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Wells Discusses Peace, Security & Counterterrorism with Afghan Officials

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Both sides exchanged their views on the Afghan-led Afghan-owned peace process and regional cooperation and trade, the source said. The high-rank Afghan official thanked Wells for her country's continued support from Afghan security and defense forces. According to another report, Wells also met with former NSA Mohammad Hanif Atmar late on Sunday, a statement from Atmar office said. It said Atmar and the American

diplomat discussed peace process, security and elections. Both the dignitaries shared their views and stressed the need to continue discussions. On the other hand, Alice Wells met Idress Zaman, the deputy of foreign affairs ministry and discussed peace, Geneva conference and economic issues. The US top diplomat had brief talks with President Ashraf Ghani as well. (Pajhwok)

Lithuania will Consider Sending More Troops, Civilians to Afghanistan, Defmin Says



KABUL - Lithuania will consider sending more troops to Afghanistan and also appoint a civilian representative, says Lithuanian Minister of National Defense Raimundas Karoblis, currently on a visit to Afghanistan. Speaking with BNS Lithuania, the minister said Lithuania had recently received a request to boost its military contingent in Afghanistan. "During the force generation process, we have recently received a request to increase our capabilities," Karoblis said. "If it's still in force, so we'll look for those capabilities, despite certain restrictions we have, (...) we are definitely ready to consider this question." Around 50 Lithuanian troops are part of the NATO's Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan, aimed at training local forces. This number is mentioned in the Lithuanian parliament's mandate in place until 2020. Around 30 Lithuanian troops

in Kandahar come from the Special Operations Forces. There are also Lithuanian staff officers, military policemen, logistics specialists and air force troops in the country. According to the Lithuanian minister, the issue of increasing Lithuania's military presence in Afghanistan will be discussed closer to 2020 and the parliament will be asked to update the existing mandate. Karoblis also said he discussed a possibility to appoint a Lithuanian civilian representative in Afghanistan. After his meetings with the leadership of the NATO mission in Kabul, the Lithuanian national defense minister said the mood regarding the situation in Afghanistan is "cautiously optimistic", first of all, because of the first general election the Afghans held independently in October. "We can say it was the first successfully reached stage," Karoblis said. (BNS)

Polio Vaccination Campaign Underway in Eastern Region

JALALABAD - The Nangarhar Public Health Directorate said a three-day polio vaccine campaign has been launched in the province and about seven hundred thousand children under the age of five will be inoculated. Health director of Nangarhar says about 20,000 children will not be vaccinated due to insurgent's threats in four districts of the province. "Unfortunately, polio cases have increased compared to the last year and one case has been registered in Nuristan province, because the eastern zone is under threat and the virus transfers from Pakistan to different parts of the country," said Najibullah Kanawal Nangarhar's public health director. Meanwhile, religious scholars called on insurgent groups to cooperate with this campaign. "Vaccines are very important for the health of children and I call on parents and religious scholars to campaign and increase public awareness and let their children receive vaccines and let's put an end to this phenomenon," said Gul Nabi a religious scholar. Ali Mohammad is 26 years old and was left paralyzed 22 years ago after contracting polio. He had not been vaccinated against it. Mohammad called on the people and families to get their children vaccinated. "When I was in Pakistan as a migrant and the government could not distribute vaccines to all migrants and I did not receive the vaccine and I become paralyzed and now I ask the parents to save their children's life by giving them the vaccine," Mohammad said. Polio is a non-curable disease that can only be ... (More on P4)...(9)

Taliban Kill More Than a Dozen Afghan Forces in Attack on New Checkpoint

KABUL - The Taliban launched an attack early Monday on a newly established joint Afghan army and police checkpoint in eastern Ghazni province, killing at least 13 soldiers and policemen, according to a provincial official. Afghan reinforcements were subsequently dispatched to the site of the attack in Khogyani district but were repeatedly ambushed along the way. And late on Sunday night, a Taliban attack in southern Kandahar province killed at least four policemen. The assaults came as a resurgent Taliban hold nearly half of Afghanistan, with near-daily attacks on Afghan security forces. The



Taliban view the U.S.-backed government in Kabul as a dysfunctional Western puppet and have refused repeated of-

fers to negotiate with it. Arif Noori, spokesman for the provincial governor in Ghazni, said ... (More on P4)...(6)

ICRC Provides Orthopedic Devices to Over 11,000 Afghans in First Half of this Year



KABUL - In the first half of this year, International Community of the Red Cross (ICRC) has facilitated more than 11,000 Afghan people with artificial legs, arms and other orthopedic devices. In between, more than 2,000 people have received artificial legs through the orthopedic centers of the ICRC in the country. "First six months of this year, we have registered 150,000 patients in seven orthopedic centers of the ICRC; most of them are the war-affected people," said Shukrullah Zerak, a physiotherapist of ICRC. Through its rehabilitation center, ICRC manufactures over 20,000 artificial legs, arms, and other or-

thopedic devices every year. Over 80,000 physiotherapy sessions take place annually. Years of conflict, violence and desperate hardships have made life difficult for the people in Afghanistan. Landmines in the country have robbed the ability of thousands of Afghans to do the most basic things like being able to move around freely and with comfort. "I was traveling from Farah [province] to Herat when a roadside mine exploded and made my life difficult," explains Wali Khan who was unable to move his legs since last six ... (More on P4)...(7)

Ongoing Clashes Displace 1,500 Families in Takhar

TALOQAN - Around 1,500 families forced by ongoing fighting in northern Takhar province to displace have been in dire need of assistance, an official said on Sunday. These families have been displaced from Khwaja Bahodin, Khwaja Ghar, Dashti Kala and Yangi Kala districts due to continued clashes. Arbab Samiullah, a resident of the Khwaja Bahodin district bazar, told Pajhwok Afghan News since the Wolesi Jirga elections heavy fighting was underway in the district. He said due to the presence of Taliban in the area people they had been forced to evacuate their residential compounds and displaced to Talqan city, the provincial capital. Currently living in tents, he said, the weather became cold in the province and most of the displaced children and women were had been suffering from illnesses. Feroz, another displaced person, from Dashti Kala district, said: "Armed clashes forced us to displace ... (More on P4)...(8)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Procuring Entity	National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Ministry of Public Works (MPW)
Funded By	World Bank
Item Description	Environmental Assessment (EA) and Social Assessment (SA) Preparatory Studies for Torkham-Jalalabad-Kabul Highway Development
Reference No	NPA/MPW/97/CS-2282/QCBS
Deadline for Submission of EOI	November 28, 2018, 03:00 PM (Kabul Local Time)
Address for Submission of EOI	Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form as per the formats attached in Annexure 1 of the REOI, to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail): Attention: Zabihulrahman Rahmani Name of the Procuring Entity: National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Ministry of Public Works (MPW) Address: First Floor, Geodesy Building, National Procurement Authority (NPA), Administrative office of the president Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul-Afghanistan Email: zabihulrahman.rahmani@aop.gov.af copied to Hikmatullah.Asad@aop.gov.af satar.salim@thrcp.gov.af , malik.ghanizada@aop.gov.af & sadeqpasdar@nrp.gov.af
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