

## Quote of the Day

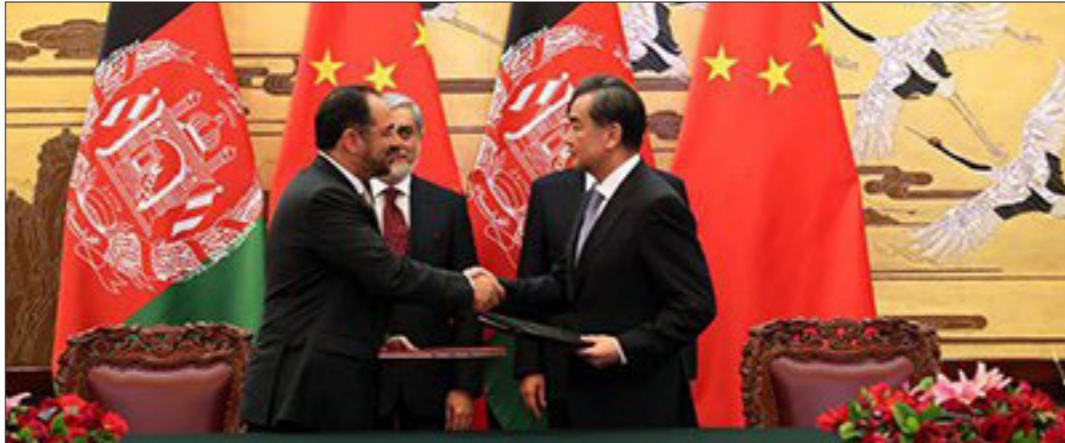
Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives.

John Adams, Letter to Benjamin Rush, 18 April 1808  
US diplomat & politician (1735 - 1826)

# Afghanistan, China Sign Six Cooperation Agreements

BEIJING - A senior Afghan delegation led by Afghanistan's Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah signed six cooperation agreements during their trip to China, said a press release issued by CEO's office on Tuesday.

According to the statement, the documents include a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on "One Belt One Road" project, an MoU on production and export of Afghanistan's saffron to China, an agreement on China's technical cooperation with Afghanistan worth 500 million Yuan, a draft agreement on non-emergency humanitarian aid worth 10



million Yuan to Afghanistan, an exchange note on starting studies on affordable housing projects, and an exchange note on construction of an auditor-

ium and a faculty building at the Kabul University. The statement said the documents were signed in the presence of Abdullah and China's

Prime Minister Li Keqiang. The statement added that the first agreement was signed by Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghan-

istan Assadullah Zamir and will pave the way for bilateral cooperation between the two countries on production and export of Afghan saffron to China.

The second agreement was signed by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan Salahuddin Rabbani on China's technical cooperation to Afghanistan.

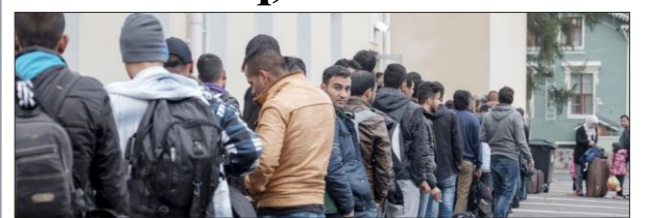
Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that China on Monday said that Afghanistan has expressed support for Beijing's stance on the South China Sea dispute, the latest country from outside the region to line up...*(More on P4)...(1)*

## Mohaqiq Marks International Telecoms Day in Kabul



KABUL - Second deputy CEO Mohammed Mohaqiq said on Tuesday that one of the key priorities of the ministry of telecommunications was the development of the use of fiber optics within the sector. Addressing an event in Kabul to mark International...*(More on P4)...(6)*

## Finland Says Refugees Can Return to Safe Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia



HELSINKI - Finland tightened restrictions on giving residence permits to asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia on Tuesday, saying it was now largely safe for them to return to their war-torn homes. Authorities in Helsinki, where anti-immigration...*(More on P4)...(7)*

## Congressional Committee Opposes Cut in Troop Levels

WASHINGTON - A Congressional committee on Monday opposed a reduction in US troop levels from the current 9,800 and made a corresponding financial provision in the Pentagon's budget for next year.

"Provisions in this bill reflect the view that US forces in Afghanistan should not be reduced below 9,800 troops and that the president's incremental approach to confronting ISIS cannot achieve his...*(More on P4)...(2)*

## Indian Ambassador Stage Set for Salma Dam's Handover

KABUL - The Indian ambassador in Kabul has said final preparations for handing over the Salma Dam - also dubbed as Afghanistan-India friendship dam - had been completed.

Ambassador Manpreet Vohra expressed the views during a meeting with Ali Ahmad Osmani, minister of energy and water, who said the ministry was completely prepared...*(More on P4)...(4)*

## Final Draft of Govt.-HIA Peace Deal Ready for Signature

KABUL - The High Peace Council (HPC) on Tuesday said the final draft of the peace agreement between the unity government and the Gulbadin Hekmatyar-led Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) faction would be sent to government and the militant group's leaders on Wednesday. HPC deputy chairman Maulvi Attaur Rahman Salim told a press conference here that a total of 25 issues had been finalised in

the peace deal during the nearly two-month stay of the HIA delegation in Kabul.

He said the agreement could be a good news for the Afghans and a big achievement for the government.

"I am hopeful that other armed opposition groups would be encouraged to shun violence and join the peace



process," he said, adding the text of the...*(More on P4)...(3)*

## Too Early to Declare Afghan Taliban 'Irreconcilable': Pakistan

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan says it is "sincerely" making efforts to reach a negotiated end to the conflict in Afghanistan because doing so would address Islamabad's own security concerns and

encourage millions of Afghan refugees and migrants who have lived in Pakistan for decades to return to their country. Pakistan's National Security Adviser Nasir Janjua made the

remarks Tuesday, a day before senior Afghan, Pakistani, Chinese and American diplomats are scheduled to meet in Islamabad to explore ways to start peace talks between...*(More on P4)...(5)*

## 200 Schoolchildren Fall Unconscious after Nimroz Gas Attack

ZARANJ - In a fresh attack, nearly 200 school students were poisoned in Zaranj, the capital of southwestern Nimroz province, on Tuesday, an official said.

Public Health Director Dr. Noor Ahmad Sherzad told Pajhwok Afghan News the poisoned students, including girls, were enrolled at Shahid Naheed and Shahid Gul Makai Schools.

The students immediately fell unconscious after entering classrooms, he said, suggesting the pupils were poisoned with a gas...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## 1,000 Afghans Flee Fighting Every Day



KABUL - About 1,000 Afghans have fled their homes due to fighting each day since the beginning of the year, and aid workers can't reach many of them, the UN says. According to the United Nations, Internal displacement due to conflict increased by 40 percent from 2014 to 2015, and this year could see another increase. The organization said...*(More on P4)...(8)*

## Kunduz Governor Backs Negotiations with Insurgents

KUNDUZ CITY - The governor of northern Kunduz province on Tuesday hoped a possible peace accord with the Gulbadin Hikmatyar-led Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan would help improve the security environment. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Asadullah...*(More on P4)...(10)*

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The National Procurement Authority (NPA) acting on behalf of the Ministry of Finance (MOF) Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, (herein after referred as purchaser) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Procurement of ICT infrastructure & ICT wan connectivity for MOF in two lots** against IFB No. NPA/MOF/95/ICB/G-1180 Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law.

A complete set of Bidding Document in English may be obtained by interested bidders by downloading from the NPA website [www.npa.gov.af](http://www.npa.gov.af). In case of problem in downloading from website, the interested bidders may contact to National Procurement Authority, 5th Floor, Administrative Office of President, Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before **10:00hr (Local time)**, on **21<sup>st</sup> June 2016** Electronic bidding will not be permitted, late bids will be rejected, and Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend in person.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of the amount as follows:

**For lot #1: 60,000 USD valid for 148 days after the bids submission deadline.**

**For lot #2: 10,000 USD valid for 148 days after the bids submission deadline.**

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Those who have applied in response to any of the previous advertisement for teaching positions must apply afresh.

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