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Daily Outlook Weather Forecast

US, Pakistan Call for Taliban to Return to Peace Talks

WASHINGTON - US President Barack Obama and Pakistan's prime minister issued a joint call for the Taliban to return to peace talks with the Afghan government, as the pair stressed the positives of a troubled alliance Thursday.

Amid smiles and handshakes, Obama welcomed Nawaz Sharif to the White House and hailed a "long-standing relationship" between the United States and Pakistan.

The leaders later "called on Taliban leaders to enter into direct talks with Kabul and work toward a sustainable peace settlement," according to a joint statement.



The US sees Pakistan as one of the few states with influence over the extremists. The new Taliban leader Akhtar Mansour is believed to have close ties to Islamabad.

But some in Washington believe Pakistan has not done enough to bring its influence to bear and to persuade the group to renounce violence.

In their talks, Obama stressed to Sharif that Pakistan needed to take action against groups that undermine peaceful dialogue and want to ignite the region.

"The bottom line is that there are a lot of deep disagreements between these two ... (More on P4)...(7)

Ghani Appoints Committee to Assess Hajj Process



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Friday visited the injured pilots of Afghan Air Force (AAF) at Sardar Mohammad Dawood Khan military hospital of Kabul and promised to address their concerns.

Hearing the problems of the pilots who were injured during recent battles in the north, Ghani stated that he will collect the suggestions of these ... (More on P4)...(8)

Reports Delayed over Kunduz Hospital Strike: Pentagon

KABUL - The U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the Pentagon's preliminary report on the deadly U.S. airstrike on a Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) hospital in northern Kunduz is taking longer than expected.

The MSF said Friday that one more staff member was confirmed to have been killed with two additional patients presumed dead, bringing the total to 25 victims.

"Efforts are ongoing to determine the identities of seven other unrecognizable bodies found ... (More on P4)...(9)

MoD Invites Taliban for a Decisive Battle

KABUL - At a gathering on the eve of Ashura - the 10th Day of Lunar month of Muharram, the commemoration of martyrdom of Imam Hussein, the grandson of Prophet Mohammad - the Afghan deputy minister of defense Baz Mohammad Jawhary challenged the Taliban to a face-to-face war and praised security forces for their dedication.

The Taliban has failed to achieve its target through their offensives this year, but now the group is using the civilian population as human shields in a bid to create fear ... (More on P4)...(13)

Investigation Continues Into Afghan Hospital Bombing: NATO

KABUL - NATO said Saturday it was continuing its inquiry into the Oct. 3 bombing of a Doctors Without Borders hospital in northern Afghanistan and had appointed three U.S. military officers from outside the chain of command to handle the investigation to ensure impartiality.

Gen. John Campbell, the commander of NATO's Resolute Support Mission which is training Afghanistan's security forces, has appointed U.S. ... (More on P4)...(10)

ANSF Retake Control of Ghormach District

MIAMANA - The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) seized the control of Ghormach district in northern Faryab province, local officials said Saturday.

The Taliban militants captured the district after launching coordinated attacks nearly a week ago.

The local officials said the district was recaptured following three days of air and ground offensive and raised the Afghan flag over the district ... (More on P4)...(11)

Afghanistan-Turkmenistan Plan Joint Operation in Border Areas

KABUL - Referring to recent incidents of insurgency in northern regions, First Vice President General Abdul Rashid Dostum on Friday reiterated that military campaigns against Taliban will remain in place until the group lays down its arms and surrenders to the peace process.

The Taliban fighters who have sought refuge in Jawzjan will also be dealt with, Dostum said.

TOLOnews correspondent Wali Arian who is embedded with troops in Khamab



district of Jawzjan province has reported that the Afghan security forces have cleared the district from insurgents.

"We have regular contact with our Turkmenistan border forces, they have also certified their [Taliban] location, we will coordinate with them, they [Turkmens] have also ... (More on P4)...(12)

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FUJts Scanner parts.	1	good
Old TV and security Camera.	1	new
OliveTTi Fax.	1	good
Old Mic Polycom.	1	good
Brother FAX Machine.	1	good
ABCS Skywan Nortle DASA.	1	good
HP Scanjet 3770.	1	functional
Xerox (Workcenter 5665) copier	1	functional
HP Color Laserjet 4700 printer	1	functional
HP Digital Sender 9200c	2	functional
HP Color LaserJet 4600	1	functional
Oven 4 gas burner	1	Non functional
Oven 4 gas and 2 electric burner	1	Non functional
Dishwasher	1	Non functional
Gas oven 90 X 60cm	2	Non functional
Gas oven 60 X 60cm	2	Non functional
Electric oven 40 X 60cm	1	functional
Drier machine	1	Non functional
Washing machine	1	good
Freezer	1	good
Refrigerator 350 liters	1	functional
Microwave	3	Non functional
Shelves	3	good
Exercise Bike	1	functional
Office Table	3	good
Conference table	6	good
AC Compressor	6	New
AC Motor	8	good
Mattress (single)	2	good
330KVA Moropco Generator Engines	1	Functional
220KVA Moropco Generator Engines	1	Non functional
165KVA Moropco Generator Engines	1	Non functional
60KVA Transformers	3	Non functional
200Ltrs Boilers	3	Non functional
Distv Antenna	1	good
Cooker Hood	1	Good