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## Our Activities:

- DROPS held "Public Policy Workshop" at Kateb University.
- DROPS held "Public Policy Workshop" at DROPS Office.

Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS) is an independent and multidisciplinary policy-oriented research organization based in Kabul, Afghanistan.

## **DROPS NEWS**

### **DROPS held “Public Policy Workshop” at the Kateb University**

On the November 28, 2019, DROPS held the third session of its 7-Month Policy Workshop at Kateb University. 18 trainees representing civil society organizations, government employees, university students and lecturers participated in the workshop. The training was moderated by the DROPS Policy Trainer Wali Rasta.



### **DROPS held “Public Policy Workshop” at DROPS Office.**

On the November 21, 2019, DROPS conducted the second session of its 4-Month Policy Training program for female participants of civil society organizations, government employees, and university students and lecturers. The training was moderated by the DROPS Policy Trainer Wali Rasta.



## **DEVELOPMENTS ON AFGHAN PEACE-PROCESS**

### **Will a Prisoner Swap with the Taliban Push the Afghan Peace Process Forward?**

According to President Ghani, the Afghan government release of three high-level Taliban prisoners—including the brother of the Taliban’s military commander—in coordination with the Taliban release of the two professors kidnapped in 2016, as well as a number of Afghan soldiers captured by the Taliban, is intended to lead toward direct talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government.

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### **Two Western Hostages Are Freed in Afghanistan in Deal with Taliban**

*Dr Antonio Giustozzi*

Conflict between nomads and settlers appeared repeatedly in the media in Afghanistan and elsewhere after 2001, but it has rarely been studied systematically. In order to fill this gap, AREU launched a three-pronged research project on Natural Resources Management (NRM) in December 2016 supported by the EU. The purpose of this paper is primarily to inform and update policymaking on matters related to nomad-settler conflict in Afghanistan, as well as to lay the foundations for future research efforts. [Read more...](#)





## The Afghanistan Withdrawal Will Make Syria's Seem Orderly

*Michael Rubin*

Trump is right to recognize that Americans are tired of "endless wars." But withdrawing from Afghanistan without a workable solution will mean the country will fall to the Taliban all over again.

The recent Herat Security Dialogue, Afghanistan's premier strategic forum, is the only place where the Afghan government, representatives or proxies for the Taliban, Iranians, Russians, Pakistanis, Indians and Americans come together. Unfortunately, the U.S. embassy's refusal to attend the Dialogue's events outside... [Read more...](#)



## A Maelstrom of Militias: Takhar, a case study of strongmen co-opting the ALP

*Kate Clark*

When the Ministry of Interior officials and human rights activists are asked where the worst Afghan Local Police (ALP) are, Takhar province is usually on the list. The reasons given are the enduring power of local strongmen over the force and the involvement of ALP units in crime, especially drug smuggling, and abuses of the population.

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## Afghanistan announces Taliban prisoner swap to free hostages

American Kevin King and Australian Timothy Weeks were lecturers at the American University of Afghanistan when they were kidnapped in 2016.

Anas Haqqani, a leading figure in the Haqqani militant group, and two other senior commanders are part of the deal. It is unclear how or when the exchange of prisoners will take place. [Read more...](#)



## Trump Visits Afghanistan and Says He Reopened Talks with Taliban

President Trump paid an unannounced Thanksgiving visit to American troops in Afghanistan on Thursday and declared that he had reopened peace negotiations with the Taliban less than three months after scuttling talks in hopes of ending 18 years of war.

"The Taliban wants to make a deal, and we're meeting with them," Mr. Trump said during a meeting with Afghanistan's president, Ashraf Ghani, at the main base for American forces north of Kabul.

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از سرگیری گفت‌وگوهای صلح؛ ترمپ باور دارد که طالبان برای آتش‌بس آماده می‌شوند

عبدالاحمد حسینی

دونالد ترمپ، رییس جمهور امریکا، در سخنانی در پایگاه نظامی بگرام در شمال کابل اعلام کرد که گفت‌وگوهای صلح با طالبان از سر گرفته شده است. او که پنج‌شنبه شب گذشته (هفتم قوس) در یک سفر از پیش اعلام‌نشده برای به جای آوری مراسم «شکرگزاری» به افغانستان آمد، به توافق با طالبان ابراز خوش‌بینی کرد و گفت که باور دارد گروه طالبان برای اعلام آتش‌بس آماده شده‌اند. ترمپ در این سفر کوتاه به افغانستان، با محمد اشرف غنی، همتای افغان خود نیز دیدار کرد و یک‌جا در جمع نظامیان امریکایی در پایگاه نظامی بگرام حضور یافتند. ارگ ریاست جمهوری اعلام کرده است که دو طرف در دیدارشان تأکید کرده‌اند [بیشتر بخوانید...](#)



حکومت مصالحه ملی، راه شکست سه بن‌بست انتخابات، صلح و جنگ

تمیم عاصی

افغانستان نیاز به یک مخرج مشترک برای بیرون‌رفت از سه بحران با هم مرتبط صلح، انتخابات و ختم جنگ و خروج نیروهای خارجی دارد. این کشور حالا رسماً داخل سه بن‌بست این سه بحران با هم مرتبط شده است. ما برای شکست این بن‌بست مکعب و عبور از این بحران‌های با هم مرتبط، نیاز به یک مخرج مشترک داریم و این مخرج مشترک عبارت از تشکیل یک حکومت مصالحه ملی است. حکومت‌های مصالحه ملی به آن عده از حکومت‌ها گفته می‌شود که مخالفان سیاسی و نظامی در حالت بن‌بست نظامی و سیاسی به خاطر کشیدن کشور از پرتگاه یک جنگ خانمان‌سوز داخلی روی نزاع قدرت و مدیریت پروسه‌های بزرگ ملی با خودگذری از اطراف مختلف سیاسی - نظامی به خاطر پیش‌گیری از وقوع یک نزاع داخلی تشکیل می‌شود. [بیشتر بخوانید...](#)



**Afghanistan's Complex Women's Rights Discourse**

*Dr. Davood Moradian*

Are women's rights and gender equality universal or culturally and geographically confined to the West? Are there certain cultures and political systems that are inherently misogynistic? Are the concerns of Western powers' about women's rights sincere or are they an instrument to pursue their own political objectives against their rivals? [Read more...](#)

**پیچیده‌گی‌های پنهان و آشکار پروسه صلح افغانستان**

نجیب‌الله نورزی، پژوهش‌گر در واشنگتن دی‌سی - یم هوتک،

پژوهشگر و دانش‌آموخته پوهنتون آسیای مرکزی

طالبان علاوه بر این‌که در میدان نبرد از حکومت افغانستان و ایالات

متحده امریکا شکست نخوردند، در میدان سیاست نیز درجه‌های جدیدی

گشودند که این گروه را از انزوا بیرون و به عنوان کنش‌گران فعال

سیاسی در منطقه مطرح کرده است. نیاز است تا ایالات متحده امریکا و

حکومت افغانستان به گونه‌ی آسیب‌شناسانه و با دقت استراتژیک، با این

گروه وارد گفت‌وگو شوند. [بیشتر بخوانید...](#)

