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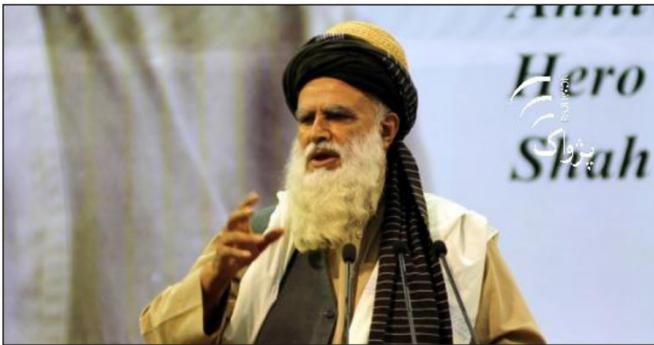
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# No One Has Right to Ridicule Afghan Matters

KABUL - Reacting to "reconciliation talks" between Afghan figures and Taliban representatives in Qatar, former jihadi leader Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf on Monday said the Afghan government should not allow any country to arrange such meetings and "ridicule matters that are important for Afghans."

Qatar hosted two days of a research conference "Afghan dialogue" in Doha on May 2-3 May organised by Pugwash Council, a Canadian-based international organisation that brings together scholars and public figures to work against



armed conflicts and seek solutions to global security threats.

An eight-member Taliban delegation participated in the conference and sat together with Afghan officials and politicians.

Sayyaf said no group had the right to represent the people and the government of Afghanistan on their own behalf.

"The ongoing war has been imposed on us. Its continuation is not for good of anybody. Peace is the only solution and in interest of the nation, region and the world," he added in a statement.

According to ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

## UN Asked to Break Silence on Zabol Hostages



KABUL - Civil society activists on Monday renewed their call for safe and unconditional release of the 31 passengers in southern Zabol province, urging the government, the UN and human rights groups to break their silence on the hostages.

The men were kidnapped on Feb 23 from passenger buses on the road between ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

### Nikolov

## Bulgaria's Military Involvement in Afghanistan Unclear after 2015

SOFIA - The future of Bulgarian military involvement in Afghanistan after 2015 was unclear, the Balkan country's Chief of Defense Vice Admiral Rumen Nikolov said here on Monday.

Nikolov said at a video conference with the commanders of Bulgarian military contingents abroad that the country's involvement in ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

## Afghan Nationals Attend ITEC Programme on WTO Pacts in India



NEW DELHI - India recently organized a training programme for Afghan delegates to help them to understand World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements better.

The Indian Technical Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme was sponsored ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

## Tajikistan Strengthens its Mutual Border with Afghanistan

BISHKEK - border wire Tajikistan has reportedly created the second line of defense along its common border with Afghanistan, reports Asia-plus news service on May 4.

"Taking into consideration deterioration of military and political situation in Afghanistan's Kunduz Province, which borders Tajikistan's Khatlon Province, the Ministry of Defense of Tajikistan together with other power-wielding structures of the country has completed work on creation of the second line of defense along the Khatlon stretch of the Tajik-Afghan border," an official source at the Ministry told Asia-Plus.

According to him, additional forces have been deployed along the Tajik-Afghan ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

## Taliban Seek Recognised Office for Peace Talks

KABUL - The Taliban have demanded a formally recognised office for themselves to continue the peace process in a statement that followed two days of talks in Qatar.

The conference titled "Afghan dialogue" on Saturday and Sunday was organised in Doha by a Canadian based organization, Pugwash Council.

A number of political parties' leaders, lawmakers and civil society activists from Afghanistan attended the conference.

Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai led an eight-member Taliban delegation that expressed their views on peace and stability in Afghanistan at the event sitting together with a 20-member Afghan government delegation. ...*(More on P4)...*(7)



## Verdict in Farkhunda Case on Wednesday: Judge

KABUL - The Kabul primary court on Monday indicted 49 people, including several police officials, in the Farkhunda murder case and said it would hand down its judgment on Wednesday.



But the indicted police officials rejected they had committed negligence in preventing Farkhunda from killing by a mob of men in central capital Kabul. Farkhunda, 27, was ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

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