China Supports Afghan-Lead and Afghan-Owned Peace Process

KARUL - A spokesperson for China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs Hong Lei said at a press briefing on Friday that his country supports the ‘Afghan-Lead and Afghan-Owned Peace Process’.

"China always holds that reconciliation is a viable solution to the Afghan issue. China supports the Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process and hopes relevant parties in Afghanistan will resolve the issue politically through peaceful means. China stands ready to play a constructive role," Hong said.

China calls on relevant parties in Afghanistan to resolute the country’s issues through peaceful means, he added.

Xi Jinping’s official visit to Pakistan last month, Xi environmentalism to ramp up its counterterrorism efforts in the region, including its role as a facilitator in the peace process between Afghanistan and the Taliban. “China highly appreciates Pakistan’s outstanding contribution to international counter-terrorism efforts,” Xi said while in Islamabad. "We support the Pakistan in moving forward with counter-terrorism strategy with light of its own national conditions, and are prepared and willing to continue to help Pakistan strengthen its capacity, its ability to fight terrorism. And we support its effort in the Afghan peace process."

China’s recent increased engagement with Afghanistan - (More on P3-G)

**Work on Vital Kamal Khan Dam Moving at Snail’s Pace**

ZAKAN - Residents have complained construction work on Kamal Khan Dam in southeastern Nimruz province was moving at a slow pace due to government's inefficiency. The dam is being constructed on Helmand River in Chahar Baju district of Nimruz province. The construction work on the vital project had begun in 2015 but was delayed due to revolution in the country. The Kamal Khan Dam construction cost $80 million financed by ISAF. (More on P3-G)

**IS Link into Afghanistan Worries: Bishop**

KARUL - Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop says she has been predicting that extremist group Islamic State's influence in Afghanistan is becoming more.

Ms Bishop said she visited Afghanistan earlier this year and was informed of the potential for the group, also known as ISIS, to extend influence through extremist elements of the Taliban. She said this connection between IS and the Taliban. (More on P3-G)

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**Budget Problems Stand Resolved: Hakimi**

KARUL - Finance Minister Ebad Hakimi said on Saturday that budget problems had been resolved after holding talks with aid-giving countries and injecting a $80 million assistance from the United States to the accounts.

Hakimi was meeting on Saturday with lower house members after he was summoned to brief them on complaints from contractors over delayed payments. (More on P6-G)

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**CEO Office Rules out Differences with Presidency**

KARUL - The office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) ruled out any disagreement between government leaders over the Electoral Reform Commission, saying the commission would start its work over next few days.

CEOs deputy spokesman Svijal Faisal told PAJhwok Afghan News that there was no difference of opinion between CHC. (More on P6-G)
104 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Nationwide ANSF Operations

KARUL - At least 104 insurgents were killed during a series of coordinated operations on Saturday by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the ministry of defense said in a statement on Saturday. In addition, 71 weapons and ammunition and another was arrested during the operation.

The operations were conducted in Farah, Ghor, Garmser, Kandahar, Zabul, Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Badghis, Bamiyan, Zabul, Herat, Nimroz and Helmand provinces, the statement noted.

"Also, during these operations, Afghan National Police discovered a serious area armed with light and heavy weapons of ammunition and devices," the ANSF said.

The Afghan Ministry of Defense said that during the second part of the operation, Afghan National Police discovered and destroyed different types of IEDs planted by enemy of Afghanistan..." [More on P.057]

13 Dead, Scores Hurt in Traffic Mishaps Last Month CLICHAR - At least 13 persons have been killed and 30 others wounded in total 17 traffic accidents in central Clichar province in the past month, an official said on Saturday. Traffic police department official Muhamed Shabani told Pajhwok Afghan News the figures showed that civilization and traffic awareness in the province had increased in the past two weeks compared with the previous month.

Traffic accidents have been a major concern for people living in the greater Baghlan and Wardak areas. According to the police, the official said children and women and senior citizens were among the dead and wounded.

Police said traveling on highways increased in the spring season as more people came out to visit northwest parts of the country. Sharing exact... [More on P.057]

Pajhwok Launches Mobile App

KARUL - Celebrating its five years in existence, Pajhwok Afghan News on Saturday formally launched its mobile app and a regional bureau of the company which would keep in touch with readers via the latest news. Unofficially in Kabul, the agency's official [More on P.057]

20 Rebels Dead, Scores Hurt in Clashes PUL-E ALAM - Security forces claimed killing 12 rebels and injuries to another 20 in a large-scale attack carried out by government forces in the central peak in Kandahar and Baran districts of southern Kandahar province. Provincial police chief Dr. Abdul Hadi Ishaqzai told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of militants attacked in Lagh-e stage to target and attack the area. Ishaqzai added security forces moved into intense gun battle that left 12 insurgents dead in Kandahar district and four bodies were bury... [More on P.057]

Outlook Horoscope

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Knowing what to expect from a relationship can make the difference between a brilliant and desperate relationship. If your desire to instigate change must be motivated by opposition, you might be better off giving the relationship the time to work out, so you can settle on a second-best course of action. You have nothing to lose in trying new avenues, but your partnership has a better chance of flourishing. Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec. 21)

Although you naturally hate being in驭仕, you can remain as poised as you would be in any other situation. However, it’s wise to approach this delicate situation with care, especially when you believe that your friend is not ready to admit to you that they’re confident enough to jump right into the fire now. A prudent amount of detour can help you keep your feelings intact, which will further benefit your relationships in the long run. Pisces (Feb 19-Mar. 20)

Your close friends and colleagues do not support you in your latest attempt to make a quietly revolutionary change. It is a relief that your goal is so threatening to you. Fortunately, you may be tempted to quit now, but you can’t miss your chance to make a difference with your beliefs more explicitly than becoming invisible. Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

You might feel that you are doing everything right, but you are still struggling to earn the support of some of your closest friends. Fortunately, you could have running circles in your head if you feel that you are struggling. It is also important to consider the actual situation as well as your voluntary intentions. Capricorn (Dec 21-Jan. 19)

You are in a position to influence someone at a sensitive time in their life, which can be a major advantage to you. Unfortunately, you might not be able to do all that you had planned today. Your feelings—critical things against you—are not likely to become as offensive as you might be. You could avoid this by not making a concerted effort to get your point across.
The Problem Lies inside the House!

By Mahmudul Rashed Shal

The federal government of Pakistan may be saddled with more national problems than we can imagine. The government has been aware of this and has already started implementing policies to ensure the stability of the country. However, the situation on the ground is far from ideal.

There have been reports of incidents of violence in different parts of the country. These incidents have been linked to political parties, ethnic groups, and sectarian differences. The government has taken steps to prevent such incidents from escalating, but the situation remains tense.

The government has also been faced with economic challenges. The country is struggling to keep inflation under control, and the ongoing protests have further complicated the situation. However, the government has been working on initiatives to improve the economy and address these challenges.

In addition to the political and economic challenges, the country is also facing issues related to education and health. The government has been implementing policies to improve education and healthcare, but progress has been slow.

The government has also been grappling with issues related to the economy and trade. The country is facing a trade deficit, and there are concerns about the country's debt levels.

Despite these challenges, the government has been working to improve the situation. It has implemented policies to improve the economy and address the challenges facing the country. However, more needs to be done to ensure stability and progress.

In conclusion, the government of Pakistan is facing several challenges that require immediate attention. The government is working to address these challenges, but more needs to be done to ensure stability and progress. The situation remains tense, and the government needs to continue working to improve the situation.
11) China Supply Sectors

Afghanistan and Pakistan reporting improved economic conditions, and the NATO coalition withdrawal continues to support the region. According to reports, China has played a greater role in providing economic assistance to Afghanistan and Pakistan, which may encourage the negotiating talks to yield results.

The insurgents have also increased their attacks on the mining industry, declaring coal fields as new areas of conflict. This suggests that Afghanee security forces will face more challenges in securing the region.

12) New Economy

The reports indicate that the new economy sector in Afghanistan has gained significant momentum, with a focus on the mining industry and the development of new infrastructure projects.

13) New Media

The media landscape in Afghanistan has seen a significant shift, with traditional media outlets facing increased competition from social media platforms.

14) New Policies

The government has introduced several new policies aimed at improving the business environment and attracting foreign investment.

15) Budget Problems

The government is facing budget shortfalls, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has warned that the budget deficit could reach 7% of GDP.

16) 16 Missiles

A new report has highlighted an increase in the use of missiles by insurgent groups in the region.

17) Dead, Injured

The toll from the latest attack has risen significantly, with reports of 20 dead and over 50 injured.

18) New Force

The government has announced the formation of a new force to counter the growing threat from insurgents.

19) New Measures

The government has introduced new measures to address the issue of drug trafficking, including the closure of several major drug routes.

20) New Developments

Several new developments have emerged in the region, including the signing of a new trade agreement and the establishment of a new joint economic zone.

21) New Trends

The reports indicate that there are new trends in the region, with a shift towards economic cooperation and the strengthening of regional relations.

22) New Challenges

The region faces several new challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing conflict.

23) New Opportunities

The reports suggest that there are new opportunities for peace and development in the region, especially with the withdrawal of foreign troops.

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The reports provide new analysis and insights into the current state of the region, offering a comprehensive view of the challenges and opportunities.

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**Envoys on Syria Warns That May Talks Will Not Be Negotiations**

WASHINGTON: A new series of talks on Syria is set to begin next month in Geneva and Syria should not expect to return to a "peace table," the U.N.'s special envoy to Syria warned Sunday. Speaking at a seminar, Mr. Martens intimated that the country would take part. De Martens intimated to meet with a range of parties to see if they could come to terms on a way forward. The official told reporters that he would be in touch with the U.N. chief by the end of the week. He expects to report findings to the U.N. chief by the end of the week.

**Former Yemeni President Calls for Political Dialogue to End War**

Yemen - President Ali Abdullah Saleh said Sunday that he had accepted an offer from the opposition to hold talks in an effort to end the country's political crisis. The offer comes a month after the government and the armed forces began talks with the opposition in an effort to end the civil war. The president, who has held power for 33 years, has been forced from power by a months-long mass protest. At least 83% of Yemeni airports are closed, and the civil war has killed hundreds of civilians. The owner of the newly crowned champion Al-Shabab football club, and a former Yemeni president, was shot dead on Sunday morning.

**Blades Rage in Yemen as Calls for Peace Talks Grow**

Yemen - Peace talks between the government and the armed forces have come to a standstill, and the opposition has announced that it will not participate in any future talks. The government has agreed to reopen talks with the opposition, and the United Nations has called for an immediate end to the violence.

**US Aircraft Carrier Heading away from Yemen: Officials**

WASHINGTON: A U.S. aircraft carrier and a guided-missile cruiser are being moved to the Arabian Sea to reinforce the U.S. military in the region. The move comes after a series of violent incidents in the area, including a drone strike on a military facility in Yemen last week. The carrier strike group will be joined by other ships, including a cruiser and a destroyer. The USS Nimitz, a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, will lead the strike group.

**U.S. Seeks Access to Philippine Bases As Part of Asia Pivot**

MALACANTEN - The United States has asked for access to Philippine military bases as part of its Asia Pivot strategy. The request follows a visit to the Philippines by Secretary of State John Kerry last month. The bases are strategically located in the South China Sea and could be used for military exercises and training purposes.

**Neighbour News**

**Iran Summoned to Saudi Diplomatic Over Plane Interception**

The United States and Saudi Arabia have summoned the Iranian ambassador to their capitals over the interception of a passenger plane. The Iranian mission in the United States said the plane was flying over international waters when it was intercepted by an Iranian F-14 fighter jet.

**Chinese to Provide 110 Fighter Jets to Pakistan**

BEIJING - China has agreed to provide 110 fighter jets to Pakistan as part of a major military sale. The jets, which are to be delivered in 2018, will be used to strengthen the Pakistan Air Force and to modernize its fighter fleet. The sale comes as tensions between Pakistan and India remain high.

**Uzbekistan to Introduce Modern Methods in JSC**

TASHKENT - President Islam Karimov has adopted a decree on the establishment of modern methods in the production of the Uzbek JSC. The decree, which was signed on April 25, calls for the introduction of modern methods in the production of the JSC, including the use of new technologies and the introduction of new equipment.

**Pakistan Gas Deal: Iran Backs China's Inclusion**

BEIJING - Iran has announced that it will support China's inclusion in the "wind and road" framework for the development of the Southwest Asia region. The framework, which was proposed by China, aims to connect the energy-rich regions of the world, including China, Pakistan, and Iran. The framework, which is expected to be finalized in the coming months, will include plans for the development of new energy projects and the expansion of existing ones.

**Uzbekistan**, **Turkmenistan**, and **Kazakhstan**: These three countries have announced that they will cooperate on the development of modern methods in the production of the Uzbek JSC, including the use of new technologies and the introduction of new equipment.
Investigative Journalism Under Dire Threat: CEO

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Saturday expressed shock over persistent threats from government officials to journalists, saying investigative journalism was on the verge of downtown trend because of threats. Speaking at a national conference, "Media and the decade of change," Abdullah said that journalism was honestly carrying forward their responsibilities to their people's voice for the past 15 years. He said failure of expression and improvement of media was important components but said that negative behavior of government officials against journalists... (More on P8)

Structures under CEO Declared Budget Unit

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament on Saturday approved a presidential decree declaring Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the council of ministers as a budgetary unit. The presidential candidate Abdullah Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah signed an agreement in September last year to form national unity government after inconclusive presidential election on June 14. A month after its inauguration as president, Abdullah Ghani issued a decree declaring the structure of the CEO - the office of the Chief of Staff and the Council of Ministers - as a budgetary unit. Lower house speaker Abdul Rahim Elham said the decree with the Jirga's general session today. DK 35 lawmakers, as many as 120 of them named green... (More on P8)

Afghanistan Stands Among Miserable States

KABUL - In a grim development, Afghanistan stood fifth from bottom in the list of happiest countries in the world, a report showed. Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), a global initiative for United Nations, pub- lished 2015 World Happiness Report (WHR) of 156 countries of the world. Afghanistan and other war-wrecked countries such as Tajikistan, Burundi, Benin, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Gambia, and Chad among the 10 least happy of 156 states. The report mentioned bravery, fairness, trust and good health as indicators with which the report also said nations cross or national dis- accord did... (More on P4)

Afghanistan to Grow into World’s Biggest Exporter of Minerals: Official

TEHRAN - One of the greatest joys carried out by the current Afghan administration is in the field of mines, Trade Attaché at the Afghan Embassy in Tehran Abdulrahim Farhangi told Trend on Friday. Afghanistan will be the biggest exporter of minerals in a few years, he said. "Rich mines in Afghanistan are being tapped and we have quartz and copper mines. The biggest iron quarries are found in Afghanistan. Afghanistan will be the world’s biggest exporter of copper and iron in a few years," he said. The further stated that the Afghan government has seized laws on mines. Despite being one of the poorest nations in the world, Afghanistan may be sitting on one... (More on P2)

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Only qualified suppliers who meet above criteria will be shortlisted for further process.

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