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Article One Hundred Twenty-One

At the request of the Government, or courts, the Supreme Court shall review the laws, legislative decrees, international treaties as well as international covenants for their compliance with the Constitution and their interpretation in accordance with the law.

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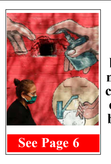

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Hedging, betting on terrorist groups won't work: VP Saleh

KABUL: Reacting to a recent video posted in social media showing Taliban destroying an administrative building in Anar Darah district in western Farah province, first Vice President Amrullah Saleh said that hedging and betting on terrorist won't work, asking UN to raise their voice.

"Taliban dynamited a civilian compound in a district in Farah. A group with staying power or belief in people won't do this. Hedging & betting on terrorist groups won't work. Doha & journalists must fly this video in their face. @unafghanistan raise your voice please," VP Saleh tweeted yesterday. This comes as late in April, President Ghani said that Taliban militants have caused $1 billion damage to infrastructure in Afghanistan in one year. President Ghani mentioned recent destruction of two major bridges in Arghandab district of Kandahar province as an instance of Taliban damaging infrastructure.

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Do not create additional concern to ANDSF: Dr. Abdullah

KABUL: Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation said that no additional concern should be created for the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) of the country, a statement from the council said Wednesday.

At a meeting entitled "Ensuring Ceasefire and Achieving Peace," the peace council chief said that the forces have access to information, and we must support the security and defense forces of the country in every way, and this is the responsibility of any citizen.

"They are strongly defending Afghanistan and that in order to get out of the current situation, this atmosphere must change, which requires a clear vision, perseverance and national unity for the people," he added.

Dr. Abdullah went on saying that the fall of the districts had not only military consequences, rather, it inflicts irreparable damage on the process of humanitarian aid, public facilities, women, children and schools.

According to him, with the announcement of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, an emergency situation arose, and the Taliban took advantage of it and intensified war and violence, with women are going to be the main victims of violence.

Dr. Abdullah added that preparations had been made for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and the people of Afghanistan must be mentally prepared for this. He said the war was raging on but the Taliban cannot and must not be defeated by a military mean.

"The international community and the people of Afghanistan want an immediate ceasefire," he said.

Meanwhile, UN Special Representative for Women in Afghanistan, said women were being targeted to silence them, but "we raised our voices to support them and that Gender-based ceasefire should be used.

Shahrzad Akbar, head of the Afghan Human Rights Commission, said the significant participation of women in the ceasefire and the peace process was crucial and that they must take active part in the whole aspects of peace process and use their experience and expertise.

"The role of women in ensuring lasting peace is important and could strengthen the process," said Mette Knudsen, UN Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Political Affairs, adding the United Nations was working hard on the issue.

Thanking the Human Rights Commission and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Afghanistan for holding the meeting, Dr. Abdullah said that the issue of gender in ceasefire is a serious issue and that a female representative will be present during the talks.

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Norway reiterates support for Afghanistan post NATO withdrawal

KABUL: Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Mohammad Haneef Atmar, spoke with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway, Ine Marie Eriksen Soreide, via video conference, a MoFA statement said yesterday.

At the outset, the Foreign Minister thanked Norway for its support and cooperation with Afghanistan over the past two decades and praised the Norwegian Prime Minister's commitment at NATO Summit for continuing support to Afghanistan after the withdrawal of RS mission.

FM Atmar, as quoted by MoFA statement, also spoke about the new chapter in relations between the two countries, emphasizing the role of NATO and member states in safeguarding the achievements of the past two decades and achieving a political solution that can guarantee lasting peace and stability based on the free vote of the Afghan people.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister extended her condolences to the victims of the recent incidents and spoke about the expansion of bilateral relations and the results of the recent meeting of NATO leaders, the statement further said.

She shed light on Norway's support for the Afghan peace process, preserving the achievements of the last two decades, and her vision for the success of the peace process, which she said would be addressed at the next UN Security Council meeting, as her country chairs Afghanistan's affairs.

Norwegian FM also spoke about her country's readiness to continue work at the hospital at Hamid Karzai International Airport and finalize the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the two countries.

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Afghan forces push back Taliban from Kunduz, Faryab districts

KABUL: Afghan security forces retook the center of Khan Abad district in northern Kunduz province on Wednesday morning, the Ministry of Defense said in a statement on Wednesday. The clearing operation was launched by the security forces on Tuesday night and "yesterday morning the forces retook the center of the district," it said. Fawad Aman, deputy spokesman for the Ministry of Defense, said: "Qari Hashem, a Taliban commander who was leading the war in the district, has been killed with his 30 fighters during the operation." The Taliban has not yet commented on the operation. The center of the district has repeatedly switched hands in close fighting over the past several days, according to sources. Fawzia Yaftali, a member of the provincial council, said that at least five civilians were killed—including women and children—and 20 others, also including women and children, were wounded during the clashes in the district. The Ministry of Defense has not yet commented on civilian casualties caused by the operation. Meanwhile, the Afghan security forces retook the center of Dawlat Abad district in northern Faryab province on Wednesday morning, the Army's 209 Shaheen Corps said in a statement.

Security forces launched a clearing operation on Tuesday night with air support in the center of the district and cleared it of Taliban, the statement said.

The statement did not provide further details about the operation or about casualties sustained by the security forces or Taliban. The center of the district fell to the Taliban a week ago after heavy fighting. The Taliban has not yet commented on the operation.

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Saudi cabinet praises Afghan, Pakistani scholars for peace declaration

KABUL: The Saudi Arabia Cabinet thanked senior scholars from Pakistan and Afghanistan for signing the "Declaration of Peace in Afghanistan" during a summit held recently in Makkah with Saudi Arabia's support.

At the outset of the virtual meeting, which was chaired by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman, the Cabinet cited the honor bestowed by

Allah the Almighty on this blessed country including the opportunity to serve the Two Holy Mosques, as well as pilgrims, Umrah performers, visitors and worshipers.

The declaration sought to pave the way to resolve the long-standing Afghan crisis through negotiations among warring parties, and rejection of all acts of violence and extremism in all forms and manifestations.

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Iranian Ambassador, EU special envoy discuss Afghan peace process

KABUL: Iran's envoy to Islamabad Mohammad Ali Hosseini and European Union Special Envoy on Afghanistan Androulla Kaminara discussed the Afghan peace process.

Hosseini and Kaminara conferred on the latest developments related to the peace process in Afghanistan, according to Fars news agency.

Following the talks, the Iranian ambassador on his Twitter page expressed his satisfaction with the meeting and said constructive viewpoints were exchanged on the issue.

In relevant remarks last week, Iranian Special Envoy on Afghanistan Affairs Mohammad Ebrahim Taherian Fard said different factions should reach a joint strategy to restore peace in the country.

Taherian Fard, in a phone conversation with the Afghan President's Advisor for National Security Affairs Hamdullah Mohib, stressed the need for all political groups to adopt a shared strategy in a bid to push forward the ongoing peace process.

He referred to the recent visit of the UN chief's special envoy for Afghanistan to Tehran, arguing that all factions in the Central Asian country should decide unanimously for the country.

Mohib, for his part, hailed Iran's stance on the peace process in Afghanistan, stressing that the Afghan government will resist against the new wave of aggression.

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