

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Lao-tzu, The Way of Lao-tzu

Chinese philosopher (604 BC - 531 BC)

Ghani Questions Effectiveness of Past Decade Investments

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday questioned the standard of constructions and investment of billions of dollars in Kabul over the past decade.



Chinese who he said will build 10,000 apartments in only \$80 million USD in Kabul.

In addition, he called on civil society to contribute to the conference with their new ideas.

He linked cities' development to cooperation by the citizens. Touching on land grabbing, Ghani promised to end the usurpation of land.

Senators to Review Budget Fiscal Year of 2016 for Afghanistan

KABUL - Members of the upper house of the parliament have received the draft of budget for the fiscal year of 2016- (1395) the budget will be reviewed.



stan, they will re-extend their commitments on boosting economy and security in Afghanistan. The development budget will be 7, 3 \$ billion and the common budget is 2,8 \$ million. (ATN)

Frozi Bribed Officials for Housing Project: MP



KABUL - Referring to a housing scheme contract with one of the main criminals of Kabul Bank which was later cancelled by President Ashraf Ghani, a member of Parliament claimed on Sunday that senior government officials were bribed by Khalilullah Frozi in order to get the project.

EU Wants Afghanistan to Resolve Joint Water Disputes with Neighbors

KABUL - European Union demanded Afghanistan to resolve its joint water disputes with its neighboring countries to avoid upcoming problems.



said, "Afghanistan is the most vulnerable country in from the climate changes perspective in Asia continent which it really needs the International cooperation on the aspect."

October the Deadliest Month so Far in 2015

KABUL - October was the deadliest month in Afghanistan as the insecurity occurrences saw a sharp increase compared to first nine months of 2015 - when the combat mission of international forces formally ended in the country, Tolo news reported Sunday.



the information received from the Ministries of Defense and Interior Affairs. Of those killed, 480 were the security force members, it said, adding that 16 foreign nationals were also included in the figure.

Referring to the ongoing fighting in Afghanistan, the foreign officials said the international troops are continuing their support to the Afghan forces.

Pentagon pokes Misspoke to Refer to Taliban as "Partner"

KABUL - The United States embassy in Kabul on Monday said that the Department of Defense official misspoke in referring to the Taliban as a "partner" in a Wednesday evening news briefing.



ghan-led political process by which all Afghan opposition groups, including the Taliban, enter a political dialogue so that Afghans can talk to other Afghans about the future of their country and to eventually resolve the conflict in Afghanistan," states a statement released by the embassy on Sunday.

Pakistani, Afghan Civil Society Members to Hold Peace Dialogue

ISLAMABAD - Researchers, as well as members of the Pakistani and Afghan civil society will open on Monday a two-day dialogue in Islamabad to counter the growing mistrust between the two neighbouring countries.



day a two-day dialogue in Islamabad to counter the growing mistrust between the two neighbouring countries. "Pakistan-Afghanistan Track 1.5/II project Beyond Boundaries has unusual significance because of the persistent tension and stalled talks between the two governments," says a statement by the organisers.

The key objectives of the initiative are expanding the peace constituency through friendship groups in both countries; improving support for better relationship among the influential stakeholders and putting forth recommendations to policy-makers.

Bilateral moot: Pak, Afghan delegates call for continuity of dialogue

Initiatives such as Beyond Boundaries will bring together influential government and non-governmental stakeholders who can help lessen tensions, address misconceptions, and revive confidence, said Imtiaz Gul whose Center of Research and Security Studies in partnership with its Afghan counterpart DURAN Research and Analysis (DRA) is launching the project.

The Beyond Boundaries project comprises two working groups, Regional Security Group, and Civil Society and Youth Group, aimed at facilitating and promoting people-to-people contacts.

The first in a series of seven meetings of the group will take place from November 9-10 in Islamabad.

The groups will address varied themes that are important in the peace process between Pakistan and Afghanistan, and build upon existing people to people contacts. (Monitoring Desk)

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