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National Assembly issues joint declaration in support of Islamic Republic system



KABUL: The Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) and the Meshrano Jirga (Upper House of Parliament) on Monday jointly declared their support for the country's Islamic Republic system, the Constitution, freedom of expression, women's rights and government's security forces.

Their declaration came after a special session that was addressed by President Ashraf Ghani who called on all MPs and Senators to mobilize the people to stand against the Taliban.

In their declaration, both houses stated that the achievements made over the past 20 years must not be lost and pledged to stand by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) and to work together to help resolve the crisis. The declaration also appealed the Taliban to join

the peace process.

In addition, the two houses called on the United Nations and other international organizations to continue their financial and political support to Afghanistan and to assist in the peace process. We support all peace efforts, the declaration stated.

The lawmakers also announced their firm support to the Afghan defense and security forces "who sacrificed their lives for the nation." "We call on the Taliban and other armed opposition groups to stop further violence and seek peace," the declaration read.

The statement implied however that the accelerated withdrawal process of foreign troops was unrealistic and had put pressure on the system.

This process not only did not lead to peace, but also legitimized an aggressive and evil group and tried to delegitimize the Afghan Republic.

This process created doubts. It created ambiguity and in product in the situation you see," the declaration stated.

The declaration was issued after President Ghani's address which saw him appealing to all parliament members to come out in support of government and country.

President Ghani told MPs and Senators "to use their contacts and mobilize the people" to stand against the Taliban. He also called on MPs to unite and to reach a unanimous agreement over securing government in order for it to survive.

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FM Atmar, German Charge d' Affaires discuss strengthening bilateral relations

KABUL: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mohammad Haseef Atmar, met with the Charge d' Affaires of the German Embassy in Kabul, Jan Hendrik van Thiel, to discuss strengthening bilateral relations, security situation, and the Afghan Peace Process, a MoFA statement said yesterday. Minister Atmar expressed gratitude to Germany for its support to the state and preserving the hard-won gains and values over the last two decades.

Minister Atmar also commended Germany's principled stance in condemning the escalation of attacks by the Taliban, according to the statement.

Expressing concern over the heightened violence, crimes, and human rights violations by the Taliban, Minister Atmar requested in the statement, called for the cooperation of the international community, particularly that of

the Federal Republic of Germany in exerting pressure on the Taliban to cease fighting and killing civilians.

The Charge d' Affaires of the German Embassy also expressed concern over the rising violence, reaffirming Germany's readiness to strengthen the peace process and continued development and humanitarian cooperation with the Government of Afghanistan.

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COVID-19: Ministry reports 587 new Cases, 30 deaths in Afghanistan

KABUL: The Ministry of Public Health on Monday reported 587 new positive cases of COVID-19 out of 2,643 samples tested in the last 24 hours. The ministry also reported 30 deaths and 940 recoveries from COVID-19 in the same period. The figures show a slight decrease in the daily COVID-19 cases in the last week.

Data by the ministry shows that the total number of cases is 148,572 and the total number of reported deaths is 6,894.

The total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally is 198,392,556 and the total deaths is 1,225,402, according to Johns Hopkins University.

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