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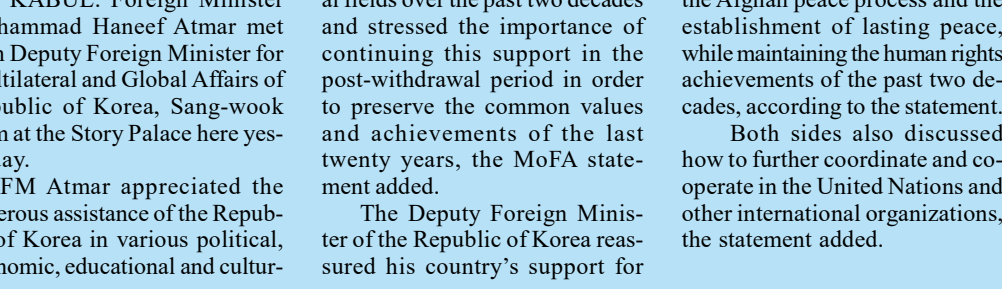
President Ghani holds video conference with provincial authorities



KABUL: President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani spoke to provincial governors and police chiefs via video conference, the Presidential Palace said Tuesday.

President Ghani stated that his recent visit to the United States at the head of a high-level government delegation and its achievements, and appreciated the human and courage of the security and defense forces in repelling enemy plots and providing security for the people, said the President in a statement. Confirm-

FM Atmar praises Korean supports for Afghanistan



KABUL: Foreign Minister Mohammad Hanif Atmar met with Deputy Foreign Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Republic of Korea, Song Seung-hwan at the Story Palace here yesterday.

FM Atmar appreciated the generous assistance of the Republic of Korea in various political, economic, educational and cultural fields over the past two decades and stressed the importance of continuing this support in the post-conflict period in order to preserve the common values and achievements of the last twenty years, the MoFA statement said.

The Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea reiterated his country's support for the Afghan peace process and the establishment of lasting peace, while mentioning the importance of the past two decades, according to the statement.

Afghanistan's art gift to UN on display in New York



KABUL: Afghanistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, Abla Ruz has presented an official gift from her country to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The artwork is a painting titled "The Unseen Afghanistan" — the first gift presented by Kabul to the UN since 1963. It is the only one on display, says a statement from Afghanistan's Permanent Mission to the UN.

The Afghan government chose Abla Ruz to create the artwork because these young men and women represent the country's new spirit.

It depicts the new Afghanistan and the shared journey of the Afghan people and government with our international partners, particularly the UN.

According to the statement, the painting celebrates Afghanistan's recent gains and projects a positive outlook of the nation. Afghanistan, often hidden from public view, reflects Afghanistan's complex, raw, and rich cultural heritage.

One of the central themes of the artwork is the value of and right to education for all. The importance of partnerships and peace is another major theme.

At the receiving ceremony, Ambassador Abla Ruz said: "It has been a long-term goal of the Afghan government to donate a symbolic and original artwork to the UN — an organization that has been instrumental in building the New Afghanistan."

The painting we have decided to gift to the United Nations is a celebration of the resilience and beauty of Afghanistan. It shows our country and its people in all their glory and aspirations... a side of Afghanistan often forgotten or unseen.

The gift also reflects the pride and the story of Afghan girls and their persistence in the face of adversity as they gain knowledge and dream big.

She concluded: "Together we will make the disposition of Afghanistan done in the painting a reality for all Afghans. Together we will make the vision, ours."

The secretary-general commended the beauty of the painting and its reflection of the courage, diversity and commitment of the Afghan people.

MOPH reports 1,501 new COVID-19 cases, 77 deaths in Afghanistan

KABUL: On Tuesday, the Ministry of Public Health reported 1,501 new positive cases of COVID-19 and 77 deaths in the last 24 hours.

The ministry also reported 77 deaths from COVID-19 and 811 recoveries in the same period. COVID-19 deaths had remained high over the last four weeks.

"All the security forces who have come to the center of Kandahar from other districts have been deployed to different parts of the city," said Shah Mahmood Fakhri, acting commander of the first response of 277 People Corps.

He also said the Taliban receive medical treatment in Pakistan hospitals.

The Kabul Times

Taliban does not represent entire Afghanistan: Iran



KABUL: Iranian Government spokesman Ali Rahmani reiterated on Tuesday his country's support for intra-Afghan talks, stressing the need for the formation of a comprehensive government in Afghanistan.

He said the Afghan government and people of Afghanistan that the Islamic Republic of Iran will stand by them, and will provide all support to them, and will reject any foreign interference in the country.

He emphasized Iran's continued stance on non-interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

He said Iran believes that talks among different Afghan groups can resolve the crisis in the country, adding that the Taliban does not represent entire Afghanistan.

"We are holding talks with different groups of Afghanistan, including the Taliban, and we will continue our negotiations with them to reach a peaceful solution to their internal differences," Rahmani told reporters in a press conference in Tehran.

He underscored the necessity of preserving the territorial integrity of Afghanistan, promoting its national unity and respecting the rights of minorities and the achievements of the Afghan people over the past two decades, and said: "We emphasize that a genuine intra-Afghan dialogue is the only reasonable solution for the Afghan issue."

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