



Page 2 | NATIONAL  
Entering a New Development Phase, China Voices a Fortissimo for Peaceful Development ...

**Afghanistan is still burning in Pakistani and Indian fires**

The Afghan Foreign Ministry has denied allegations by the Pakistani military that Afghan territory is being used against Pakistan. ...

Page 3 | ECONOMY  
Kabul, Islamabad discuss PTA on Monday



Kabul  
7 / -2



Herat  
15 / 4



Nangarhar  
17 / 6



Balkh  
15 / 7



# Heart of Asia

Your Gateway to Afghanistan & the Region

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Issue No. 870

www.heartofasia.af

10 afs



**'Gulbuddin Hekmatyar Is Against Afghanistan System', Says PTM Member**

Mohsin Dawar, a member of Pashtun-Tahafuz-Movement (PTM) and North Waziristan National Assembly has criticized Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's position, saying he is against the current Afghanistan system.

Speaking at a gathering in Miranshah, the center of Northern Waziristan, Dawar said Hekmatyar has been rejected by the people in the Afghan presidential election; But the Pakistani government formally invited him to Pakistan.

"We are telling Hekmatyar! There are no limits to our movement, PTM is everywhere in the Lar-aw-Bar Afghans, and as long as a single PTM worker is alive, I tell Hekmatyar that we won't let you destroy the Afghan political system," he said.

In the meantime, Manzoor Pashteen the founder and leader of PTM, criticized the Pakistani army and called for the perpetrators of the "Kharkmar" incident on May 26 this year, in which 15 members of the movement were killed and more than 40 wounded.



**Tehran, Kabul stress finalizing comprehensive strategic cooperation document**

Iranian and Afghan deputy foreign ministers on Sunday stressed the will of their countries to finalize comprehensive document of strategic cooperation as soon as possible.

Prior to the start of the fifth round of negotiations on a comprehensive document on strategic cooperation between Iran and Afghanistan held on Sunday by the two sides' delegations, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and his Afghan counterpart Mirwais Nab met to review process of the negotiations.

Expressing satisfaction with the progress made in this round, Araghchi hoped that the comprehensive document on strategic cooperation between Iran and Afghanistan will be ready for ... **P2**

## Australia to release Afghan war crimes report Thursday



Australia is set to release a "highly secretive probe" report into allegations of war crimes by its special forces deployed in war-torn Afghanistan.

Inspector-general of the Australian

Defense Force, who spent more than four years investigating the horrific accusations against Australian troops, has already submitted the report to the government.

"The final report by Justice Paul

Brereton is due to be released on Thursday," ABC [Australian Broadcasting Corporation] News reported on Monday.

It was military culture expert Samantha Crompvoets' explosive

2016 report which forced the probe into the "illegal violence" committed by the Aussie troops. The report was commissioned by then-Australian military chief Angus Campbell.

"I mean, they're not unique -- there have been stories over the last couple of decades, really, about Australian Special Forces," Crompvoets said.

"But I think it's the extent of it that will be shocking, and the deliberate and repeated nature of it that will be disturbing."

She added that Aussie soldiers "were exceptional at concealing their behavior".

Last week, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced that Australia will prosecute its soldiers for the alleged war crimes committed in Afghanistan.

"There were a significant number of incidents and issues to look into, and the investigation would be inherently complex," Morrison said, adding that the country's special investigator will address the criminal matters mentioned in the inspector-general's report, investigate those allegations, gather evidence, and, ... **P3**

**Netherlands, Swiss Agency for Development Provided \$17, 000,000 Grant to Afghanistan**

The Kingdom of the Netherland and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation contributed USD 17,000,000 to assist the Government of Afghanistan, through the technical assistance of United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), for the Afghanistan Urban Safety and Security Programme (AUSSP)... **P2**



## Ending war, bringing peace is top priority for foreign policy: Atmar

Mohammad Haneef Atmar, nominated foreign affairs minister, along with other nominees for different ministries, on Monday presented his plan to members of the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) and said "ending the war and bringing peace and stability in the country is a top priority for Afghanistan's foreign policy."

He also stated that peace and stability in Afghanistan would be in the best interests of the region and the world.

However, he stated that "Afghanistan will be faced with terrorism threats" even if a peace deal is reached with the Taliban. Atmar stated that regional and global cooperation in respect of the Afghan peace process was needed and that assistance from



stakeholders in fighting terrorism was also necessary.

He said economic growth was also dependent on regional and foreign cooperation especially in terms of transit and trade connectivity.

Atmar said the international community's assistance to Afghanistan needs to become

responsible and effective.

"We will not let anyone undermine our national sovereignty," he said. Acting ministers, who have been nominated for the positions, who presented their plans to the Wolesi Jirga on Monday included Atmar, acting- Interior Minister Massoud Andarabi and acting-Finance Minister Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal.

### Libya talks...

cast doubts over their clout in a country where two administrations, as well as an array of armed groups and foreign powers, are already vying for power.

Since 2014, the country has been split between rival factions based in Tripoli, the seat of the GNA, and eastern Libya, where the LNA is based.

The GNA emerged from a UN-backed political agreement in 2015, but was spurned by eastern factions. Last year, Haftar launched an LNA offensive on Tripoli that the GNA turned back in June with support from Turkey.

The LNA is backed by the United Arab Emirates, Russia and Egypt.

Jalel Harchaoui, a Libya specialist at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague, warned that foreign interests could easily derail the process.

"The UN's biggest difficulty is that there are permanent Turkish and Russian military bases and Emirati officers on the ground," he told AFP news agency. Harchaoui noted that for an interim executive to be accepted, "there need to be names for each of the main posts".

"Until this step is fulfilled," he said, "a deal won't lead to anything concrete."

### Tehran, Kabul...

signing by the presidents of the two countries soon.

This document delineates prospects of long-term relations between the two countries in the political, security, economic, cultural and national areas, as well as the issue of water.

Fifth round of negotiations on a comprehensive document on strategic cooperation between Iran and Afghanistan will continue on Monday.

By: Wang Yu, Chinese Ambassador to Afghanistan

# Entering a New Development Phase, China Voices a Fortissimo for Peaceful Development and Win-Win Cooperation

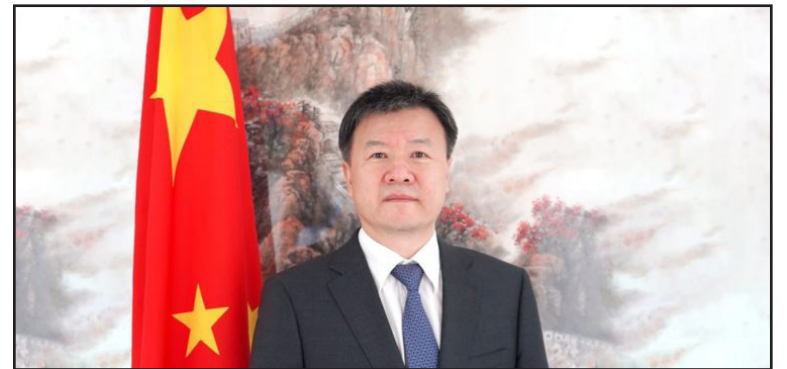
In October, the Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was successfully held in Beijing. General Secretary Xi Jinping delivered a report on the work of the Political Bureau at the meeting. The plenary session deliberated and adopted the Proposal of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China on Formulating the Fourteenth Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Term Goals for 2035 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Proposal'), the most important outcome of the meeting. The Proposal has been made by pooling the wisdom of the whole Party and condensing the consensus of the whole society. It marks a new phase of development for China. As an important part of China's national economic planning, five-year plans have been made and implemented since the 1950s. They contain plans for various economic and social development programmes and have been the most authoritative source of reference for all countries wishing to better understand China's economic development trend. The Proposal as adopted will serve as an action guide for socio-economic development in China in the next five years and beyond and release strong signals to the world for jointly building a community of shared future for mankind. It is a fortissimo of the times for peaceful development and win-win cooperation.

The plenary session praised the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core for staying true to its original aspiration and keeping its mission firmly in mind, uniting and leading the entire Party and the people of all ethnic groups in striving to advance the cause of the Party and the country, making decisive achievements

during the 13th five-year plan period towards a moderately well-off society and laying down a solid foundation for the new journey of building a modern socialist country in an all-round way.

First, the economic strength of China has been steadily enhanced and its economic structure has been continuously optimized. Since 2016, the international situation has become more complex. Increased unilateralism, protectionism and hegemonism have all created obstacles for China in economic development and foreign trade. In this context and with a belief in seeking progress while keeping performance stable, the CPC Central Committee has coordinated efforts to promote steady and rapid growth and focused on improving the economic structure in an all-round way. Over the past five years, the national economy has grown at an average annual rate of over 6.5%, about twice the world average. The economic structure has been continuously optimized and the GDP is expected to exceed USD 15 trillion in 2020.

Second, people's livelihood and welfare have been improved at an accelerated pace and the results of poverty alleviation have attracted worldwide attention. During the 13th five-year plan period, setting the eyes on the most immediate and practical interests of the Chinese people, the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as its core, has channeled intensified efforts to enhance the quality of employment and people's income, improve the public service system, develop and improve the social security system and rolled out targeted poverty alleviation, achieving good results in all fields. In 2019, per capita disposable income reached USD 4,648, an increase of 39.9% over 2015. Basic public services such as health care are



accessible to the entire population, with basic medical insurance covering more than 1.3 billion people and basic endowment insurance covering nearly one billion. Over the past five years, the number of people living in poverty has decreased substantially. The per capita net income of registered poor households nationwide increased from USD 517 in 2015 to USD 1,484 in 2019, representing an average annual increase of 30.2%. From 2016 to 2019, more than 50 million poor people in rural areas were lifted out of poverty. Third, the ecological environment has been visibly improved, further boosting the effort to build a beautiful China. During the 13th five-year plan period, China has unwaveringly prioritized ecological and green development, resulting in historic changes in all aspects of ecological protection. Over the past five years, China's carbon dioxide emission intensity has continued to decrease, 18.2% lower than that in 2015. In 2019, energy consumed for unit industrial added value by enterprises of scale dropped by more than 15% compared with that in 2015, equivalent to an energy conservation of 480 million tons of standard coal. At the general debate of the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly, President Xi announced that

China aims to reach a peak in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060, arousing strong international responses.

Fourth, the high-level opening-up has produced real results and the business environment is among the best in the world. President Xi said that business environment must be constantly improved, till good is better and better best. During the 13th five-year plan period, China has taken a series of major opening-up measures, amended and implemented the foreign investment law, shortened the negative list for admittance of foreign investment, created 21 pilot free trade zones and signed 17 free trade agreements with 25 countries and regions. These have greatly reduced market operating costs, created a stable, fair, transparent and predictable business environment and accelerated the building of a new open economic system.

Fifth, bearing in mind the people first concept, China has achieved major strategic results in responding to and controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. For the first time, the Proposal takes as its long-term goal more tangible and substantive progress towards common prosperity for all, which fully reflects the CPC's belief in people supremacy and the people-centered actions. ... **P3**

### Editorial

## Afghanistan is still burning in Pakistani and Indian fires

The Afghan Foreign Ministry has denied allegations by the Pakistani military that Afghan territory is being used against Pakistan. Two days ago, Pakistani military spokesman Babar Iftikhar claimed that India was supporting groups carrying out terrorist attacks in Pakistan. He said that the mastermind of these groups is an Indian named Rajish, who now works at the Indian Embassy in Kabul. But the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs says that Afghanistan is a victim of terrorism and does not allow anyone to use Afghan territory against other countries. The State Department continues to dismiss Pakistan's allegations as baseless. The allegations come as the Pakistani prime minister arrives in Kabul this week to speak with Afghan officials about the Afghan peace process and bilateral relations.

Pakistan and India are directly involved in Afghan war and we are still burning in Indian and Pakistani fire. If Pakistan supported the Taliban, India supported the Afghan government and some groups involved in the destruction of

Afghanistan. Pakistan has deal with the United States over Afghanistan and is fully involved in peace process. But India is also strongly opposed to the Afghan peace process. Not only does India use its mercenary politicians and government force, it is even involved in militarization and other activities. Unfortunately, we are still killing our brother for the Interests of Pakistan and India. The Afghan Interior Ministry has recently claimed that 152 Pakistani militants were killed in the Helmand war. It is true that this number may be an exaggeration, but Pakistan is still sending weapons, suicide bombers and militants to Afghanistan, and this is an obvious fact. Likewise, India and its politicians and affiliates are involved in all sorts of destructive activities and mysterious assassinations to undermine the peace process. The political stance of the majority of Afghan politicians so far is both Islamabad and New Delhi. Some of them use Pakistani serum and some of them use Indian serum. On the government side, the image of India was positive because India

apparently helped the Afghan government, and in the Taliban areas, the image of Pakistan was positive because they supported Pakistan with the Taliban. But the fact is that neither Pakistani nor Indian officials are good for Afghanistan. The Pakistani government has softened the war in Afghanistan for its own interests, and India is trying to involve Pakistan in the war in Afghanistan in order to weaken it and pave the way for the transfer of insecurity to Pakistan. Accordingly, both countries have used the soil, blood and heads of Afghans for their sinister interests and this game is still going on.

But now it is time for our politicians to open their eyes and cut off the Pakistani and Indian serums on their lives, to build their political stance and to think for the interests, dignity and pride of their people and country instead of Indian and Pakistani interests. It is time for all of us to protect our land from the wars that benefit India and Pakistan, and to embrace our brother instead of killing him and solve our problem.

### Netherlands, ...

According to UN Habitat, the AUSSP is being implemented with technical assistance of UN-Habitat in partnership with municipalities, and Deputy Ministry of Municipalities (DMM), Ministry of Urban Development and Land (MUDL), Ministry of Interior, (MOI), and Ministry of Women Affairs (MoWA), in 8 strategic cities across the country since 2015.

The programme focuses on women, men, girls and boys in the cities with the purpose of strengthening citizen trust in their local and national governments authorities, by supporting improved social & governance relationships by bridging the gap between communities and their governing authorities to facilitate: safe, secure and inclusive urban neighborhoods in cities as active stakeholder participants in the governance and social systems.

The activities are implemented at the community, municipal and national levels, adopting the concept of Safety and Security that encompasses holistic socio-economic issues, and which address crime prevention, through community policing, and crime prevention measures. To respond to the needs, The Kingdom of Netherlands and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation supported the programme from 2015 through two phases (Phase I Afghanistan Urban Peacebuilding Programme AUPP and Phase II Afghanistan Urban Safety and Security AUSSP).

In close collaboration with IDLG/DMM, MUDH, MoWA MoIA/ Police-e-safe, secure and inclusive urban neighborhoods in cities as active stakeholder participants in the governance and social systems. In close collaboration with IDLG/DMM, MUDH, MoWA MoIA/ Police-e-safe, secure and inclusive urban neighborhoods in cities as active stakeholder participants in the governance and social systems. In close collaboration with IDLG/DMM, MUDH, MoWA MoIA/ Police-e-safe, secure and inclusive urban neighborhoods in cities as active stakeholder participants in the governance and social systems.

# Kabul, Islamabad discuss PTA on Monday

Islamabad and Kabul are set to hold discussions on bilateral and transit trade as well as preferential trade agreement (PTA).  
The two sides are expected to confer on a new era of trade and investment cooperation, with Pakistan enhancing exports to Afghanistan and beyond, Dawood

tweeted.  
Dawood may also meet President Ashraf Ghani during his visit to Kabul. The talks will happen on Nov 16-18.  
Pakistan and Afghanistan had signed a transit trade agreement in 1965 that was revised in 2010. Pakistan had since been providing the landlocked country the transit facility. Both sides have now agreed on amendments to the Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA).



### Exchange Rates

76.8	\$	76.9
89.9	€	90
99.1	£	99.2
488	Rp.	489
20.7	دروغ	20.8
1030	₹	1040

### Contact Numbers

- Kabul Police -119
- Kabul Ambulance - 112
- Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital  
0202301360
- Ata Turk Hospital  
0202500312
- Corona call center - 166

### Australia to release...

whether appropriate, refer briefs to the director of public prosecutions for consideration.  
The alleged role of Australian soldiers in war crimes against Afghans came to the fore after the ABC ran a series -- the Afghan Files -- on the issue back in 2017. The Afghan Files accused Australian troops of civilian killings in Afghanistan, and the shocking disclosures led to police raids on the ABC headquarters in Sydney last year.  
The stories by ABC investigative journalists Dan Oakes and Sam Clark revealed allegations of unlawful killings and misconduct by Australian special forces and were based on hundreds of pages of leaked secret defense documents.  
Australia's role in Afghanistan dates back to 2001 and it continues to provide military support for "mentoring, operational and reconstruction activities" in the war-torn country.  
Stain on Australia's reputation  
"The unlawful murder of Afghan civilians at the hands of Australian Special Forces operators is a further stain on the country's international reputation," noted CJ Werleman, a global rights defender and journalist.  
In a brief conversation with Anadolu Agency, Werleman said: "Australia has taken a significant hit in recent years for its criminal mistreatment of refugees, stubborn refusal to address climate change, diplomatic cover it has afforded Israel's war crimes in the Palestinian Territories and the military assistance it gave Myanmar as it carried out genocide against the Rohingya."  
"Clearly there's a crisis of leadership within the ranks of Australia's most elite forces, as former operators have spoken out about a culture of impunity, obsession with 'kill counts', and collapse in basic morality," said Werleman, who has been vocal in raising issues of oppressed communities, including Afghans.  
"If these findings and subsequent investigations don't lead to criminal charges, then it will be a further indictment against Australia's moral character and commitment to international law," he added.

### Entering a New...

In the fight against COVID-19, the Party and the government have coordinated pandemic prevention and control with socio-economic development. With the top priority always placed on the safety and health of the people, the government pays for the medical expenses of all COVID-19 patients. The Chinese people are the most satisfied with the government's pandemic response, according to a multinational survey conducted by an American polling agency.  
During the 13th five-year plan period, in the face of the complicated international situation, the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi at its core has devised science-based strategies and offered a strong leadership, which have led to a major strategic victory in the fight against COVID-19 while accomplishing the arduous tasks of domestic reform, development and stability. The Proposal has built on those remarkable achievements and outlined a systematic plan for economic and social development in the coming 14th five-year plan period. The message is clear-cut that China will continue pursuing peaceful development and win-win cooperation and join hands with other countries to develop a new model of international relations and a community of shared future for all mankind. The very informative and instructive document will greatly boost the confidence of the Chinese people and other countries in the world, especially developing ones like Afghanistan.  
First, China will incentivize innovation and develop itself into a powerhouse of science and technology. It will further strengthen its strategic scientific and technological forces, master critical core technologies and enhance its global competitiveness. In recent years, some countries have gone all out to suppress Chinese companies such as Huawei and Tik Tok. In particular, various barriers have been set by and the power of the whole nation has been used to block the supply of the most critical chips to Chinese companies, impeding economic development and scientific and technological progress in China. In the new development era, China will

increase its investments in research and development, enable its enterprises to engage in innovation, resolutely resist international bullying and further share development opportunities with other developing countries.  
Second, China will focus on the development of the real economy and optimize the economic system. The real economy, as the main body of a country's modern economic system, is the focus and foundation of its economic development. China has always attached great importance to maintaining a healthy and sustainable share of the real economy in the national economy, which is actually a magic weapon for it to tide over global economic crises. As the next step, China will unswervingly develop itself into a manufacturing power renowned for the high quality of its products, consolidate the foundation of the real economy, promote the optimization and upgrading of the entire industrial chain, steadily improve the quality, efficiency and core competitiveness of its economy, and strive to serve as the ballast stone for global economic development.  
Third, China seeks to establish a new pattern of development based on the domestic market. Expanding domestic demand, cultivating a complete domestic circulation system and promoting connectivity between the domestic and international markets will be the fundamental strategy for China to shape international competitive advantages and realize sustainable economic development for some time to come. With a population of 1.4 billion and a per capita GDP of over USD 10,000, China is the world's largest and most promising consumer market with an enormous room for growth. With a strong domestic market, China will be able to connect production, distribution, circulation and consumption seamlessly in an optimized supply structure. By upgrading the domestic market, it will be well positioned to provide a good market foundation for countries around the world to share broader market opportunities.  
Fourth, China will pursue a high-level opening up and steer the whole world towards

a general trend of win-win global cooperation. China is committed to opening up wider and deeper to the outside world, promoting trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, and jointly contributing to the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The principle of achieving common development through consultation, joint actions and shared benefits has been widely praised by the international community. By expanding two-way trade and investment, strengthening the security of BRI and promoting infrastructural connectivity with other countries, China will further advance the multilateral trade regime, promote international cooperation and achieve mutual benefit and win-win results.  
The Chinese nation has always believed and maintained that all under heaven are of one family, that all people are my brothers and all things are my kinds, that all nations should live together peacefully and that all under heaven should pursue a great harmony. President Xi has repeatedly called for upholding the international system with the United Nations at its core and the international order based on international law. He stressed on various occasions that China pursues an opening-up strategy featuring mutual benefit and win-win and would like to work with people of other countries to develop a community with a shared future for mankind. As the largest developing country in the world, it will not be possible for China to achieve its goal of socio-economic development and becoming a modern socialist country in an all-round way if there is not a stable international political and security situation, or if it fails to work hard or if it shuns the rest of the world in development. China stands ready to work closely with Afghanistan and other countries around the world to fight the pandemic, promote and improve a more just and equitable global economic governance system, and jointly facilitate high-quality development in BRI countries. With more and more mutually-beneficial and win-win cooperation in all fields, China will usher in a happy and healthy future together with other countries in the world.

## Heart of Asia

**Chief Editor: M. Hamid Hamdard**  
**Reporters: Safiullah Nasary, Shafiq Amirzay, Jawad Temori & Hameedullah Hamidi**  
**Graphic & Design: Arman**  
**Phone: +93-202502100 - +93-777989696**  
**Website: www.heartofasia.af**  
**Email: heartofasiadaily@gmail.com**  
**Address: Behind Rahman Baba High School - Opposite to 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Kabul - Afghanistan**  
**Print: Waygal Printing .Co - +93 - 202512626**



WAYGAL Printing Co.

**If You Can Think It, We Can ink it.**

### OFFSET PRINTING

- Logo Design
- Business Card
- Books
- Letterheads
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- File Folders
- Brochure
- Flyers
- Calendars
- Posters
- other...

+93 (0) 704 734 984  
+93 (0) 782 98 9696  
+93 (0) 202512626  
Dehbori Crossroads in Front of Park Kabul  
waygalprinting.co@gmail.com

# Libya talks pause without naming transitional government

Talks on Libya's future have adjourned without naming a new government to oversee a transition to possible elections next year. But Stephanie Williams, the United Nations envoy for Libya, said on Sunday that she was "very pleased with the outcome" of the talks with 75 delegates selected by the UN to meet in Tunis having agreed to hold presidential and parliamentary elections on December 24 next year. "The majority in the room do not want the status quo," Williams said at a news conference after the talks ended. "This is not an acceptable alternative. It is not sustainable; everybody recognises that. The hard summer that many Libyans passed through – with no electricity, and very little water and all the other hardships and the [coronavirus] pandemic – was really a wake-up call." The UN envoy said there was still a lot of work to

do and that delegates will resume talks online next week to discuss a reformed structure and role for the executive authority. They will also discuss the question of a constitutional basis for the election. "We have agreed to reconvene in about a week in a virtual meeting [to] agree on the selection mechanism for the coming authority," Williams told journalists. But she said "no names... were discussed" during the meetings in the capital of neighbouring Tunisia. She added: "Ten years of conflict cannot be resolved in one week." The talks come as part of a wider peacemaking process along with a military ceasefire agreed between the two main sides in the war: the internationally recognised Government of National Accord (GNA) and Khalifa Haftar's self-styled Libyan National Army (LNA).



However, many Libyans are sceptical about a process that has followed nearly a decade of chaos and bloodshed and repeated previous

efforts to resolve the country's divisions. Observers have criticised the way the delegates were chosen for the Tunis talks and ... **P3**

### A look at the world

#### Japan says economy 'recovering' at 40-year high

Japan's pandemic-hit economy is growing at 40-year high, the government said on Monday. The gross domestic product or GDP registered an unprecedented surge by annual 21.4% growth in the July-September quarter, NHK News reported. It is the highest growth rate registered by the world's third largest economy in at least four decades. Rebound in the Japanese economy comes after the country witnessed a plunge of 28.1% in its annual growth amid the COVID-19 pandemic which has battered the world economy.



GDP is the total value of goods and services produced in a country. The officials added that Japan's personal consumption also grew by 4.7%. The personal consumption in Japan accounts for more than half of the country's \$5.71 trillion GDP. The government launched subsidized intra-country tourism packages to boost spending on travel and dining-out. The government data also showed a 7% surge in the country's exports. Japanese shipments of vehicles and auto parts to the US and China have registered an increase in the past quarter. Corporate capital spending and residential investment have witnessed a fall. "While preventing infection, the government must also support employment and businesses, and make the economic recovery more solid. We have to work to get the economy back on track for growth led by private demand," said Japanese Economic Revitalization Minister Nishimura Yasutoshi. He warned resurgence in the coronavirus infections would "create risks for economic recovery." Japan has reported nearly 116,700 cases of the COVID-19 infections including 1,883 deaths since the outbreak.

#### 'Fabricated': India denies Pakistan 'terror' funding allegations



India has denied allegations by its arch foe Pakistan that the Indian government had helped fund armed groups on Pakistani soil, with a foreign ministry spokesman dismissing them as "fabricated" and "figments of imagination". Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Saturday accused India of sponsoring "terrorism" aimed at destabilising the country and undermining its economic partnership with China. He said that Islamabad would present its evidence to the United Nations and other international bodies. "This desperate attempt will find few takers as the international community is aware of Pakistan's tactics," India's Foreign Ministry spokesman Anurag Srivastava said in a statement. He added that Pakistan itself funds rebels – an allegation Islamabad also denies. A statement from Pakistan's military said India was "training, harbouring and launching... terrorists into Pakistan," from 87 training camps – 66 in Afghanistan and 21 in India. "We expect the international community to force India to end its terrorism & bring to justice those responsible for killing thousands of innocent people in Pakistan," Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Twitter. The nuclear-armed neighbours – who have fought three wars since both won independence from colonial power Britain – have long accused each other of equipping rebels. But Saturday's announcement by Pakistan's foreign minister and military at a news conference in the capital Islamabad provided a heightened level of detail and specific accusations.

#### China urges U.S. to stop suppression of Chinese companies

China on Friday urged the United States to correctly view China's military-civilian integration policy and stop the "unreasonable suppression" of specific Chinese companies on the pretext of national security, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) said on Monday. U.S. President Donald Trump last week signed an executive order banning Americans from investing in Chinese firms that Washington says are linked to China's military. "China urges the U.S. to stop its unreasonable suppression of Chinese companies and provide a fair, just and non-discriminatory environment for Chinese enterprises to operate in the United States," MOFCOM said



in a statement on its website. "The U.S. administration disregarding facts and determining the relevant Chinese enterprises are military-controlled enterprises is lacking in basis and does not conform to legal principles," the ministry said. "The essence of China-U.S. economic cooperation is mutual benefits and win-win results," the statement read, adding that "China's capital market in recent years has been increasingly favored by investors worldwide, including the United States, which reflects the confidence of global investors in the Chinese economy and the recognition of its capital market's deepening reform and opening-up." Some people in the U.S. often use so-called "national security" as an excuse to artificially impede U.S. investors' entry into the Chinese market, or even politicize them, which is "not in line with economic laws and will only cause companies to miss market opportunities and harm the interests of investors," the ministry added. Chinese enterprises have always adhered to operating in compliance with laws and regulations, and will continue to conduct mutually beneficial cooperation with other countries on the basis of respect for market rules and relevant laws, the MOFCOM said.



# Shigal

## English Academy

شیگل انگلیش اکاډمی

### Easy English Learning



Dehbori, 2nd Street Behind Park, 3rd District, Kabul



+93 (0) 789 98 9696



shigal.edu@gmail.com



Shigal English Academy



www.shigal.edu.af