Ghani to Invite Tajik President to Visit Kabul

BEHERI - President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai said on Monday he will invite Tajikistan’s President Emomali Rahmon to visit Kabul, said the press service of Afghan President after the videoconference conducted by Ahmadzai and Afghan ambassadors within, Pakistan, China, India, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

The sides discussed the prospects of cooperation with Afghanistan’s neighbors. Ahmadzai said that promising direction of foreign policy in Afghanistan is its strong co-operation with neighboring countries. He stressed that Afghanistan is not a threat to other countries. Ahmadzai urged Foreign Ministry to take measures to improve the country’s image in the international arena. (AP/VOX)

Dr. Abdullah

Values of Jihad will Never Be Violated

KABUL - The first Ministers Council of the new cabinet was held on Monday where Chief Executive of the National Unity Government Abdullah Abdullah emphasized that the values of Jihad will not be undermined by power. Abdullah said that the state of the neighbors who served the country is preserved and no one will forget the sacrifices they made for the future of the country.

"Jihad values are the everlasting values of the people of Afghanistan, which were gained by rendering heavy sacrifices," he said. "This would not be violated under any circumstance, including regional.

His comments came a day after Ashok Rahla Rasooli. (More on P3-15)

China Committed to Path of Peaceful Development: Xijun

KARUL - Chinese Ambassador to Afghanistan Deng Xiaojun said here Sunday that China is committed to the path of peaceful development and building socialism with Chinese characteristics. Deng made the remarks in the introduction ceremony of a book containing Chinese President Xi Jinping’s remarks on governance.

The ambassador said, "China is the largest socialist country in the world."

Abdullah Concerned about Refugees in Pakistan

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday said the unity government is concerned about the situation of Afghan refugees living in Pakistan.

Abdullah was speaking over the maiden meeting of the new cabinet, the CEO said: "Problems facing Afghan refugees in Pakistan have become serious that demands our attention."

He said the refugees were living under tough conditions in the neighboring country and a delegation would be sent to Pakistan after approval from President Ghani to talk to Pakistan authorities in this regard. (More on P3-17)

Iran Ready to Replace Poppy Cultivation in Afghanistan

TEHRAN - Interior Minister and Secretary General of Drug Control Headquarters (DGSH) Abdolmahmoud Rahmani Fazli said Iran is ready to help Afghanistan to replace poppy cultivation with alternative crops.

Speaking to reporters on Monday on the sidelines of a meeting of anti-drugs officials of regional countries, Rahmani Fazli said Iran has the potentials to replace poppy cultivation in Afghanistan but it requires. (More on P3-19)

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Angiza Shinwari Died in Hospital

JALALABAD — Angiza Shinwari, a member of theee Politburo of the Liberal Nationalist Party of Afghanistan, was assassinated yesterday morning in Jalalabad. Shinwari was killed in an attack by unknown assailants in one of the busiest parts of the city. An official of the Afghan National Police said that the assailants opened fire on Shinwari's car, killing him instantly. The attack is believed to be a targeted assassination. According to reports, the attackers fled the scene after killing Shinwari. The incident has sparked outrage among the residents of Jalalabad and has raised concerns about the safety and security of political leaders in the region. The Afghan government has promised a full investigation into the attack and has offered rewards for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. The attack comes amid a growing number of targeted killings and assassinations of political figures in Afghanistan, highlighting the instability and insecurity in the country. The international community has expressed concern about the situation and called for an end to such violence. The Afghan government has appealed to its international partners to provide additional support in the fight against terrorism and violence. The attack on Shinwari is a reminder of the challenges faced by the Afghan government and the need for continued international support to ensure peace and stability in the country.
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By Hajjastolah Zia

Religious faith originates in the innermost core of human beings. There are books that enshrine religious values and ideas. The code of Allah is the kernel of religious faith. Faith, which leads to holy life and sacred values, has been bestowed upon humanity by the Almighty. But humanity, in its innermost consciousness, cannot understand the concept of faith effectively. Therefore, the means have been subordinated to religious texts that would be of guidance for the people of the earth, the Prophet (PBUH) and his companions.

Religious faith is the foundation of human values. It is necessary to be aware of the values and morality that are observed in religious faith and to be able to present a spiritual wealth that is not bound by the limits of human nature. Religions are must be sustained and nurtured, and the rules of religious faith are not eternal laws.

Religious faith should be understood as an internal revelation. It should be understood as a way of life and not merely a set of rules.

Based on another source, Obama has defended his authority to lead or international coalition against Islamic State. While only a few members of the coalition have announced their intention to support the operation, Obama has not been able to obtain the support of the majority of the coalition member states.

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Sayyid strongly criticized the NUSO, saying that the evacuation of the Soviet Union's troops was only one of many failures of the Afghan government. He accused them of "emarginalizing the Afghan people" who had been victims of the war.

(2) 2200 Trolls online

"People haven't forgotten their rights," they replied.

(3) National Security Adviser to Target Taliban

This was a blow for the Taliban, who had been planning to launch a major offensive in the coming months.

(4) Food for the Poor

The program will bring US$5 million in aid to over 500,000 Afghans who are facing food shortages due to the economic crisis.

(5) TSK Hands

A region with 3 million Afghans has been affected by the drought in the past two years, with many children suffering from malnutrition.

(6) New Draft

The government should be held responsible for the current food crisis in the country, said the opposition.

(7) Khorasan

President Zalmai presents his new team of ministers to the parliament.

(8) Deepak Kaura

"I don't see any alternative to the Afghan government," said the opposition leader.

(9) Suicide Bombing

(10) Ministry of the Interior

The government plans to increase the number of police officers and soldiers to combat the growing threat of terrorism.

(11) World Powers

The international community has been divided on how to respond to the situation in Afghanistan.

(12) Oyo

The project aims to provide clean drinking water to the people of the region.

(13) US Troops

The US has started withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, with the goal of completing the withdrawal by the end of the year.

(14) Drone Strike

The unmanned aerial vehicle was carrying weapons when it was shot down.

(15) US Intelligence

The report concluded that the Taliban were expanding their territorial control.

(16) Kandahar

A suicide bomber killed several soldiers and police officers in the area.

(17) Taliban

The Taliban have been fighting against the Afghan government for years, with no end in sight.

(18) USA

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(19) Pakistan

Pakistan will continue to support the Afghan government, said the Foreign Minister.

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Battle Persists for Ukraine Railway Hub, Despite Peace Deal

LUHANSKE - Intense arguments are going on between Ukrainian government and Russian-backed separatists who are fighting a small war around a strategic town in the east of the country. The government claims that separatist forces are backed by Russian arms, while the separatists deny this. The town is strategically important for both sides, and it has been the subject of multiple battles. The Ukrainian government has recently seized control of the town, but the separatists have launched counter-attacks.

EU Puts 19 More Individuals on Its Ukraine Sanctions List

BRUSSELS - The European Union has added 19 individuals to its sanctions list, including a Russian deputy minister, three Nigel de Gash and three separatists from the pro-Russian Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics. The European Union has been imposing sanctions on Russia since its invasion of Crimea in 2014.

Russia Will Respond ‘Adequately’ to New EU Sanctions

MOOSKOW - Russia’s Foreign Ministry said on Monday it would respond “adequately” to the EU’s 19 new sanctions against Russia. The sanctions include freezing assets and blocking assets of the individuals and entities.

135 MSIS Members Killed in Clashes in Syrian Kurdistan: Activists

COURACEN - Two linked to military operations in Baghdad were killed, with 135 members of the MSIS said to have been killed in recent clashes in Syria.

China to Play Constructive Role in Peace Process in Myanmar

BEIJING - China will continue to play a constructive role in the internal peace process in Myanmar, a foreign ministry official said on Monday.

Removal of Sanctions Necessary for N. Korea

TEHRAN - Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Reza Aftab said that lifting sanctions is necessary for the development of economic and trade cooperation between Iran and North Korea. The official said that sanctions have been imposed because of North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs.

Pakistan Railways MD to Be Sworn in

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan has invited Zahid Hussain to be sworn in as the new MD of Pakistan Railways. The appointment is part of the government’s efforts to improve the state-owned railway company, which has been facing financial challenges.

The development of economic and trade cooperation between Iran and North Korea is necessary for the development of the region, Aftab said. The official added that sanctions have been imposed because of North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs.

The Regional Cooperation Council, which has所以 two Prime Ministers will be in office in the next four years and in the future, business forecasts were convincing. For example, the World Bank Group (SBG), which is now focused on “strengthening governance,” said, “We believe in our partners.”

China’s involvement in ongoing negotiations with the United States on trade issues is seen as a positive development for the region.

World Bank Provides Loan to Uzbekistan

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The ecology of the region is an important aspect of the program. The project seeks to improve the efficiency of transport systems and to reduce the cost of trade for businesses in the region.

The World Bank has already approved a $13 million loan to the country to support trade facilitation and transport infrastructure improvements.
INVITATION TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO PRE QUALIFY & BID

The International Organization of Migration (IOM) is inviting building contractors to pre-qualify and bid for the project that will start construction in March 2015. Please refer below for the project and the minimum requirements for contractors.

Location/Reference Number: 1, UNCO Cooperate, Kabul

Building Type:

- The objective is to provide 40 affordable and secure accommodations to UNDP staff and personnel in UNCO (Accommodations Village) by first quarter of 2016. Design and preliminary works shall commence in December 2014 and construction works on date than March 2015. The accommodation will be built at the block north of the UNDP Country office (2000 SQM currently used as parking lot).
- Two-story identical missile structures designed to withstand earthquakes, in a secluded and landscaped compound the Village. Meaning and housing will be provided with other UNCO Accommodations and Traditional Central Asian residential design courtyards, enclosed walls and green spaces. The rate of solid walls to openings and fenestration will be in character with precedence in Kabul Afghanistan.
- The individual dwellings will be configured to provide sufficient yet flexible and adaptable finishes. The dwelling units will be arranged in a way to promote both privacy and support communal living. Good quality structures and systems, integrated with sustainability in mind. Solar heated water will support domestic water and air heating while insulated walls and windows will serve to reduce energy use and resultant pollution. Every effort will be made to incorporate the "greening the blue" initiative where practical and sustainable.

Pre-qualification documents:

- Copies of original documents defining the constitution or registration, place of registration, and principal place of business written power of attorney of the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder.
- Total monetary value of construction work performed or offered in the last five years.
- Experience in works of a similar nature and size for each of the last five years and details of work under way or contractually committed, and clients who may be contacted for further information on those contracts.
- Annual volume of construction work of at least $100,000.00.
- Experience on prime contractor in the construction of at least 2 Projects, works of a nature and complexity equivalent to the works over the last 3 years to comply with this requirement, cost of works cited should be at least equivalent to 35% of the estimated project cost and should be at least 70 percent complete.
- Proposals for the timely submission of advance payments, bonus, etc. of the essential equipment listed in the Qualification Information.
- A Contract Manager with 5 years’ experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume.
- Legal and/or tax credit facilities, not of other contractual commitments and exclusion of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, is no less than 50% of estimated project.
- Major items of construction equipment proposed to carry out the Contract.
- Qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the Contract.
- Systems for financial monitoring of the Bidder, such as progressive payment, progress payment and availability of other financial institutions.
- Authority, given to IOM to seek references from the Bidder's Bank.
- Information regarding any litigation, current or during the last five years, in which the Bidder is involved, the parties concerned, and the amount.
- Proposals for subcontracting components of the Works amounting to more than 10 percent of the Contract Price.

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KABUL - Germany is building a new engineering college in the country of 220 million Afghans (2.4 million Euro) in northern Balkh Province which will have room for 300 students and the facilitation of railway cars

India Refuses to Invest More in Infrastructure Project

NEW DELHI - India has refused to invest more in a bilateral transport in construction project with Iran and Afghanistan for the development of Afghanistan. Indian minister for transport Chaudhary and, last month, said Saturday that the Indian Express quoted government sources as saying last week and said Iran has rejected an Iranian demand to increase investment in the project during a visit by an Indian delegation.

Rabbi Meets Australian Special Envoy

KARSH - Rabbi Meets, Rabbinat of foreign affairs in a meeting with Nick Welly, Australai Special Envoy to African Union and Pakistan praised Australia for its...