



# Visiting Indian Diplomat Discuss Terrorism with US Officials

KABUL - Top Indian and American diplomats have conferred on a range of issues of bilateral interest, including terrorist and the situation in Afghanistan. Currently on a four-day trip to the United States, Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar met Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson on Friday, Indian media outlets reported. ANI news agency quoted Jaishankar as saying various bilateral issues, including terrorism, Asia-Pacific and Afghanistan, were discussed in the meeting. "I would characterise our discussions this way. Obviously,



a lot of focus was on US-India rather than other countries. But, we did discuss the global strategic landscape and exchanged ideas. "In my meetings with the secretary of the state, with the national security advisor, we discussed Asia-Pacific and Afghanistan. We discussed the challenge of terrorism," Jaishankar added. The visiting official also met Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Homeland Security John F. Kelly, National Security Advisor Lt. Gen. HR McMaster and House Speaker Paul Ryan. (Pajhwok)

## 61 Insurgents Killed During Counter-Terrorism Operations: MoD

KABUL - At least 61 insurgents were killed and 33 others were wounded during a series of counter-terrorism operations across the country in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Saturday. "This joined operation of the Defense Security Forces was held by supporting of the artillery and air forces in Nangarhar, Kapisa, Urozgan, Kandahar, Farah, Zabol, Ghazni, Herat, Takhar, Baghlan and Helmand provinces," a statement by MoD said. According to the ministry, 17 were killed in Arghandab district of Zabol and one militant was wounded, while 7 insurgents were killed in Alishing district of Laghman. "Similarly, as a result of an operation in Balablok district of Farah, and Darqad district of Takhar, 18 insurgents killed, 24 others including 2 commanders wounded, also, 3 hideouts, 3 motorbikes, 2 PKM Machine guns and 4 AKM machine guns destroyed," the statement said. In the meantime, in Talabarfak and Doshi districts of Baghlan, 15 insurgents were killed and 6 others wounded while 4 others were killed and 2 were wounded in Dashte Kabli are of Ghazni province. "Afghan National Army as nation's defense force, is ready to give sacrifice to ensure peace and security for people and has strong determination to eliminate terror groups," MoD added. (KP)

## Gov't Probes Reports Taliban Used Chemicals in PD6 Attack

KABUL - Ministry of Interior (MoI) on Saturday said it will probe reports that the Taliban used chemical materials in their attack on PD6 in Kabul in which 21 people were killed and 104 others wounded. Foreign troops will assist in the investigation. Sediq Sediqqi, spokesman of the ministry said they are worried about the reports and will investigate the matter seriously. "We are trying to investigate the reports with the help of our foreign allies stationed in Afghanistan who have good equipment to establish what kinds of chemical material were used in the blast, if any," he said. Two Taliban fighters entered in the compound of PD6 and opened fire on soldiers trapped there. The soldiers later claimed chemi-



cal materials were used to threatening their lives. Shuja Khan, a police officer of PD6 commenting said: "They set alight something like a document and threw it in the room. It smelt like a gas. My handkerchief was full of blood and I covered my nose with it. I said to myself that being burnt was better than being dead." Internationally there have been serious concerns over the use of chemical substances by the Taliban. India's defense minister has said he is worried that Taliban may have access to chemical weapons. "If chemical weapons were used, it is a violation of international law. Access by terrorist groups to chemical weapons has to be questioned, because they themselves cannot make it," Mujib Rahimi, CEO spokesman said. (Tolonews)

## VIP Guard Killed in Clash between Ghani Advisor and his Relatives

KABUL - A Very Important Persons' (VIP) guard was killed and three others wounded in a clash between Homaion Shinwari, an adviser to President Ashraf Ghani, and close relatives. The incident happened in Jalalabad city of Nangarhar province on Friday evening. In Jalalabad PD3 Sebghatullah Mujaddadi's family members first argued about land. The argument then turned violent and that both sides fired on each other for half an hour. Homaion Shinwari has claimed he is an adviser to president Ghani. Nangarhar police department said president's advisor was arrested after the clash. "A man named Homaion Shinwari was here with 60 of his armed men. We have arrested him and will arrest his men also," said Jamil Totundaraee, security chief of Nangarhar province. The Provincial council sharply criticized police forces for not intervening in the clash. They said the police did nothing to stop the violence. "Our question to government is why these kinds of men open fire? Where do they had come from, how did they escape and where have they gone. Until now no one has been arrested that government should respond it," said Nasir Kamawal, a member of the council. "They come riding Rangers, opened fire and then escaped. We repeatedly urged central and local officials, and especially urged the governor, to arrest such men and bring them to justice," said Ajmal Omar, a member of the council. (Tolonews)

## Helmand MP Mir Wali Wounded in Kandahar

KABUL - Mir Wali, an MP from Helmand, was wounded in an attack by unknown armed men in Kandahar city on Saturday, the provincial governor's spokesman Samim Khpulwak said. He said the MP was attacked in Kandahar city's PD10. "Three bullets hit his body in the attack and he was taken to Mirwais Hospital. He will be transferred to Kabul for further treatment," the spokesman added. Police have started investigation into the incident. No group or individual has claimed responsibility for the attack. Last year in December Mir Wali was wounded when three attackers stormed his



house in Kabul Khoshal Khan, PD5 area. A shootout ensued and at least one of the attackers detonated explosives. The siege lasted 13 hours until security forces brought the situation under control. Two guests and two security guards of the MP were also killed and six of Mir Wali's family members were wounded in attack at his residence. (Tolonews)

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### Invitation of Applications for Vendor Registration (Construction and Consultancy Projects) Ref. No.: NPA/AOP/VR-0100/1395 Date: March 4, 2017

The Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan intends to identify and verify high caliber and competent national and international construction and consultancy firms as potential future bidders on large infrastructure projects.

To meet this objective, the government aims to introduce the Vendor Registration System for those companies and firms involved or interested in executing various types of Works Contracts in Afghanistan. The Registration of Firms shall be done in different Technical and Financial categories. The nature of Technical categories shall be:

- a) Construction Projects
  - i. Construction of Roads with small bridges and culverts etc.
  - ii. Construction of buildings
  - iii. Construction of Bridges
  - iv. Construction of Dams
  - v. Construction of Canals
  - vi. Construction of Transmission Lines including substations
  - vii. Solar System
  - viii. Others
- b) Consultancy Projects
  - i. Feasibility Study of road
  - ii. Detailed design of road
  - iii. Construction supervision of road
  - iv. Feasibility study of dam
  - v. Detailed design of dam
  - vi. Construction supervision of dam
  - vii. Feasibility study of canal
  - viii. Detailed design of canal
  - ix. Construction supervision of canal
  - x. Feasibility study and detailed design of transmission line and substations
  - xi. Construction supervision of transmission line
  - xii. Feasibility study and Preparation of Master Plan for Urban Development
  - xiii. Detailed design of Township, universities and other buildings

- xiv. Construction Supervision of Urban Development
- xv. Feasibility study of Gas Field and gas pipeline
- xvi. Engineering design of Gas Field and Gas Pipeline
- xvii. Construction Supervision of Gas Field

Various financial categories under each Technical Category shall be as decided by the government depending upon the values of contracts executed by the firms in last ten years. The firms working in Afghanistan or firms who intend to work in Afghanistan in any category of works as indicated above are invited to furnish the Financial and Technical capability details for their registration with NPA.

The firms must also furnish the documentary proof for the financial and technical details required as per the attached Vendor Registration Form (Excel file-format).

The government will verify the Technical and financial details of the firms independently and will consider registration of the firms in appropriate Technical and Financial category(ies) which shall be intimated to the respective firms. One firm can be considered for registration in more than one category depending upon its capabilities. The information required and the format is available at the website [www.npa.gov.af](http://www.npa.gov.af).

Interested parties are advised to submit the required information and documents for their registration with Government of Afghanistan with a Letter of Submission duly signed by authorized personnel (either the owner, head of organization etc.) along with the attached Vendor Registration Form and this Invitation Letter. All supporting documents MUST be furnished in Hard Copies with all pages duly signed & stamped (one each) and 1 soft copy in CD. There is no deadline for submission of such details, but in the interest of early compilation of information and processing, the firms are advised to submit the required details latest by **April 15, 2017**.

The list of such registered firms shall be maintained by NPA and NPA shall be regularly updating their credentials based on information received from the respective firms and the verification thereof time to time. The list of registered and verified firms may be used by the Government for speedy finalization of contracts, invitation of Limited / Single source tenders for urgent / specific procurement cases.

The firms must note that mere registration of firms with the Government of Afghanistan does not guarantee them award of any contracts in the future. The Contracts of specific works and consultancies shall be awarded to the eligible firms in line with the provisions of the Procurement law & Rules of Procedures of Government of Afghanistan and the Donor Agencies.

The interested firms must also note that submission of any inaccurate, false, fabricated or fraudulent information or documents will result in debarment (blacklisting) of the firm for a period of 2 to 5 years with further legal prosecution in accordance with the laws and procedures of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

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