

## President Ghani visits Balkh to assess security situation



KABUL: President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday chaired a senior security meeting to assess the situation in Balkh. Presidential Palace said in a statement.

affected the press on the security situation in the northern province. He said he would inform them on how they should respond to the Taliban. He also assured President Ghani that with coordination and cooperation with the United States, the people, they will defend the system, neutralize the commander of the Taliban, and be ready for any sacrifice," read the statement.

Meanwhile, President Ghani expressed his gratitude to the Afghan National Security Forces for keeping the country secure in the face of the Taliban's assault.

"The finance and other resources, international obligations, and the support of the United States will ensure the full support of the government," President Ghani said. "We will continue to work with the international community to ensure the security of the country."

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Karzai also urged the Islamic world to "stop the hostilities built over the past two decades." The "civililities do not belong to the forces but to Afghans. I am asking the Taliban do not destroy roads, bridges and culverts."

He further added: "We have built national army and police for this land, and we have built a system of justice. We have not taken out of nothing, we must maintain our government institutions by any means."

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## FM Atmar, Bristow discuss strengthening bilateral relations



KABUL: Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Mohammad Hanif Atmar, said that the role of the UN is to support the Afghan government, as quoted in a statement, termed the role of the UN as "support and not a substitute".

## Turkmenistan denies report about deployment of tanks armored vehicles to border with Afghanistan

KABUL: Turkmenistan rejected media reports on deployment of military equipment along the border with Afghanistan.

Turkmenistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement said yesterday that in recent days, a number of Russian media outlets have been circulating unsubstantiated reports about the situation on the Turkmen-Afghan border. "In particular, RBC TV channel spread untrue information about the deployment of Russian military equipment to Turkmenistan's military equipment and artillery to the border with Afghanistan," which means

disposal are remaining in the pit of permanent basing and center of the military base, and it is necessary to carry out planned training exercises," he said.

"In accordance with the traditions of good-neighboredness and with strict adherence to inviolable principles of the international law, Turkmenistan has steadfastly in bilateral agreements with Turkmenistan is committed maintaining and strengthening friendly relations, peace-loving and good-neighboredness with the fraternal neighbors," he said.

The statement added: "Turkmen side was and remains

According to Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan, all military units, their personnel and military equipment at Ministry's disposal are fully committed to the pursuit of cheap sensation in the foreign press. In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan declares that thanks to the brotherly relations of the two neighboring states and their peoples, the Turkmen-Afghan border is the border of friendship and cooperation," the statement further reads.

Continued to objectivity and honesty in the media space, is a long-term priority, verified thoroughly by information. This is extremely important under the current conditions of globalization of a number of aspects of international affairs, including the issues of peaceful settlement of the situation in Afghanistan. Turkmenistan stands for the complete and full implementation of bilateral-diplomatic mechanisms and instruments to restore peace in long-suffering Afghan land."

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## MoFA reacts to Taliban delegation's visit to Turkmenistan



**KABUL:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan reacted to

Taliban delegation's visit to Turkmenistan, saying the group travelling to regional centres at the time that their brutal attacks have killed thousands of innocent people across the country.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has learned through media about the Taliban delegation's visit to Turkmenistan. The Taliban delegation is a group of extremists, who are against the peace process," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs believed that bringing an end to the war in the country is possible only through a political settlement, and that the Taliban is not the peace talks," the Foreign Affairs

partners to the Afghan peace process, expects that these efforts are made in direct consultation with the Afghan Government and coalition forces, and that the Afghan government and international community establish permanent ceasefire, reversing the Taliban's ties with regional terrorists and end the war in Afghanistan," the statement concluded.

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