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Afghanistan facing humanitarian crisis, the US must help

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New reports suggest that the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan is already halting supplies. Afghan who have worked with the U.S. military will increasingly be the target of Taliban retaliation. The humanitarian crisis will get worse. This is the right thing to do, but it will not prevent the Afghan civilians from the violence to come. The last month of the U.S. withdrawal will likely exacerbate Afghanistan's humanitarian crisis, and little has been done to prepare for this eventuality. Next week's high-level summit in Europe, which President Joe Biden is attending, provides important opportunities for the international community to start planning. Biden has been frigidly cautious and not officials will help America stay engaged. The Biden administration appears to have no choice but to withdraw its embassy. The administration has already announced that it will close its embassy in Kabul in July. The Biden administration has already announced that it will close its embassy in Kabul in July. The Biden administration has already announced that it will close its embassy in Kabul in July.

of a better future. The bottom line is that the region is facing the prospect of another major displacement crisis. Dozens will seek refuge in neighboring countries that host Afghan refugees. In some, donors should seek better treatment and conditions for refugees to support their countries. Complex negotiations like the one in Jordan should be conducted by involving donors and recipient countries. They offer an important model for the way forward. European countries also have a responsibility to act. NATO is pulling out of Afghanistan in parallel to the U.S. withdrawal. As fighting grows, Afghans will seek refuge in Europe, where they already make up the second largest group of asylum seekers. Yet tens of thousands of Afghans have been forcibly returned to Afghanistan from Europe and Turkey in recent years, and the number of people returning to their countries is rapidly decreasing. Europe will need to change course, support negotiations, and open its doors to Afghan refugees seeking a better future. The humanitarian crisis will get worse. This is the right thing to do, but it will not prevent the Afghan civilians from the violence to come. The last month of the U.S. withdrawal will likely exacerbate Afghanistan's humanitarian crisis, and little has been done to prepare for this eventuality. Next week's high-level summit in Europe, which President Joe Biden is attending, provides important opportunities for the international community to start planning. Biden has been frigidly cautious and not officials will help America stay engaged. The Biden administration appears to have no choice but to withdraw its embassy. The administration has already announced that it will close its embassy in Kabul in July. The Biden administration has already announced that it will close its embassy in Kabul in July.

Editorial

Taliban's sincere will for peace essential

The High Council for National Reconciliation and the State Ministry for Peace Affairs have confirmed that the negotiating delegations of Islamic republic of Afghanistan and that of Taliban met again in recent days and discussed key issues on agenda, including accelerating the process. Confirming the meeting of both negotiating delegations, the Taliban spokesman said that resumption of Doha talks was agreed by both parties. If Taliban remain loyal to resumption of Doha talks, a new round of negotiation is expected to be started in Qatar. It is already clear that how much the new round of talks would unite the knot from current problems and would advance the peace talks one step further. Considering the Taliban action at the talks table and in the battlefield, at present there is no hope for success of peace talks. Now, it's clear that the new round of peace talks like previous rounds, would not continue to particular outcome. To devote public opinion and showing themselves loyal to peace process, Taliban attend the talks table but do not want the process to achieve any advancement, because they have no believe and determination to peace and peaceful solution of the ongoing conflict. Taliban have concentrated all their energy and capacity on intensification of war and occupation of further geography so that to show weakness of the state. While the withdrawal of the foreign forces is taking place in line with the schedule, but Taliban's bloodshed and the group's militancy are continued against the Afghans as they spare no efforts in targeting of public infrastructures and assassination of the innocent people. The peace talks would only result if both interlocutors were entered the talks sincerely. Whenever one party of the talks doesn't believe in peace and peaceful solution of the war, there would be no hope for talks success and there would be no expectation on resuming and continuation of the talks. If the Taliban sincerely want to start a new round of negotiations, they should harmonize their actions adaptable with the spirit of peace and reconciliation. Taliban must stop war and violence and agree on the establishment of a nationwide ceasefire, which is the precondition and the dire need of the Afghan masses. If the Taliban believe and have intention for peace, they must not proceed their impractical demands and pre-conditions prior to beginning of talks and then advance peace process. Release of the rest of Taliban prisoners from the Afghan government jails should be discussed on the talks table and in case of both sides' agreement, this must be executed after signing of peace agreement. Whenever the Taliban must not release of prisoners and implementation of their other demands prior to start of peace talks, the process lose its meaning and conception. Nevertheless, if the Taliban behavior would not change positively and their military spirit and adventurism continue, resuming of peace talks with this group means beginning of another vain round of negotiations. If the Taliban bring no change in their actions and thought, do not stop war and violence and don't enter peace talks sincerely, continuation of talks with this group would not produce particular expected result, rather it would be only wasting of time.

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