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Peace Accord with HIA is Final and Clear: HPC

KABUL - The High Peace Council (HPC) deputy head on Tuesday said the draft peace accord with the Gulbadin-led Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) was final and there was no ambiguity and warned against adding more articles to the peace agreement. Maulvi Abdul Rahman Salim told Pajhwok Afghan News in an exclusive chat that the HPC and the HIA delegation held talks for about two months in a brotherly environment and agreed on 25 articles embedded in the peace accord.



He said all articles of the peace accord were clear and there was nothing confusing. He said the accord was finalised between the HPC and the HIA powerful delegation which had been in constant contact with HIA leader during the months of negotiations. The presence of HIA members in election commissions and giving them some important government positions are said to be fresh demands of Hekmatyar. Salim called the peace process as 'time-consuming' and asked the HIA not to bring in fresh ... (More on P4)...(8)

Preserving Territorial Integrity is our Right: Muslimyar



KABUL - Following a skirmish between Afghan and Pakistani forces along the Torkham border crossing, some senators on Tuesday said the Afghans didn't want to fight, but they were ready to defend their country's soil. Afghan and Pakistani security forces exchanged fire late on Sunday after the Pakistani border guards started fencing and constructing a gate on the border crossing. Reports said two Afghan border policemen and two children had been killed and another 18 border policemen wounded during the intermittent exchanges ... (More on P4)...(9)

Asfandyar Stresses Af-Pak Talks on Defusing Tensions

PESHAWAR - As a cross-border exchange of gunfire resumed in Torkham, a senior Pakhtun nationalist leader urged Afghanistan and Pakistan to exercise restraint and hold discussion on defusing bilateral tensions. Awami National Party President Asfandyar Wali Khan voiced concern over clashes between the border forces of the two countries. He warned skirmishes could create multiple problems that would affect millions of refugees and thousands of people travelling between the two countries. In a statement on Monday, he noted relations between the neighbours had long been tense and such incidents could further strain them. He appealed to the heads of the two countries to resolve issues through dialogue. Pakistan and Afghanistan had already suffered due to terrorism and they could not afford further hostilities, Wali argued. "Civilians on both sides of the border will suffer due to the prevailing situation," he said, asking security officials to avert loss of lives and properties. (Pajhwok)

Belarus Views Afghanistan as New Partner for CCD

MINSK - Belarus considers Afghanistan as a new partner for Developing Comprehensive Cooperation (CCD), Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus Viktor Guminsky said at a meeting with Vice Speaker of the Senate of Afghanistan Farhad Ghulam Sakhi on Tuesday, BelTA has learned.

"Belarus has never viewed Afghanistan as a threat to its national interests. Although, some problems remain unsettled. First of all, these are drugs trafficking and illegal migration. But, in general, Belarus views Afghanistan as its new partner to develop economic and other comprehensive cooperation," said Viktor Guminsky. The Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives stressed: "It is with deep pain that we learn about terrorist attacks in Afghanistan. We will do our best within the United Nations Organization to promote peaceful settlement of the process. We sincerely wish peace and stability to the Afghan people." Viktor Guminsky also stressed that the parliamentary delegation from Afghanistan visited the House of Representatives of Belarus for the first time on 14 June. Farhad Ghulam Sakhi handed an invitation to Viktor Guminsky to visit Afghanistan. Belarusian and Afghan MPs held their previous meeting during the CIS IPA session in St. Petersburg in 2006. Then the parties stressed the need to intensify trade and economic cooperation and establish inter-parliamentary ties. (BelTA)

Trump to Ban Entry of Afghans, Pakistanis into US

KABUL - The main Republican presidential candidate has said he, if voted into the White House, will ban the entry of Muslims from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Syria into the United States of America.

Trump said he would provisionally prohibit the entry of Muslims from countries "where there is a proven history of terrorism against the United States, Europe, or our allies until we fully understand how to end these threats." According to Ra-

dio Free Europe, monitored here, he made the remarks in a speech on national security on Monday, a day after 49 people were killed by an Afghan-origin American at a Florida gay nightclub. The immigration restrictions would stay in place until "we are in a position to properly screen these people coming into our country", Trump was quoted as saying. "They're pouring in, and we don't know what we're doing."

He said the parents of the Florida gunman Omar Mateen



were born in Afghanistan while the parents of last year's San Bernardino shooter were from Pakistan -- countries he would subject to the proposed immigration ... (More on P4)...(10)

Gen. Dostum Targets Hideouts of Taliban in Jawzjan, 15 Killed, 7 Wounded

Al-Moghul - The hideouts of the Taliban militants were targeted during the operations led by Vice President General Abdul Rashid Dostum in northern Jawzjan province of Afghanistan.

The militants were targeted in Al-Moghul and Bainaghoor areas of Jawzjan, leaving at least 15 dead and 7 others wounded. The Afghan Air Force played a key role in the operation to target the fleeing Taliban insurgents, the Vice President said, adding that hideouts were the group's main sanctuaries created in north and following the operations in Jawzjan.

Gen. Dostum further added that Taliban's shadow district governor in Aqcha Qari



Hafizullah was in charge of the hideouts created in the named areas. He said another hideout belonging to Taliban commander Turan Amrullah was destroyed during the operations in Bainaghoor area. The operations were launched in the early hours of Monday

morning and continued until Monday noon, Gen. Dostum said, adding that the Afghan forces did not suffer any casualties during the operations. According to Gen. Dostum, a number of key Taliban group members are among those arrested ... (More on P4)...(12)

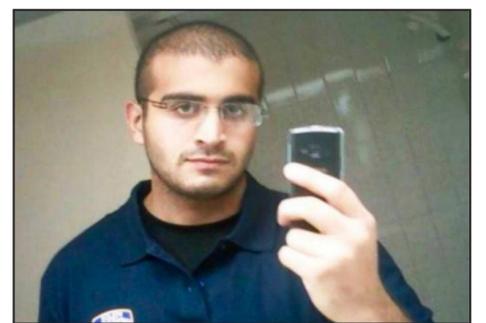
No Meeting with Shooter's Father: State Department

WASHINGTON - The US State Department on Monday refuted reports that its officials had met Siddique Mateen, father of the Orlando shooter Omar Mateen.

"We have no record of any meetings between State Department policy officials and Siddique Mateen," State Department Deputy spokesman Mark Toner told Pajhwok Afghan News.

However, he said the State Department was aware of reports from social media purporting to show Omar Mateen's father Siddique Mateen meeting with State Department officials.

"While we continue to review our records, at this time, we believe he was photographed outside of the



State Department's office on Capitol Hill (where we work on consular issues for members and their constituents)," Toner said, referring to the pictures being circulated on social media. Meanwhile, President Barack Obama said Omar

Mateen appeared to be motivated by "extremist information distributed over the internet."

The president said Mateen did not appear to be part of a broader ISIS plot even though he pledged alle ... (More on P4)...(13)

Deadly Airstrike Target Taliban in Farah, 25 Killed, 27 Wounded

FARAH - At least 25 Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike in the western Farah province, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said. A statement by MoD said the airstrike was carried out in Bala Bolok district of Farah, leaving at least 27 more wounded.

The statement further added that four vehicles and 7 motorcycles belonging to the militants were also destroyed during the air-

strike. The Taliban militants are actively operating in a number of the districts of western Farah province and often carry out insurgency activities.

The Taliban group in the meantime claimed that the airstrike targeted the civilians and several women and children were among those killed or wounded. However, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) ... (More on P4)...(14)

Military Operation Launched in Kunduz to Clear Highway

KUNDUZ CITY - A military operation was launched along the Kunduz province highway early Monday and will continue until insurgents have been cleared, local police officials said on Tuesday. The military operation was launched in the Kunduz-Khan Abad area on the highway and so far six villages have been cleared

of insurgents, Provincial Police Chief Mohammad Qasim Jangalbagh said.

The operation will continue on the Kunduz-Takhar highway in order to secure the highway, Jangalbagh said adding that a number of insurgents have been killed. There have been no civilian or ... (More on P4)...(15)

Pakistani Maj. Succumbed to Injuries in Torkham Firing



KABUL - A Pakistani army officer, who was injured by Afghan security forces firing at the Torkham border on Monday, succumbed to his injuries at the Combined Military Hospital in Peshawar on Tuesday, media report said. Major Ali Jawad Changezi suffered injuries during cross border firing in Torkham where Pakistan army was constructing a gate and fencing the area. On Sunday night the Pakistani side embarked on establishing installations in Torkham. They also opened fire on Afghan security and defense forces, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ... (More on P4)...(16)

Islamabad Lodges Protest with Kabul over Cross-Border Fire



PESHAWAR - Pakistan security sources said on Monday. "Afghan Charge d' Affaires was called to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ... He was told the firing incident was contrary to the spirit of friendly relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan," a statement from the Foreign Office said. Kabul does not recognise the British-era border ... (More on P4)...(17)