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UN Calls for Consensus on Govt.-Taliban Talks

KABUL - The United Nations on Tuesday acknowledged intensified efforts were underway to bring the insurgents to the negotiations table, suggesting the process should go ahead in consultation with the people. Tadamichi Yamamoto, the UN deputy special representative, made the remarks during a meeting with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah at the Sapidar Palace in Kabul. The dignitaries spoke on a range of issues including Abdullah's upcoming visit to the United States along with President Mo-



hammad Ashraf Ghani, the need for electoral reforms and the renewed peace campaign. Yamamoto insisted on a general consensus between the people and government on peace efforts. "The process should go ahead with the general agreement... (More on P4)...(12)

Anosh Suggests Dara-I-Sauf Administration Shakeup

AIBAK - The acting governor of northwestern Samangan province on Tuesday suggested a massive shake-up in the administration of Dara-i-Sauf Bala district. Khairullah Anosh also called for the deployment of a unit to preventing illegal mining in the district. He shared the views with a Presidential Palace delegation and local officials in Aibak. Leading the delegation, Syed Yahya Akhlaqi said they had been tasked by the National Security Council (NSA) with visiting the province to help increase government revenue and prevent illegal extortion. He asked local officials to share with them information on unauthorised mining and other violations of law. Anosh claimed the security situation in the province had improved with the help of residents and revenue collected this year was more than expected. But he confirmed unlawful coalmine extraction and overloading of trucks in Dara-i-Sauf Bala district. Anosh... (More on P4)...(15)

Zahir Tanin Pakistan's Cooperation Key to Peace Effort Success



WASHINGTON - Cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan is key to the success of peace process with the Taliban, a top Afghan diplomat told members of the Security Council on Monday. "We welcome the new phase of cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan towards the shared goal of peace and reconciliation," Afghan Ambassador Zahir Tanin. It is essential to the success of the peace process and heralds a new era of relations between our two brother nations," Afghan Ambassador to the UN, Zahir Tanin said during UNSC debate. He also hailed support from Afghanistan's partners, particularly in the region and the Islamic world, for facilitating the peace process. Tanin said lasting peace was critical to building a prosperous and stable Afghanistan. After the debate, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution extending the mandate of the United Nations Assistance... (More on P4)...(16)

University Entry Test Result Announced

KABUL - The Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) on Tuesday announced the result of university entrance test, an official said. MoHE's deputy spokesman Akhtar Mohammad Ubair told Pajhwok Afghan News 254,000 students had participated in the exam and the results would be... (More on P4)...(13)

Another 6 Hazara Passengers Abducted

KABUL - In a fresh and the third incident, at least six more passengers from Hazara ethnic minority have been abducted by armed masked men on the Herat-Farah highway, west Afghanistan on Monday night, officials told TOLONews. As the fate of 31 abducted passengers is still unknown, the commander of second unit of 207th Zafar Military Corps, Sayed Hassanullah said Tuesday that the new incident happened in



Kanisk area of Farah province. "A search operation has been started to rescue... (More on P4)...(14)

Wardak Council Elects Administrative Board

MAIDAN SHAHR - After six-month delay, the provincial council of central Maidan Wardak province on Tuesday appointed its administrative board, an official said. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Independent Election Commission (IEC) conducted the polls. He said 15 council members, IEC chief Niamatullah Wardak, the acting governor and some... (More on P4)...(17)

Sharp Spike in Heroin Found at Afghan Airports on India-Bound Passengers: UN

KABUL - UN officials recorded a sharp spike this year in the amount of heroin being seized from passengers trying to fly from Afghanistan to India, a worrying trend since the Taliban insurgency lines its pockets on the illegal drug trade. A lack of coordination is hampering efforts to clamp down on the route, officials said, with India blaming... (More on P4)...(18)

Kabul to Host TAPI Pipeline Meeting

KABUL - Afghanistan is scheduled to host the 21st steering committee meeting on long-desired Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline project on Thursday (March 19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) announced on Tues-



day. The ministerial-level meeting to be held in Kabul would also involve technical teams from the partnering nations, the ministry's spokesman told reporters here. Ahmad Shakib Mustaghni added Afghan officials from the... (More on P4)...(19)



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