



UK Envoy Reaffirms Support to Peace Process in Afghanistan

The British ambassador met with People's Peace Movement members on Sunday and welcomed all peace efforts.



KABUL - British ambassador to Afghanistan Sir Nicholas Kay said on Sunday the British government supports all efforts to get the Taliban to the negotiation tables. Speaking to members of the People's Peace Movement in Kabul, who are holding a sit-in protest close to the British embassy, Kay said anyone trying to get the Taliban to the talks table with the Afghan government is doing a good job. The movement called on the British government to put pressure on Pakistan to stop its interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. Meanwhile, Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah has confirmed that talks have been held between the US and the Taliban. He said these talks were aimed at paving the way for peace negotiations with the Taliban. "I believe these efforts are positive. We had this in the past and they will be in the future as well. But to determine the future, is the authority of the

people of Afghanistan," said Abdullah. Members of the People's Peace Movement started their sit-in protest in front of the UK embassy in Kabul three days ago after having spent a day outside the Iranian embassy. Addressing the activists on Sunday afternoon, Kay said the only solution to the current crisis in Afghanistan is diplomacy. He pledged to do whatever he can towards ending the war in Afghanistan. "The United Kingdom supports all efforts to bring about an inter-Afghan settlement to this conflict. So I think anybody who is prepared to talk about peace and talk to the Taliban, with the Taliban to bring them to the table with the Afghan government is doing a good job," said Kay. The peace activists meanwhile said that London can play a key role in convincing Pakistan to bring the Taliban to the talks table. When asked about ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

Marble Sector Threatens to Disinvest as Crisis Continues

KABUL - Some owners of marble processing factories said due to problems with marblenining contracts, they are dealing with a lack of raw materials and many have been forced to close their factories and leave the country. Some factory owners moved their businesses from Pakistan to Afghanistan in the past two years. However, many say they regret this decision as they now face a lack of raw material and many other problems. The Marble Stone Association in Kabul said there are 13 marble processing factories in the city, but none of them are active due to lack of raw material.



According to the association, at least three marble factory owners have decided to close their factories and move them to Uzbekistan. Sarajuddin Kamali, the head of the association, said workers at these 13 factories have also been badly affected and that out of 400 employees, 220 have been laid off. "The ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

14 Crime Suspects Arrested in Uruzgan: Police



TIRINKOT - Police have arrested 14 people including two security men accused of allowing the Taliban to capture their posts in central Uruzgan province, the police chief said on Sunday. Col. Mohammad Maroof Ahmadzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that among the detainees were Matiullah and Abdul Zahir accused of abandoning their security

check-posts and weapons to be captured by the Taliban on the Uruzgan-Kandahar highway. The two were arrested along with six weapons including a Kalashnikov, a rocket launcher and a machinegun, Ahmadzai said, adding another 12 people had been arrested over selling drugs in Tirinkot, the provincial capital. (Pajhwok)

11 Taliban Killed, 4 Wounded in Helmand Operations

LASHKARGAH - Eleven Taliban militants, including two commanders, have been killed and some others wounded during a clearing operation in the Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Sunday. Abdul Salaam Afghan, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security force conducted the raid in Zarghoon and Naqil Abad localities of the district late on Saturday. He said eight insurgents, including Mullah Zaki and Mullah Nasar, were killed and four others wounded. Meanwhile, deputy spokesman for 2015th Maiwand Military Corps Nawab Shah Zadran said three militants were killed in Mohajir Bazaar, Yakhchal, Haji Aziz, Haji Qaium, Adam Khan and Zarghoon villages of Greshk district. However, ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

Ghani Invites Imran Khan to Visit Kabul



KABUL - Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Naemul Haque on Sunday said President Ashraf Ghani has invited Pakistan's Prime Minister-elect Imran Khan to visit Kabul, according to a Geo news report. "The Afghan president telephoned Imran (Khan) and congratulated him

over his victory in the 2018 General Elections," Haque said while addressing the media in Islamabad. "Ghani told Imran that Pakistan and Afghanistan have historic relations and invited him for a tour of the country," he said. Haque further said that the PTI chief informed the Afghan president that he will visit Kabul once he assumes power. Further, the PTI leader urged Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA) Maulana Fazlur Rehman to not boycott parliament. "Maulana Fazlur Rehman should take back his decision that his elected candidates will not take the parliamentary oath in light of Imran's vow to aid in probing opposition parties' rigging allegations," ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

In Helmand's Kajaki District, Most Schools Remain Closed

LASHKARGHA - Five out of 18 schools are open and the rest shut due to insecurity in the Kajaki district of southern Helmand province, official says. Of every 18 schools, only one has its own building. Only the district center's Tangi locality is under government control while the remaining areas have been under Taliban's sway for several years. Nasir Khan, a district education official, told Pajhwok Afghan News the building for only one school had been constructed 40 years ago. And that too has been destroyed in civil war. He said: "Six classrooms of the school



were rebuilt in the previous government. Nothing else has been done in terms of reconstruction." Khan added the district had 18 schools, with five open to students and the rest closed due to instability. As a result, he lamented, thousands of boys and ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Announcement for Bidding

Procurement Entities	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Public Works (MPW), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
Funded By	World bank
Item Description / Ref No.	Construction of Baghlan to Bamyam (B2B) Road, Segment-3 (47+040 to 60+760) Baghlan & Bamyam NPA/MPW/97/W-2190/ICB
Deadline for submission Bids	September 22, 2018 at 10:00 Hours (Local Time). The public opening of Bids received will be held immediately after the deadline.
Address for submission Bids	First floor, Infrastructure Department, National Procurement Authority (NPA), Administrative office of the president, Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan
Website	Interested bidders may download the complete Bidding Documents from our website. www.npa.gov.af In case of any problem in downloading, may obtain the same by sending e-mail at the address zabihulrahman.rahmani@aop.gov.af CC to: Hikmatullah.Asad@aop.gov.af procurement@THRC.gov.af , satar.salim@thrcp.gov.af , and mohsin.nisar@aop.gov.af , wais.rahimi@aop.gov.af
Bid Security	Bank Guarantee USD 300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand)

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Procurement Entities	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Public Works (MPW), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
Funded By	World Bank
Item Description / Ref No.	Construction of Baghlan to Bamyam (B2B) Road, Segment-5 (107+040 to 126+620) Baghlan & Bamyam NPA/MPW/97/W-2193/ICB
Deadline for submission Bids	September 18, 2018 at 10:00 Hours (Local Time). The public opening of Bids received will be held immediately after the deadline.
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Bid Security	Bank Guarantee USD 540,000 (Five Hundred Forty Thousand)