Steps Being Taken to Stabilize Investment Sector: President

KARUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has assured the government will utilize all resources to stabilize trade and investment sector in Afghanistan. According to a statement from the Presidential Palace, Ghani expressed these views in his meeting with a number of industrialists on Friday evening.

The meeting was attended by ministers of interior, mines and petroleum, commerce, deputy finance minister, deputy head of De Afghanistan Bank (DAB) and head of De Afghanistan Investment Promotion Agency (APIA).

The president said the Afghan-Muslim Association of National Industry (AANIA) holds the president that AANIA was formed with membership of 27 entities.

Mullah Omar Involved in Peace Talks

KARUL - NRC News, a U.S. media outlet, writes in its report published on Saturday said that Tahlil supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar is also involved in peace talks with Afghan government.

NRC News quotes unnamed senior Taliban commanders as saying that Mullah Mohammad Omar has given authority to his old friend and Deputy National Movement to make decisions on his behalf.

According to the report after several years of war many militants are educated and waiting for a peace deal to come into shape.

NRC News quotes unnamed senior Taliban commander as saying, "We are in talks for several weeks now and everything is ready and the time has been selected to meet U.S. and Kabul as well."

According to NRC News, the talks are still in progress, according to the Afghan government.

Haji Mohammad Mohaqiq

No Decision Made in NSC to Support KSA in Yemen

KARUL - Second deputy chief executive, Haji Mohammad Mohaqiq, says that Afghanistan's support for Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's (KSA) involvement in Yemen issues was in contradiction to the decision they made in the National Security Council (NSC) meeting. "We did not take such a decision in the National Security Council. We decided that our respect to Afghanistan's issues needed for four factors, our interest is not in military. Therefore, there should be peace, and the United Nations and the International Conference, "Mohaqiq added.

G20mn Worth of Contracts Signed at Kabul Industrial Festival

KARUL - Officials from the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) reported on Friday that after the start of the industrial festival show in Kabul four days ago only two million USD worth of contracts have been signed.

Alongside Afghan national, businesses from various countries, such as the United States, Turkey, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates have visited the exhibition and inked deals with Afghan companies.

According to AISA, the greatest interest has been shown toward dry fruits, herbal oil, woodwork, be- unch, honey and beehive products.

"This time, the interest of visitors and foreign business-has grown," AISA official Ahmad Waziri said. "We believe that more contracts are signed, but our initial statistics indicate that so far contracts worth up to 10 million USD have been signed during the exhibition.

A number of fresh and dried fruits and dried fruits have accepted exporting contracts with foreign businesses.

"We signed two contracts with a Turkish business on the basis of which we export dry fruits at a cost of $50,000 annually," said Afghan business- men named Mohammad Calhoun.

The industrial trade show was organized by the President Ashraf Ghani at the Loya Jirga last spring. This year, it is intended to enhance domestic production and industrial growth and there are a total of 230 stalls at the event.

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Police Detain 10 Alleged Smugglers with Drugs

KABUL - Police have detained ten smugglers and recovered hundreds of kilograms of drugs and other valuables from their possession. The police arrested the smugglers from different parts of the country, a statement from the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJT) said Saturday.

Police recovered 366 kilograms of drugs, eight cell phones and free vehicles, the statement added. The alleged smugglers were arrested by police belonging to capital Kabul, Gundar, Kabul and Tangi provinces, it added. The detained men are being questioned to divulge more information from them, it noted. (Pajhwok)

Key Taliban Commander Killed

KABUL - Afghanistan's security forces raided Talibain hideouts in the eastern Wardak province early Saturday, killing four mili-
tants, including key commander Mullah Wali after Mullah Fadd, and arresting three others, the provincial government said.

"Units of security forces, acting upon intelligence reports raided Taliban hideouts in Jalat and Jaz bin districts in the west of Wardak province on Saturday. As a result, four rebels, including a key commander Mullah Wali alias Mullah Fadd, were killed and three others were arrested," the government said in a statement.

Mullah Wali, according to the sources, was the leader of the Taliban militant group and his killing can be a major setback to the Talibain during the on-go-
ing military operations.

Policeman Among 10 Dead

ARJAN (May 22-April 20)

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Naurus (April 23-May 20)

You might wholeheartedly believe you are ready to move on from the past, but must still adjust to a higher power today. But this unex-
pected shake check is not a spiritual issue, someone in authority could be on your case and your work. But you may think your plans are reasonable, you will have to change your approach.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your need for control clashes with the desire of others as you try to assert your independence, but your tendency to hover over too much interaction that’s too intense for your taste. A complex balance of power is in the air, so your shining point today and the current situation may not be as compatible as you would imagine. Though you might give your whole trying to prevent your interests from being worked too hard, your powerful magic will be there if you have the courage to trust the emotional process.

Saturn (March 20-April 19)


Swindler (June 21-July 22)


Ox (April 21-May 20)

You’re not having anything up your sleeve, but it could be caught in the net for all ac-

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Even if everything is coming up roses, everything isn’t as easy as it appears now. Don’t be cocky. Avoid the whole trying to support your own, there’s an issue with the way that you go about your business. Let’s down your guard today because it’s not likely that you can see the complete picture. Ship solely on promises won’t work, so be prepared to get your hands dirty while digging to the true current reaction. (Pajhwok)

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

It’s not your style to rock the boat, but you may take on a new role today. A new approach to a long-time situation may help you. A new line of ship dynamics might be the key to breaking a long-standing pattern. You may find yourself caught up in an event that you didn’t see coming, or perhaps you are the one who doesn’t want to talk about or want to hide your true feelings. Navigating the universal and possibly turbulent emotional currents of the day is tricky because environmental factors are wiping the conditions of your life. You may feel even if you sit at odds with someone that you aren’t ready to share your concerns yet. However, it’s not known whether you feel and have to handle such problem only if not. (Pajhwok)

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

If your spin could be found any place in the world, you may be the one to make it work. If the current conflict is the least time is time to make your stand.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 21)

Maintaining a positive perspective can be quite difficult, 23. Inarguable because someone’s con-

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Fear of being out of control of your schedule next week may cause you to find that your life today that everything actually falls apart. Unfortunately, the more you micro-manage your calendar now, the less sense it makes. Don’t waste your energy trying to micro-manage, Preat-

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your greatest strength comes from your inner force and your energy and your ability to ground of practicality. Unfortunately, emotional stresses, a lack of love or the fear of being out of control has led you to hold the key that will ultimately lead you to a safer place. What you will do most is try to protect.

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A Major Breakthrough in Iran-US Nuclear Deal

The deal that President Hassan Rouhani announced on April 2, 2015, was a long-anticipated step toward a comprehensive agreement between Iran and the P5+1 (the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council plus Germany) aimed at curbing Iran’s nuclear program and easing international sanctions. The agreement was seen as a significant diplomatic achievement for Iran, which had been isolated diplomatically and economically due to its nuclear program. The deal was also seen as a potential step towards improved relations between Iran and Western powers.

However, many Western countries remained skeptical about Iran’s intentions and the long-term durability of the agreement. There were concerns that Iran might not comply with the terms of the deal or that the deal might not be comprehensive enough to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. Despite these concerns, the deal was seen as a positive development and a potential first step towards a more stable Middle East.

The next phase of the negotiations would be to finalize the details of the agreement and ensure its implementation. This would involve setting up mechanisms to monitor Iran’s compliance and provide for verification and accountability.

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Iran Reaches Historic Deal

The agreement reached between Iran and the P5+1 on July 14, 2015, was a significant milestone in the long-standing dispute over Iran's nuclear program. The deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), calls for Iran to curb its nuclear activities in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions imposed by the international community.

Upon the conclusion of the agreement, Iran began a process of dismantling its nuclear facilities and certifying its compliance with the terms of the deal. The United Nations Security Council unanimously approved the lifting of sanctions, marking a significant step towards the normalization of Iran's relations with the international community.

The JCPOA was seen as a turning point in the relationship between Iran and the West, and as a potential step towards a more stable and prosperous Middle East. However, the deal was not without its challenges, and the long-term viability of the agreement remains to be seen.

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1) "Victims" of the war - Those who signed the ceasefire and demanded of permitting the rebel groups in Afghanistan - is new - various in exacerbating insurgent activities.

2) The statement added that the government of the country, in the face of the increasing situation in Afghanistan, was concerned and determined to take any action that was necessary to protect the security and interests of the country. It was further noted that the government was committed to implementing all the necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of the people of Afghanistan. The statement concluded by emphasizing the importance of unity and cooperation among all stakeholders to achieve a lasting and sustainable peace in Afghanistan.

3) However, the situation in Afghanistan remains volatile and complex. The government has been facing challenges in stabilizing the country and ensuring the safety and security of its citizens. Efforts are ongoing to address these issues, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

4) The government has taken several steps to address the challenges in Afghanistan. It has invested in infrastructure development, education, and healthcare. However, the situation on the ground remains challenging, and more needs to be done to ensure the safety and security of all Afghans.

5) The government has been working closely with international partners to address the challenges in Afghanistan. It has received significant support from the international community, including financial aid and technical assistance.

6) The government has also been working with the Afghan people to strengthen their capacity and resilience. It has launched several initiatives to empower and support Afghan communities, particularly in areas affected by conflict.

7) The government has expressed its commitment to continue its efforts to ensure the safety and security of the people of Afghanistan. It has emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation among all stakeholders to achieve a lasting and sustainable peace in the country.
EU to Benefit Most Once Sanctions Lifted: Iran

TIBERIAS - The prospects for a permanent cease-fire against Iran, in light of the Tehran nuclear talks, are brightening in the country to such an extent that even the most optimistic analysts are talking of a resolution toward a final nuclear agreement. The Western powers, whose clients are now in a position to secure an international agreement which is almost certain to be accepted, are currently discussing a new strategy for the Middle East under a resolution that would lift sanctions on Iran. This week, the chances of a resolution have increased significantly, and there is a strong possibility that the negotiations will be completed in the next few months.

Despite the challenges, Iran is continuing to see a lot of activity in the region, with increased investments in Iranian business, especially in the oil sector. This increased investment is reflected in the country's GDP, which has grown by more than 4% in the last quarter, according to the latest data from the International Monetary Fund. The country's oil industry remains a key driver of the economy, accounting for more than half of GDP and a significant portion of government revenue.

However, the country still faces significant challenges, including high inflation and unemployment rates. The government is working to address these issues, with a focus on improving the business environment and attracting foreign investment. Despite these challenges, Iran remains a key player in the region, and the prospects for a resolution in the nuclear talks are positive.
Islamic State behind Kidnapping: Mohaqiq

Mohaqiq named Mullah Abdullah Kaka and his deputy Mullah Mansur Daudzai as behind the abductions. Mohaqiq says the two prominent IS politicians have been kidnapped by the Taliban for political gains from the Afghan government.

"The men have been split up and are being held in different places," Mohaqiq said. As far as he knows, "(Mohaqiq has said)"

High-Powered Body be Tasked to Investigate Khost Tragedy

KHERS CITY - The governor of the southeastern Khost province on Saturday received the report of a high-powered body to thoroughly investigate the latest suicide attack in the province.

The death toll in the attack on Thursday in Khost province surged to 20 as two more tribal elders succumbed to injuries in hospital.

Majid Zadran, spokesman for the acting governor, on Friday confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News that 21 persons were dead and the widely condemned bombing left another six, most of them seriously wounded.

Sherpa Reaffirms Honest Approach to Peace Talks

SLAMABAD - In an exclusive interview with TOLOnews, Abid Ahmad Khan Sherpa, the head of the Pakistan’s parliamentary committee dedicated to Afghanistan-Pakistan relations, assured that his country would utilize all available resources to persuade the Taliban to enter into peace negotiations with the Afghan government.

According to Sherpa, Islamabad has realized that stability in Afghanistan is in the best interests of Pakistan and the region, which, if true, would lead to negotiations with the Taliban. He assured that his country would do its best to facilitate any peace process in Afghanistan.

Nangarhar Varsity Teachers Go on Strike

JALALABAD - The Nangarhar University Teachers Association has announced a strike to continue their struggle until their problems are resolved, including low salaries, the chairman of the association said.

The university teachers’ strike is expected to affect the education system in Nangarhar province.

AIPA Receives Funds from USAID-Faida

KABUL - The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has recommended to the government of Afghanistan to continue its efforts to improve the capacity of the insurance industry in the country.

AIPA, which is a member of the Financial Action Task Force, has received a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support the insurance sector in Afghanistan.

MD-530 Helicopters to Officially Join AAF

KARUL - The McDermott Douglas (MD) 530 helicopters are set to officially join the Afghan Air Force (AAF) on July 24.

The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Saturday that the helicopters will start service during a ceremony which is scheduled on Thursday, 24th of April.

The capabilities of the Afghan Air Force (AAF) are expected to receive a boost with the addition of the helicopters.

The Afghan Air Force (AAF) received the first of 14 MD-530 helicopters on May 26th in a ceremony attended by the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan (NTM-A) and AFS. The aircraft are expected to be used for a variety of missions, including transportation and air traffic control.

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