



The regional threat of civil war in Afghanistan



Can the UN push Afghanistan and the Taliban back to the negotiating table?



Retail sales rise to best level in nearly three years - CBI



Here's why Rameez Raja says Pakistani team could lose against Afghanistan



Any attempts to cross border into Uzbekistan to be suppressed, Foreign Ministry says

US Senate Republican Leader seeks delay in Afghanistan withdrawal

KABUL: President Donald Trump's Afghan ally Sen. Lindsey Graham has arrived in the United States ahead of a meeting with President Joe Biden at the White House on Friday. Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, is expected to meet with Biden on Thursday. The meeting is expected to be a key moment in the process of withdrawing US troops from Afghanistan. Graham is expected to urge Biden to delay the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. He is also expected to urge Biden to continue the fight against the Taliban. Graham is a vocal critic of the Biden administration's policy on Afghanistan. He has been a leading voice in the Republican Party's opposition to the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. Graham is expected to be a key player in the debate over the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. He is expected to be a strong advocate for a delay in the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. Graham is expected to be a key player in the debate over the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. He is expected to be a strong advocate for a delay in the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan.



World knows what Pakistan has brought to Afghanistan: India

New Delhi: The world knows what Pakistan has brought to Afghanistan, India said on Thursday in a terse response to Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi's comments that its presence in the war-torn country is larger than it ought to be. "We firmly believe that it is for the Afghan people to decide their partners and the size of that partnership. India has brought electricity, roads, schools, health clinics, youth and community projects to Afghanistan," external affairs ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

"The world knows what Pakistan has brought to Afghanistan," he said at a media briefing when asked about Qureshi's comments. It is widely believed that the Pakistan security establishment has been supporting several terror groups like Jaish-e-Muhammad and the Haqqani Network which are active in Afghanistan.

To separate questions, Bagchi said India supports all peace initiatives in Afghanistan and has supported all peace initiatives and has a long-term commitment towards development and reconstruction of Afghanistan," Bagchi said. "In this context, we remain in touch with various stakeholders, including regional countries," he said.



Hundreds of Parwan residents ready to fight Taliban in Baghlan



KABUL: Hundreds of former Mujahideen leaders and fighters, along with officials in Parwan province have come together in preparation to fight the Taliban in neighboring Baghlan province. Parwan residents, who have taken up arms, said they will not allow the Taliban to enter province. "We are ready to confront them," said Zabih, a member of the public opinion force. "We will fight till we last breath, we will not allow the Taliban to become dominant. No experience with them," said Gul Agha, another member of the opinion force. "I am ready 100% to go to the frontline," said Abdul Rahman, another member. Some former Mujahideen leaders also warned

US to give Afghanistan 3m doses of J&J vaccine

KABUL: The U.S. plans to give Afghanistan two million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as the country is facing a surge of coronavirus cases, a senior US administration official said. The official said the doses could be sent as early as next week along with other supplies such as oxygen. "As we continue to undertake our security mission, Afghanistan has experienced a significant COVID outbreak of the Chinese vaccine, and we will be providing 3 million doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine to the people of Afghanistan who shipped as soon as next week, pending logistics," White House deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters. "We are also providing oxygen and other supplies."

Afghanistan is short on oxygen and vaccines it needs to combat the surge of coronavirus cases happening in the country. The gravity of the surge is unclear as testing has been limited to the country who are infected. Official statistics showed 85 people died daily from the virus this past week, but the actual tally could be much higher, according to the Journal. Health ministry spokesman Ghulam Durrani said he would be looking to install more oxygen plants as citizens are begging for more oxygen for loved ones who are infected. Along with limited oxygen, the country has vaccinated only 1 percent of its population with the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine or the AstraZeneca vaccine from India. The increased case rate caused the U.S. embassy in the country to be put under lockdown with one person dying from the virus and several having to be evacuated out of the facility. The Kabul Times

Cultural Room opened at Afghan Embassy in Beijing



KABUL: The Afghan Cultural Room was inaugurated at a special ceremony at the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Beijing, the capital of People's Republic of China the other day.

The ceremony was attended by Abdul Ghani Qureshi, Ambassador of Afghanistan to China, who spoke at the event, providing details on the room's importance, role and content of the cultural room.

"Unfortunately, like other countries, we are facing a difficult situation," he said.

COVID-19: MoPH reports 1,532 new cases, 71 deaths

KABUL: The Ministry of Public Health on Friday reported 1,532 new positive cases of COVID-19 and 71 deaths in the country. The ministry also reported 71 deaths and 184 recoveries from COVID-19 in the past period. The deaths were reported in Kabul (1), Balkh (1), Samangan (1), Takhar (1), Kandahar (1), Faryab (1), Herat (1), Helmand (1), Paktia (1), Paktika (1), and Surkhistan (1). The ministry also reported 184 recoveries from COVID-19 in the past period. The recoveries were reported in Kabul (1), Balkh (1), Samangan (1), Takhar (1), Kandahar (1), Faryab (1), Herat (1), Helmand (1), Paktia (1), Paktika (1), and Surkhistan (1). The ministry also reported 184 recoveries from COVID-19 in the past period. The recoveries were reported in Kabul (1), Balkh (1), Samangan (1), Takhar (1), Kandahar (1), Faryab (1), Herat (1), Helmand (1), Paktia (1), Paktika (1), and Surkhistan (1).

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