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Afghanistan will not Close Door on Peace: Hashemi

KABUL - The Afghan government reiterated Sunday that it will not close the door on those who accept Afghanistan's Constitution and join the peace process. "We as a government cannot close the peace door but peace has its certain conditions," President Ashraf Ghani's deputy spokesman Sayed Zafar Hashemi said. "We make peace with those Afghan [anti-government] groups that accept the Constitution," he added. These statements come after Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said during his trip to Washington that action against Taliban and talks



with the group can't happen at the same time. Sharif met with President Barack Obama last week and said in a joint statement that they would ensure that all Taliban groups, including the Haqqani Network, "are unable to operate from the soil of Pakistan". Both sides also agreed to take action against Lashkar-e-Taiba, which allegedly carries out attacks against India. In addition, Sharif said Friday that Pakistan was ready to help Afghanistan revive peace talks with Taliban rebels. Meanwhile, Mark Toner, deputy ... (More on P4)...(6)

Russian Lawmaker Assad's Priority to Defeat 'Terrorism' before Elections

MOSCOW - Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's priority is to defeat "terrorists" before holding elections, but he is ready to call parliamentary and presidential polls if necessary, a Russian lawmaker who met him on Sunday said. The remarks are a first indication of Assad's response to a call by his Russian allies for new presidential and parliamentary elections, as Moscow tries to use its clout with



Damascus to end almost five years of conflict in Syria. Russian Foreign Minister ... (More on P4)...(9)

China Makes World's 1st 3D Blood Vessel Bio-Printer

CHENGDU - A Chinese biotechnological company announced on Sunday it has developed the world's first 3D blood vessel bio-printer, which makes it possible to produce personalized functional organs. Sichuan Revotek Co., Ltd.

based in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, said the significant breakthrough has been achieved through its self-developed stem cell bio-ink technology, 3D bio-printer and cloud computing platform. ... (More on P4)...(10)

27 Insurgents Killed as Clash Continues in Helmand Province

LASHKAR GAH - Taliban-led militancy and counter-militancy have got new impetus in Taliban former stronghold southern Helmand province as 27 militants have been killed and both sides have been fighting

to gain more grounds. The ongoing conflict claimed 12 lives of Taliban fighters outside Helmand provincial capital Lashkar Gah as government aircrafts targeted militants' hideout on Sunday. ... (More on P4)...(7)

ANSF Kill 20 Taliban Militants, Recapture Khamab District

SHIBERGHAN - Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) recaptured Khamab district along the border with Turkmenistan from the Taliban militants, provincial governor Lutfullah Azizi said on Sunday. "The security forces after killing 20 Taliban rebels and arresting 10 others over the past four days recaptured Khamab district and Taliban fighters fled to jungles around the area," Azizi told reporters at a press conference.



During the operations led by First Vice President General Abdul Rashid Dostum, 10 security personnel have

been killed and four others injured, the governor said. He also added that the government forces have been chasing Taliban militants in the neighboring Qarqin and Aqcha districts. Meantime, Taliban militants

in a statement confirmed the clash in Khamad and claimed that the insurgents besides inflicting huge casualties on the government forces have destroyed two tanks, a claim rebuffed by governor Azizi. (Xinhua)

ANSF Foil Plots to Attack Muharram Gatherings

KABUL - Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) have thwarted all terror plots of insurgent groups, particularly Islamic State's (IS) that aimed to perform attacks in the day of Ashura, the martyrdom day of Imam Hussain, Kabul police chief said. Ashura ceremony was held

safely in Afghanistan this year with tight security measures. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, Kabul Police Chief on Saturday said, "we foiled all plots of Daesh and other enemies of Afghanistan's peace and stability which aimed to perform ... (More on P4)...(11)

760 Taliban Including 11 Pakistanis Killed in 2 Months in Helmand: MoD

KABUL - Ministry of Defense (MoD) announced Sunday that 760 Taliban militants have been killed in the military operation begun about two months before in south-

ern Helmand province. A statement released by the ministry states that 217 other insurgents were wounded and 11 arrested during the ... (More on P4)...(8)

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