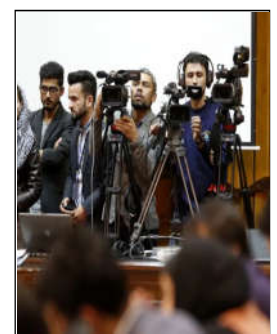




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President meets Marshal Abdul Rashid Dostum

KABUL: President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani met with former vice president Marshal Abdul Rashid Dostum yesterday at Presidential Palace. In the meeting, overall security situation particularly security of the country's north-east provinces were discussed.

In the meeting, Marshal Dostum said that they were standing beside the country's defense and security forces and defending peacefully the country and its people, adding that it is time to make sure one client (security) government of the country's security and defending the values along with Afghanistan National Defense and Security Forces.

This comes as heavy fighting continued in the city of Shabkhat, the capital of northern Herat province.

The security forces are supported by public forces loyal to the Taliban's Islamic Movement of Afghanistan led by former vice president Abdul Rashid Dostum.

Meanwhile, UNAMA, in a special UNSC meeting regarding Afghanistan on Friday, called for a special UNSC meeting regarding the Taliban's attacking Afghanistan's provincial capitals.

The Kabul Times

President Ghani hears works of AGO

KABUL: President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani in a meeting with leading body of Afghanistan Attorney General Office heard leading works of the office and issued necessary instructions for improvement of affairs in the office. In the meeting, acting director of the attorney general office Zahirullah Kalan and officials of the office's various departments shared the President their report in connection with creating a right committee, appointment of new employees, coordination with various ministries and institutions, especially building standard system, counter corruption and rule of law.

Attending the Attorney General Office for its work and development progress, president Ghani said recent changes in the respective authority and appointments should be effective.

"Any official inefficiency and changes cases' direction won't be the capacity of prosecutors should be built in the office," President Ghani said, adding that the system should be taken for acceleration of the attorney general office should specify percentage of appointments and clearly mobility of their relations with ministries and institutions in the office.

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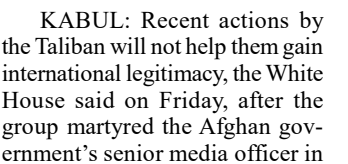
No economy, human soul in Taliban occupied areas: VP Saleh



KABUL: The First Vice President Amrullah Saleh said the brutal and factious rule in a presidential decree was a disaster for the people and direct security in Taliban occupied areas.

"The side of Afghanistan is not in a safe place," he pointed out. "The side of Afghanistan is not in a safe place," he pointed out.

White House concerned over retaliatory killings of civilians in Afghanistan



KABUL: Recent actions by the Taliban will not help them gain international legitimacy, the White House said on Friday, after the group murdered the Afghan government's senior media officer in Kabul.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said reporters at the White House said the administration is "deeply troubled" and is "concerned about retaliatory killings of civilians."

The Taliban claim to want international legitimacy; these actions are going to hurt the legitimacy they seek. They do not have to stay on this trajectory. They could choose to devote the same energy to the peace process as they are to their military campaign," Psaki said.

Taliban claimed responsibility for killing Dawa Khan Momeni, the acting Afghan defense minister, Psaki said. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for the killing attack, and there's no reason to doubt reports they are responsible."

At least eight people were killed and 20 were wounded in the Taliban's failed assassination attempt of Acting Defense Minister Gen. Bismillah Mohammadi last week on Tuesday.

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Taliban cannot be trusted for not harboring Xinjiang separatists: Qaem

KABUL: The Taliban cannot be trusted to keep their promise to China not to harbor Islamist militants seeking separation in its Xinjiang region, Afghanistan's ambassador to China told Reuters, a week after China hosted Taliban officials. The withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan, and a report in Beijing that the Taliban might have a role in the Xinjiang region, has caused concern for China, which worries that the Taliban might have a role in the Xinjiang region.

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The Taliban pledged not to interfere in China's internal affairs or allow Afghan territory to be used by anti-China forces, said the Afghan ambassador to China. Zhao Sheng, vice director of Taliban promises.

But last week, even China believes in that, "Qaem told Reuters in an interview, adding that the Taliban were 'very' saying this to get regional support."

Instead of backing one Afghan side against another, as the United States and the Soviet Union have done in the past, China has adopted an 'Afghan-led, Afghan-owned' approach, in line with its principle of non-interference.



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