans for electoral reforms and submit them to the government after a month.

Tawhidi said the government then would have the opportunity to incorporate the set of suggestions in the laws on structure, ... (More on P4)... (2)

Afghanistan, Uzbekistan Discuss Security, Economic Cooperation

KABUL - National Security Advisor (NSA) Mohammad Hanif Atmar, during his visit to neighbouring Uzbekistan, discussed a range of issues, including combating terrorism, improving security, political relations and economic cooperation, with Uzbek officials.

NSC spokesman Tawab Ghorzang told Pajhwok Afghan News Atmar had arrived in

Tashkent on Monday and would stay there until Wednesday. Atmar met his Uzbek counterpart, minister of defence, foreign affairs and national security officials.

Both sides stressed the need for regional cooperation in boosting security, coordination on



border ... (More on P4)... (4)

Russia's Ambassador to NATO

Russia to Continue Fight Against Drug Trafficking Without NATO

MOSCOW - Russia will continue fighting against drug trafficking from the Afghan territory without NATO but through interaction with other partners, Russia's Ambassador to NATO Alexander Grushko said in an interview with the Lifeneews TV channel on Tuesday.

"We have trained more than 4,000 experts for the anti-drug services of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asian states," Grushko said.

According to him, the suspen-



sion of anti-drug cooperation between NATO and Russia has aroused numerous concerns linked, above all, to fears that drug trafficking could intensify. "It is clear that this decision is worsening the security of countries of Western Europe,

in the first place, and Russia. The drug threat has not disappeared anywhere. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the drug production is growing. That is why we are going to continue this work either independently or jointly with other partners, including the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO); the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and, naturally, the United Nations," Grushko concluded. (Agencies)

MoD to Take up Border Security Issue with Pakistan

KABUL - A delegation of the Ministry of Defense (MoD) plans a visit to neighbouring Pakistan on Tuesday to discuss border security issues, an official said.

Deputy MoD spokesman

Gen. Dawlat Waziri told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan officials would discuss recent problems happened near the border, Pakistani forces attacks inside Afghan territory and other issues.

The ... (More on P4)... (3)

Kohistanat District Falls as ALP Commander Defects

SAR-I-PUL - The embattled Kohistanat district of northern Sar-i-Pul province has fallen to the Taliban, an official acknowledged on Tuesday.

Mohammad Asif Jab-

barkhail, police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the district was captured by the Taliban after a commander of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) joined them.

At least ... (More on P4)... (5)

Rural Development Ministry Exceeds 100-Day Target

KABUL - Rural Rehabilitation and Development Minister Nasir Ahmad Durrani on Tuesday said his ministry had executed 4,800 uplift projects across the country during the past six months.

Talking about progress in the implementation of the ministry's 100-day action plan, Durrani said most of the development projects were executed in rural areas and his ministry had even crossed the 100-day development target in just 45 days.

Earlier, Durrani had distributed his ministry's 100-day plan in four ... (More on P4)... (6)



Indian Embassy Announces Masters Degree programme in Foreign Affairs

KABUL - The Embassy of India, Kabul announces the unique Masters Degree programme in foreign affairs (M.A. Diplomacy, Law and Business DLB) offered by OP Jindal Global University (JGU). JGU is a non-profit global university. The vision of JGU is to promote global courses, global programmes, global curriculum, global research, global collabora-

tions, and global interaction through a global faculty. JGU is one of the few universities in Asia that maintains a 1:15 faculty-student ratio and appoints faculty members from different parts of the world with outstanding academic qualifications and experience. JGU has established five schools: Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global Business School, Jindal... (More on P4)... (7)

Taliban Militants Launch Major Attack in Kunar Province

ASADABAD - Heavy clashes continue between the Taliban militants and the Afghan security forces in eastern Kunar province after the Taliban militants launched a major attack in Marwar district.

According to local security officials, the Taliban militants launched a coordinated attack on security check posts in central and remote areas of Marwar district earlier this morning.

Provincial police chief Abdul Habib Syed Khel said

sporadic clashes still continue and at least 14 Taliban militants have been killed and 17 others have been injured so far.

In the meantime, the Taliban militants group claimed that heavy casualties were incurred to the Afghan forces during the gun battle and said only 3 Taliban fighters were killed and 4 others were injured.

The coordinated attack in eastern Kunar province comes the Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant during the recent days. (KP)

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