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Kabul and Beijing Mark 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Ties

Afghanistan, China Sign Three Cooperation Agreements

KABUL - Afghanistan and People's Republic of China celebrated Tuesday the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two nations.



praised China's contribution to Afghanistan's peace, stability and reconstruction. "Mr. Vice President's [Li Yuanchao] visit is a symbol of strong friendly relations between the two countries," Ghani said.

Russia Says it Doesn't Mind if Assad Stays or Steps Down

MOSCOW - A Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman said on Tuesday that Moscow does not consider it a matter of principle that Syrian President Bashar Assad should stay in power, stepping back from its previous position of strong support for him.



that "only the Syrian people can decide the president's fate." Russia is believed to be Assad's strongest backer and has previously balked at the West's suggestions that the Syrian president should be ousted.

We Must Hit Climate Target to Avoid Refugee Waves: Merkel



BERLIN - German Chancellor Angela Merkel says the world must do everything it can to meet an international goal to fight global warming, arguing that failing to do so could set off large new waves of refugees.

Russia Ready to Respond Afghanistan's Request for Military Help

KABUL - Russian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Alexander Mantyskiy, declared Tuesday that Moscow is ready to respond to Afghanistan's request for military help.



in eliminating Daesh and other militant groups in the country. Besides counter-terrorism, Mantyskiy said his country will also help boost Afghanistan's economy.

Kerry Talks Afghan Border Threat in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

BISHKEK - US Secretary of State John Kerry visited ex-Soviet Tajikistan and Turkmenistan



Tuesday to assure their leaders of US support for security on their Afghan borders, as he nears the end of his five-nation tour of Central Asia.

Pakistan Reveals Plan on Repatriation of Afghan Refugees

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani authorities said that they have a plan to begin a phased repatriation of 1.5 million Afghan refugees within the next two years, Voice of America (VOA) reported.

Senate Summons Top Counter-Narcotics, Public Health Ministries Officials

KABUL - The Meshrano Jirga - or upper house of the parliament - on Tuesday summoned senior officials of the Counter-Narcotics and Public Health ministries.

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Manpreet Vohra Appointed India's New Ambassador to Afghanistan

KABUL - Manpreet Vohra (Indian Foreign Service Officer batch-1988) has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to Afghanistan,



succeeding Amar Sinha. Manpreet Vohra (IFS: 1988), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, India's Minister of External Affairs announced in a statement on Monday.

Austria Tightens Asylum Policy for Afghans

WIENNA - The Austrian cabinet is to introduce a law to make the country less of a magnet for tens of thousands of Afghans fleeing a surge of violence as Taliban insurgents intensify their attacks.

Tika Lends a Helping Hand to War-Hit Families

KABUL - Turkey's Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) has provided aid to hundreds of Afghan families who fled conflict in Kunduz and Faryab provinces, the organization said Tuesday.

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