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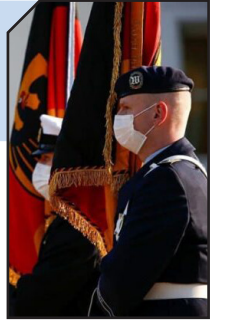
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Kabul Attacks Part of U.S. proxy War: Tehran

Iran has condemned Saturday's rocket attacks in Kabul calling it "an example of proxy war" in war-torn Afghanistan. A statement by Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said the responsibility for the attacks rests directly on the United States. According to reports in the Afghan media, at least 23 rockets were fired on different parts of the Afghan capital on Saturday morning, claiming eight lives and injuring 31 others. One of the rockets landed in the premises of Iran's embassy in the highly-fortified zone of Kabul, resulting in minor damage to the embassy building. No casualties were reported. Khatibzadeh expressed sympathy with the government and people of Afghanistan and confirmed that at least one rocket had hit the Iranian embassy compound. ... **P3**



Australia Defense Chief Vows Changes After Afghanistan Report

Australia's top military official said on Sunday the country's defense force must 'own' a recent report on soldiers committing crimes in Afghanistan and pledged changes to ensure that atrocities do not happen again. The report, published on Thursday after an inquiry into the conduct of Special Forces personnel in Afghanistan between 2005 and 2016, found that senior commandos forced junior soldiers to kill defenseless captives in order to "blood" them for combat. Defense Force Chief General Angus Campbell said on Sunday he would be held to account to ensure the report was dealt with thoroughly, as well as for duty and performance as the commander in the Middle East in 2011. "I want the ADF (Australia Defense Force) to acknowledge that this is something we've got to own because if we don't own it, we won't fix ... **P3**

Geneva Conference: Financial Assistance & Political Support for Afghanistan's Next 4 Years



The 2020 Afghanistan Conference entitled "Peace, Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency" for financial assistance and political support to Afghanistan for the next four years will be held today in Geneva, Switzerland. The President's spokesman, Sediq Sediqi tweeted yesterday that the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan will be held virtually for two days,

starting today (Monday). According to Sediqi, representatives of more than 100 countries and the international organizations will gather at this conference. The conference which will be hosted by Afghanistan, Finland and the United Nations, will open at 13:30 p.m. (Kabul time). In the meantime, the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs said in a press release that the Foreign Minister Mohammad Haneef Atmar left for Switzerland on Saturday evening to attend the conference as the head of the Afghan government delegation. The Foreign Ministry added that Atmar was accompanied by Finance Minister Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, Ataullah Nasib, Head of the

Investment Facilitation Unit, Abdul Habib Zadran, Deputy Minister of Finance, and a number of heads and advisers to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance. The Minister of Finance, on behalf of Afghanistan, is chairing the Joint Hosting. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Finance said in a statement that Minister of Finance Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, on behalf of Afghanistan, will co-chair the conference. The Ministry of Finance added that the conference will review the mutual commitments of Afghanistan and the international community in the framework of mutual accountability, countries and donors will announce their commitments to continue financial assistance and political support to Afghanistan for the next four years. According to the Ministry of Finance, the conference will be co-hosted by the Government of Afghanistan, Finland and the United Nations, in which the Government of Afghanistan will present the second document of the Afghan National Framework for Peace and Development, which reflects the vision of achieving peace, prosperity and self-sufficiency.

UN Chief Stresses Urgency of Ending Violence

The UN secretary-general has denounced Saturday's rocket attacks in Kabul, killing at least eight civilians and wounding many more. Local officials say the rockets were fired from small trucks, hitting several densely populated areas of the capital. UN chief António Guterres expressed his deepest sympathies to the families of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to the injured. In a statement, the secretary-general underscored the urgency of ending the violence in Afghanistan. ... **P3**



Gulf Countries Have Crucial Role to Play in Afghanistan: EU

European Union officials have stressed that the role of neighboring countries of Afghanistan, including the Arab Gulf states is very important for advancing the peace process in Afghanistan, the Kuwait Times reported. "The Gulf countries play a very important role and some of them play important financial roles and security roles which are not so publicly known," one EU official told an online press conference in Brussels ahead of next week's, 23-24 November, major online pledging conference of donor states and Afghan officials hosted by Geneva. "The currently most important contribution is of course done by the Amir of Qatar by hosting the peace talks in Doha. That is a very important contribution for many months already even though they are in preliminary talks but the intra-Afghan talks then can hopefully take



off," said the official speaking on condition of anonymity. "Hosting talks between the US and the Taliban was a key contribution. We know that several other Gulf countries are lending their support to different countries in the region to bring peace in Afghanistan," he noted. The official appealed "not only to India, China, Russia but also to partners in the Gulf to be part of the international financial

efforts in support of stability and development in Afghanistan." "The regional role of the neighbors, the Gulf countries, India, Iran, Pakistan China, is very important and we hope to have a constructive role of these countries," said the EU official. "The time when Europeans and Americans and Japanese and few other partners have to take care of everything in Afghanistan will definitely be over. ... **P3**

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in the 1980s," he said. China suspends debt worth over \$1.35 bln China's total debt service payments suspended amount to \$1.35 billion under G20's DSSI, ranking first among G20 members in terms of deferral amount, said Finance Minister Liu Kun in an interview on Friday. China's debt service suspension benefit 23 countries, said Liu, adding that this is an important deliverable that China contributes for the G20 Leaders' Summit. Besides the \$1.353-billion suspended debt service by official bilateral creditors – the China International Development Cooperation Agency and the Export-Import Bank of China – the China Development Bank, as a commercial creditor, also signed agreements with developing countries involving \$748 million by the end of September, according to Liu.

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the Atlantic have the continuity and the predictability that they need," Canada's International Trade Minister Mary Ng said. "This trade continuity agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom assures we maintain our strong and mutually beneficial trade relationship." The deal must be approved by both countries and in Canada, that means approval from Parliament. Canadian opposition politicians have complained there is not enough time to study all provisions of the deal in detail before the traditional extended holiday break.

By Camelia Entekhabifard

Taliban Crimes and Incompetence of Officials

For us city dwellers witnessing a Mazda van stop on a main road to shower the city with rockets launched from an automatic mortar clumsily installed on the back of a Mazda van would be a rare, unexpected and somewhat unbelievable experience. Today, Kabul faced one of its most horrific days of autumn of 2020. Shaqayeq and Mashaal were having breakfast with their mother when a rocket ruptured the wall of their house and covered the dead bodies of both young girls with blood and dust.

The rocket launcher that was to aim a citadel instead threw its missiles at the city at random because its unstable and shaky platform was installed on a moving Mazda van. Twenty three out of the twenty four rockets carried by the launcher were fired at various areas in Kabul resulting in at least 8 deaths and the injury of tens of civilians.

The lives of Afghans and in particular those who live in the capital Kabul pass in daily fear of suicide bombers, stray rockets and magnetic mines. In a country where a single military vehicle can threaten a city and its inhabitants in broad daylight, on what basis and with what logical argument can people hope for meaningful negotiations with the Taliban, let alone striking peace with them?

The Taliban will soon declare that the attack was not carried out by them. It may be difficult for western analysts to differentiate between active terrorist groups in Afghanistan as they believe that the ISIS and the Taliban are two separate groups. The people of Afghanistan, however, know better. The root of all terrorist groups in Afghanistan is the Taliban. The ISIS is the same as the Taliban in a different guise when the situation requires it.

The Qatar peace talks between the Taliban and the United States in which Afghan officials took part recently, was another show of failure in negotiations with criminal terrorists.

On the one side of these negotiations are those - who with the financial assistance and support of foreign governments - see themselves as power-sharing partners in war against their defenseless and helpless people, and on the other side are negotiators who manipulate these talks in order to gain credibility for themselves. Qatar, the host of the negotiations, hide its regional isolation behind a false success, and Afghan-born Zalmay Khalilzad, US top negotiator thinks of



reaching the pinnacle of fame where he would be called the champion of peace.

Today, Mr. Khalilzad should be asked about the whereabouts of some 5,000 dangerous prisoners whose freedom he brokered, and that why in return of their freedom no guarantees for the cessation of violence and terrorist attacks were obtained? The United Nations says most of the freed Taliban went back to war zones.

It is the ever-suffering people of Afghanistan who pay the price for Taliban crimes and the incompetence of those who are involved in fake peace negotiations with the missionary infidel Taliban sect, but the responsibility for the current short-comings should not all be put on their supportive foreign powers or the naive belief that negotiations would bring about peace. The government of Ashraf Qhani's weak hand in intelligence and security is another reason for the continued absence of security in Afghanistan in general and Kabul in particular.

Officials in charge of the county's intelligence and security lack knowledge and field experience to ward off such threats. While experts such as Rahmatollah Nabil (former head of National Directorate of Security), or Bismillah mohamadi (former Chief of Staff of the

Afghan National Army and former Interior Minister) and tens of others with excellent record with the National Directorate of Security are removed from office, the appointment of young inexperienced individuals to sensitive intelligence and security posts have resulted the current situation.

The import of explosives into the country of such volume and the installation of a rocket launcher in a workshop with the full knowledge of the people is more a sign of an intelligence and security lapse and the weakness of responsible government departments rather than the boldness and self-confidence of terrorists.

Pentagon has announced that by mid-January, it will reduce the number of US soldiers in Afghanistan to 2500. And according to the agreement between the Taliban and the US government, all American soldiers will evacuate Afghanistan by the first half of 2021.

With a look at today's situation in the country – from security threats to poverty, unemployment, disease and the disaster the coronavirus has inflicted on Afghans - if the international community turns its back to Afghanistan like it did after the Soviet withdrawal in 1990s, the prospect for this country is nothing but civil wars and destruction.

By Caitlin Johnston

Get the hell out of Afghanistan

The much-anticipated report on potential war crimes by the Australian Defence Force in Afghanistan has been released, recommending 19 current or former soldiers be investigated for up to 39 murders.

Not combat kills. Not accidental kills. Not non-combatants killed by disputable decisions made in the heat of battle. Not civilians killed due to recklessness or carelessness on the part of Australian forces. Murders. Of non-combatants who died for no other reason than happening to live in a region the US power alliance has seen geo-strategic value in keeping militarily occupied for 19 years.

The information about atrocities perpetrated by Australian forces in Afghanistan has taken many years to emerge, was fought tooth and claw with [government] attacks on whistleblowers and

journalists, and surely only touches on a tiny fraction of the war crimes which have been perpetrated and covered up with the investigation finding that 'the criminal behaviour of a few was commenced, committed, continued and concealed at the patrol commander level'.

Achieving their first kill ACCORDING to the Sydney Morning Herald, ADF chief Angus Campbell describes a 'self-centred warrior culture' in Australia's special air service which 'was embraced and amplified by some experienced, charismatic and influential non-commissioned officers and their protégés, who sought to fuse military excellence with ego, elitism and entitlement,' leading to acts of horrific brutality. 'In this context it is alleged that some patrols took the law into their own hands: rules were broken, stories concocted, lies told and

prisoners killed,' says Campbell.

'The Brereton report also found evidence that junior soldiers were required by their patrol commanders to shoot a prisoner to achieve their first kill, in a practice known as "bleeding"; SMH reports.

Troops 'carried "throwdowns" — foreign weapons and equipment such as pistols, small hand-held radios and grenades to be placed with the bodies of enemies killed in action for the purpose of taking photos,' reports SMH. 'This practice eventually was used for the purpose of concealing deliberate unlawful killings.' The Guardian's Christopher Knaus writes the following: 'One of the more disturbing alleged incidents canvassed in the documents released on Thursday comes from prior work by military sociologist Samantha Cromptoets, who had the job of examining ... **P3**

Abdullah Insists on Conditions-based US Withdrawal

The withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan should be dependent on the progress in the peace efforts with the Taliban, said Abdullah Abdullah, head of the High Council for National Reconciliation, as US President Donald Trump announced a reduction in American troops presence in Afghanistan in the upcoming months. Trump last week ordered the US Defense Department to reduce the number of American troops in Afghanistan to 2,500 by mid-January. "This is the decision by the US administration and we respect it," Abdullah said in an interview with the Associated Press. "Had it been like, our preference would have been that with the conditions improving then this should have taken place. But the promise of the US current administration has been that the rest of the troops will stay there, and that decision will be based on conditions and the future administration will decide about it."

Abdullah who visited Turkey last week and held talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said the talks and the support from the United States for the continuation of the talks will continue.

"What form and what shape it will take, that remains to be seen but they (the United States) will certainly push for peaceful settlement. There is a sort of bi-partisan understanding in the United States, amongst the lawmakers, amongst the politicians, that the opportunity which is there, that the Afghans are talking, (that



the Afghan government, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is talking to the Taliban," Abdullah said.

The peace negotiations in Doha have been faced with deadlock over disagreements on the procedural rules of the talks. Earlier this week, peace negotiator Fawzia Koofi said there are some indications of progress in the talks in the coming days.

Abdullah meanwhile called the report on Australian forces' mistreatment in Afghanistan as shocking.

"Unfortunately, incidents as such have happened in the past and troops were involved but the fact the Australian government has come clear about it, without any sort of doubt, and they have apologized for it. They have pursued it. There has been a thorough investigation of the matter and there is the promise (on), the prospect of prosecution, for those who have committed these heinous crimes. That we will count, and hopefully this will help preventing these sort of crimes from taking place," he said.

German Armed Forces to Invest \$59M in New Afghanistan

The German Armed Forces, Bundeswehr, continues to invest in military facilities in Afghanistan and plans to allocate nearly 50 million euros (\$59 million) for the construction of bases, despite a possible withdrawal of troops in the foreseeable future, Der Spiegel has reported, citing internal Bundeswehr documents.

Earlier, the Rheinische Post newspaper reported that the German Defense Ministry is considering a complete withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan in less than four months. A defense official told the newspaper that Berlin was mulling withdrawing troops even before a similar announcement was made by the Trump administration.

According to Der Spiegel, Bundeswehr plans to allocate funds for the



construction of two bases — one in Afghanistan's Mazar-i-Sharif city and another in the Kunduz province. In particular, the construction of premises for Heryon-type drones and ground infrastructure for NH90

helicopters, which would in December replace old CH-53 models, is planned. The German Defense Ministry is set to go ahead with investment plans as the timing of the withdrawal of troops is not yet determined, while the

military requires new infrastructure for security reasons, the newspaper suggested. Der Spiegel also reported that Berlin recently canceled some 20 million euros in other Afghanistan-related defense projects.

Kabul Attacks...

Iran's Embassy in Kabul later said two rockets had landed inside the embassy compound, one of which was neutralized with the help of local authorities.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks, which have evoked strong condemnations across the world.

The security situation has deteriorated in Afghanistan in recent years, with multiple terrorist groups gaining foothold in the country. The war continues to take heavy toll on civilian lives.

Taliban, which are engaged in peace talks with the Afghan government and its international allies, have refused to claim responsibility for many recent terrorist attacks.

While Iran has backed Kabul's efforts to initiate a dialogue process with the Taliban to end the protracted war, it continues to be wary of the US involvement in the country. In recent years, Iran has developed close contacts with Taliban and its leaders have even traveled to Tehran for "political consultations" with the Iranian officials.

There have also been reports about the group opening an office in Iran and Tehran supplying arms to the group. However, Tehran has strongly rejected these reports.

Iran maintains that the complete withdrawal of the US-led foreign forces from Afghanistan holds key to peace and stability in the country.

Iran and Afghanistan, the two neighbors, share a 921-kilometer (572-mile) border, connecting several cities on both the sides. A large number of Afghan refugees fleeing the war in their home country are in Iran.

UN Chief Stresses...

"He hopes the Afghanistan peace negotiations can swiftly achieve a de-escalation of the conflict and cessation of attacks in order to save lives," the statement added.

Meanwhile, the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) also extended its condolences to the bereaved. The mission tweeted it was "deeply shocking and deplorable that civilians should be subjected to such indiscriminate attacks. Those responsible must face justice."

'Turkey...

But this does not mean that we go. We will stay but work with other partners for peace and stability in Afghanistan," he said. Another EU official told the same press conference that the Gulf countries "do have a very important role indeed but perhaps they can do more to look at Afghanistan as a way of cooperating together."

"I think Afghanistan is an

opportunity for the Gulf countries to cooperate together," he added. The role of neighbors is key, he said remarking that the visit of Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan to Afghanistan this week "is very important and it shows a sign of dialogue or rapprochement." The EU officials declined to comment on the recent announcement by the US to further reduce its

troops from Afghanistan noting that the EU as such has no troops in Afghanistan.

But of course some EU member states that are NATO members do have troops in the country, he said, and quoted comments made by German foreign minister Heiko Mass who said that an hasty reduction of troops in Afghanistan could have negative effect for peace and jeopardize peace talks.

Get the hell out...

special forces culture and began to hear disturbing allegations of war crimes.

One soldier told her: "Guys just had this blood lust. Psychos. Absolute psychos. And we bred them"

She heard one allegation that two 14-year-old boys were stopped by SAS, who decided they might be Taliban sympathisers. Their throats were slit.

'The rest of the troop then had to "clean up the mess" by finding others to help dispose of the bodies,' Crompvoets reported. 'In the end, the bodies were bagged and thrown in a nearby river.'

Her work eventually triggered the Brereton report.

These are unforgivable atrocities which cry out to the heavens for vengeance. Nothing can undo them. Nothing can set them right. And any grown adult looking at the situation with clear eyes knows that nothing can be done to prevent them from continuing to happen going forward.

If you train teenagers to kill, deliberately warping their minds so as to normalise the entirely abnormal act of killing their fellow human beings, and then leave them to their own devices in an unfamiliar land full of unfamiliar people over whom they hold the power of

life and death, these things will happen. They cannot but happen. They have happened many, many times in ways we will never know about, not just at the hands of Australian forces but of the entire occupying coalition.

This is on top of the massive pile of corpses the US power alliance has already heaped upon Afghanistan by the Trump administration's record-shattering bombing campaigns and corresponding civilian casualties, and by the nearly two full eight-year presidential administrations previous to it. Afghanistan is a military occupation which we know for a fact we were deceived about from the very beginning and deceived into allowing to continue, every step of the way. Knowing that we were deceived into it and knowing what its grave consequences are, there is no excuse for it to continue. There is no legitimacy in babbling about 'power vacuums' and what political system Afghanistan will have after brutalising that nation in the way that we have. At this point such arguments are like a rapist saying he can't stop raping a woman because some other rapist might come along and rape her if he stops. The most depraved and murderous force in the nation, which has already been killing far more

civilians than the Taliban and ISIS, has no business concerning itself with what might happen after it leaves.

Get out
GET out of Afghanistan. Get the hell out. Now. Not just Australia, but the entire murderous occupying coalition. It's not your country and you're making it worse. Get. The. Hell. Out.

Do not concern yourself with what might happen when you leave. What will happen when you leave is that you will not be there murdering human beings. There are no 'conditions' which need to be met first. You are the violent extremists in Afghanistan doing the killing and destroying. You are the terrorists. Leave. There is no more destructive force on this earth than the tight alliance of nations loosely centralised around the United States which functions as a single empire on foreign policy. The only beneficial thing such a blood-soaked empire can do for the world is to cease its behaviour and cease to exist. It is not the benevolent good guy staving off the bad guys, it is the bad guy, and its depravity must come to an end.

Let the world sort out its own affairs without the 'help' of the psychopathic force which unleashes such horrors upon our species.

Australia Defense...

it and if we don't fix it, this horror may appear again and I just cannot accept that," Mr. Campbell told ABC television. The report, which

recommended referring 19 current and former soldiers for potential prosecution, caused shame and anger in Australia, a country that usually honors its military

history with fervor.

"I see layers of responsibility here," Campbell said. "I'm determined to see deep, comprehensive and enduring change where it is needed."

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Canada-UK reach new trade deal before Brexit

Canada and the UK reached a new interim trade deal, Saturday, beating the Brexit deadline of Dec. 31.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his UK counterpart Boris Johnson made the announcement at the beginning of the virtual G20 Summit.

The trade deal between the two countries is essentially a continuation of the Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) which included Canada and Britain, but the portion between Canada and the UK would have expired when Brexit kicked in.

Trudeau said the deal allows the two countries the time to work out a more detailed deal.

"Now we get to continue to work on a bespoke [tailored] agreement, a comprehensive agreement over the coming years that will really

maximize our trade opportunities and boost things for everyone," Trudeau said.

Johnson tweeted his enthusiasm for the "fantastic trade agreement" that keeps the Canadian market open for the UK.

"British businesses export everything from electric cars to sparkling wine to Canada, and today's deal will ensure that trade goes from strength to strength."

Called the Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement, the deal ensures that tariffs will not be applied on 98% of goods traded between the two nations.

Trade between the two totaled CAN\$29 billion in 2019.

"We knew that having an interim agreement would be crucial to ensure that businesses, exporters, our workers on both sides of ... P2



A look at the world

Putin says U.S. electoral system has problems

Russian President Vladimir Putin believes there are some problems in the US electoral system, but it's up to Washington to change the old scheme, he said in an interview with "Moscow. Kremlin. Putin" TV program on Rossiya-1 TV channel.

"It's absolutely evident - it's clear for everyone in the world - it seems to me that this is clear for Americans that there are some problems in the US electoral system," Putin said. "It's none of our



business whether they need to change something or not. This is a matter of the American people and their representatives in the parliament, and the president, the American people and if they are satisfied - well, for God's sake," Putin noted. It's up to Americans to evaluate the legitimacy of US election, Putin added. "Well, whether the authorities are legitimate or not, first of all, it's up to the Americans to evaluate this," the Russian leader said.

Putin noted that "this is an extremely important thing, because the confidence of the people of this or that country in the political leadership depends on it." Despite, According to the diplomat, the full-scale cooperation between the member-states of the Treaty on the whole range of issues on the agenda of the Open Skies Consultative Commission will continue without interruption.

World Bank chief welcomes G20 progress on debt relief



World Bank Group President David Malpass said Saturday that he is very pleased to see the progress the Group of 20 (G20) has made on debt transparency and debt relief.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further strained the already fragile economy in most low-income countries around the world, leaving them with volatile and unsustainable debt problems.

In April, the G20 endorsed the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) to help the poorest countries in response to the pandemic, making \$14 billion in funds - meant to service debt - available to fight the pandemic. The DSSI was extended in October by six more months.

"These are important, positive steps for development, and I've been glad to see constructive responses from major creditors," Malpass said in remarks to the G20 summit hosted by Saudi Arabia via video conference on November 21 and 22.

Last week, G20 finance ministers and central bank governors pledged to commit to the DSSI in close coordination, saying that maximum support would be provided for DSSI-eligible countries.

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday said that the country supports a G20 decision on the extension of the DSSI, and will continue to fully implement it along with other parties. "President Xi's commitments and last week's announcements are helpful and welcome," Malpass said at the virtual summit.

"Debt reduction and transparency will enable productive investment, a key to achieving an earlier, stronger and more lasting recovery," said the World Bank chief, adding that "more needs to be done."

Malpass noted that the debt challenges are becoming more frequent, including in Chad, Angola, Ethiopia and Zambia where, in the absence of more permanent debt relief, "the poverty outlook remains bleak."

"We need to guard against doing too little now, and then suffering disorderly defaults and repeated debt restructurings as ... P2

'Turkey maintains ties with West without ignoring East'

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Saturday that Turkey has maintained robust relations with the West without ignoring the East.

"We cannot afford to turn our back on either the East or the West. While developing our relations with Europe, we never ignore Asia and Africa," Erdogan said, attending an event organized by the Washington-based Halifax International Security Forum via video link.

"It is not only wrong but also impossible to confine Turkey, which is geographically an



African-Eurasian country within a narrow framework concerning diplomacy," Erdogan added, according to a statement from the Turkish Presidency.

"We do not see our recently deepening cooperation with Russia as an alternative to our long-established ties with America," he said.

"We attach great importance to our position in NATO, which we have been a member of for 68 years. Turkey's borders are also NATO's borders," he added.

"Today as a reliable ally, we also assume critical responsibilities in the face of the new challenges and threats confronting NATO," he said.

"With the significant contributions we make to the Alliance in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Iraq, the Black Sea, Mediterranean, and other geographies, we have shouldered a heavy burden," the Turkish president added.

"We shall not allow the fact to be overshadowed and questioned by narrow political motives," he added.



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