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Afghanistan Constitution

Article One Hundred Thirty-two

Judges are appointed at the proposal of the Supreme Court and approval of the President.

Appointment, transfer, promotion, punishment and proposals for retirement of judges, carried out according to provisions of the laws, shall be within the authority of the Supreme Court. To better regulate judicial as well as judicial administrative matters and attain necessary reforms, the Supreme Court shall establish the Office of General Administration of the Judiciary.

Will the Taliban leadership abandon its bases in Pakistan?

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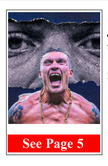

Anthony Joshua warned that Oleksandr Usyk has returned to his old amateur mentor for world heavy-weight title fight

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India may tweak its testing strategy as variants emerge

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President Ghani urges for managing people uprising under state governance

KABUL: President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani chaired a meeting of High Council for National Reconciliation at the Charchenar Palace, a statement from the Presidential Press Office said Wednesday.

The meeting was attended by the head of the High Council for National Reconciliation, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, a number of political and jihadi leaders, women, religious scholars, media representatives and social society activists, said the office in a statement.

At the meeting the bravery and courage of the country's security and defense forces against the militants was praised, with the president emphasizing that under the current sensitive condition, the people of different strata should stay alongside the security forces and perform their responsibility, the statement added.

The country's president pointed to the people uprising and their defending to republic and the country's defense and security forces in different provinces of the country and said that the people forces should be integrated within the framework of the state governance, the statement concluded. **The Kabul Times**

Germany completes withdrawal from Afghanistan

KABUL: The German military late on Tuesday concluded its withdrawal from Afghanistan after almost two decades, finishing Germany's deadliest military mission since World War 2.

"Our last troops left Afghanistan this night after almost 20 years and are on their way home," German Defence Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer said in a statement.

"This is the end of a historic chapter, of an intensive mission which has tested the Bundeswehr and in which the Bundeswehr has proven itself in combat."

It was in Afghanistan that Germany's military fought the first ground battles since the end of World War 2.

U.S. President Joe Biden and NATO announced in mid-April that they would pull out the roughly 10,000 foreign troops still in Afghanistan at the time by Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York that prompted the mission.

Over the last years, Germany had the second largest contingent of troops after the United States in Afghanistan, with around 150,000 soldiers deployed over the past two decades, many of them serving more than one tour in the country.

Fifty-nine German soldiers died in Afghanistan, 35 of them killed in combat or as a result of militant attacks, making it Germany's deadliest military mission since World War 2.

Wrapping up the operation, Germany said it would have to redeploy the equivalent of around 800 containers of equipment such as armoured vehicles, helicopters, weapons and ammunition as the drawdown began.

The multinational camp in northern Mazar-i-Sharif led by Germany had been reinforced with troops and mortars, ramping up security for the duration of the withdrawal to guard the base against attacks by the Taliban.

The Taliban severely curtailed women's and other human rights during their reign in Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, when they were ousted by U.S.-led forces. Since then they have waged a long-running insurgency and now control wide swathes of territory.

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Afghanistan reports 1,557 new COVID-19 cases, 91 deaths

Afghanistan's Public Health Ministry reported 1,557 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday, raising the total tally to 120,216.

The pandemic has so far claimed 4,962 lives in Afghanistan since the local outbreak in February last year, including 91 deaths in the past 24 hours, the ministry said in a statement.

An additional 996 patients were recorded as having recovered from the coronavirus epidemic during the cited period, according to the statement.

More than 600,000 tests for COVID-19 have been conducted in the Asian country, showed the official data. **The Kabul Times**

Peace only a 'mirage' for violence-waging Taliban, Danesh

KABUL: Second Vice-President Mohammad Sarwar Danesh called peace only a 'mirage' for the warmonger Taliban, as they have recently intensified war and violence in the country, said a statement from his office Wednesday.

"Unprecedentedly continuation of war and violence by the Taliban indicates that peace they claim is only a mirage," said Danesh in a meeting held to open the Journalists and Media Workers Support National Fund at the Government Media and Information Center (GIMC).

He said the militants misuse the slogan of peace but they don't believe in it even have no commitment to the peace agreement they signed with the US. They want to monopoly power through war and don't believe to any peaceful and political solution and justice-based power share in the country, the statement quoted him as saying.

"The ongoing war is illegitimate and completely contrary to the Islamic teachings," said the vice-president adding the militants didn't show any attention to the world Islamic Ulama's fatwa on the ongoing war in Afghanistan.

Touching on the Taliban recent assertions that the militants said Afghanistan was the common house of the Afghans including Shiite and Sunni Muslims, Danesh said no one would be deceived by the Taliban remarks expect those who have not witnessed their black past.

"The Taliban militants are setting on fire the houses of the poor local people and farmers in Dykundi province everyday and forced the people to leave their residence and we in the past have seen that how Emarate was the common house of the people and that they were the Taliban who launched mass murder in Mazar-e-Sharif, Yakawlang and Bamyan province," the vice-president reminded.

He said in Mazar-e-Sharif the militants shouted that Tajik muslims should leave for Tajikistan, Uzbek to Uzbekistan and Hazara to Qabrestan (the graveyard) and warned that the militants would never reach power and overrule the fate of the people through war and violence. **The Kabul Times**

US asks Taliban to return to Afghan peace process

KABUL: The US Defense Department on Tuesday asked the Taliban to return to the peace negotiations, reminding them that the violence remains too high in Afghanistan.

"What we want to see, what we'd like to see is the Taliban return to the peace process in a credible way," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said at a press briefing on Tuesday. "The violence remains too high, and we're all aware of all of the security situation in Afghanistan."

"I think you saw General Miller speak to that earlier today, concerns over the security situation there," he added.

Referring to recent attacks by the Taliban, Kirby said, "We see events on the ground unfold, it certainly calls into question the sincerity of their efforts to be a legitimate, credible participant in the peace process."

"That's really the right future for Afghanistan as a political process that leads to a negotiated settlement and a peaceful end to the fighting in Afghanistan. And that's what we're in favor of. That's what the administration's policy continues to try to pursue," Kirby said.

He said that once the withdrawal is complete, they will have two new mission sets at the Department of Defense: "One is to have a presence in Kabul that is sufficient to the task of protecting our diplomacy there. And two, to have a relationship with Afghanistan, a new bilateral relationship with Afghan forces that is designed to help continue their needs for competency and capability in the field.

But he reiterated that this support – to Afghan forces – will be over the horizon, over the horizon logistical support and some financial support.

He also said that the removal of US combat forces, which is what the retrograde is all about, ends the combat mission in Afghanistan for the United States.

On Tuesday, US and NATO

forces commander Gen. Scott Miller said the United States will support the Afghan security forces as foreign forces leave the country.

Miller said that the Taliban's expansion of violence makes it difficult to achieve peace.

The top US commander in Afghanistan said that the Taliban will not be able to win the war militarily and should stop the violence.

The withdrawal of US and NATO forces from Afghanistan started on May 1. Since then, violence continues to increase across the country. The peace talks between the Afghan Republic and the Taliban are stalled for the last two months following the announcement of the withdrawal of American forces by US President Joe Biden. **The Kabul Times**

Minister Zuhair meets S. Arabia Kingdom chargé d'affaires

KABUL: Mohammad Tahir Zuhair, the acting Minister of Information and Culture met with Badr al-Attibi, the chargé d'affaires of Saudi Arabia Kingdom to Kabul, Bakhtar News Agency reported Wednesday.

Mohammad Taher Zuhair, the country's Minister of Information and Culture spoke on the improvement and strengthening of cultural relations between Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia Kingdom the agency said.

The minister appreciated cooperation of Saudi Arabia and its embassy on holding cultural programs and added that such programs were very important to develop cultural relations in the future between the two countries, according to the agency.

Badr al-Attibi, the Saudi Arabia Kingdom chargé d'affaires thanked the minister of Information and Culture and emphasized for further improvement of cooperation between the two countries, the agency quoted. **The Kabul Times**