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Our Activities:

- DROPS signs MoU with the Afghanistan Civil Service Institute (ACSI).
- DROPS Director meets the Head of the EU Delegation for Afghanistan.
- DROPS Senior Researcher participates in Panel on 'Quality Research in Afghanistan' at AUAF.
- DROPS announces call for application for its "Policy Analysis and Gender-Lens Workshop for 2020."

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DROPS NEWS

Afghanistan Civil Service Institute (ACSI) and DROPS sign an MoU.

On January 26, Afghanistan Civil Service Institute (ACSI) and the Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies signed a memorandum of understanding to boost cooperation in the areas of Policy Research and Policy training for Civil Servants.



DROPS Director attends discussion with the Head of Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan.

On January 30, 2020, DROPS Executive Director Mariam Safi participated, along with representatives from Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU) and the Liaison Office (TLO) met with Ambassador Pierre Mayaudon and discussed mechanisms that could help increase civil society, youth, women, and victim's voices and representation in Track-I forums.



DROPS Senior Researcher participate in Panel on 'Quality Research in Afghanistan' at AUAF.

On January 22, 2020, DROPS Senior Research Officer Aziz Koshan participated in a panel discussion on "Quality Research in Afghanistan" at the First Annual Conference and exhibition at the American University of Afghanistan. Mr. Koshan talked about the need for research organizations in Afghanistan to align their studies based on the need of the Afghan Government in matters of policy development and policy research.



DROPS announced call for application for its "Policy Analysis and Gender-Lens Workshop for 2020."

On January 25, 2020, DROPS announced Call for Applicants for its second round of "Policy Analysis and Gender-Lens Workshop for 2020" to enroll female employees of the government civil society and the university students.



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Call for Applicants

Policy Analysis and Gender-Lens Workshop 2020 Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies

The Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS) is a local research organization committed to strengthening democratic ideas and values by producing policy research, training and advocacy that offers policymakers with sound alternative solutions to national issues. DROPS is holding a 4-Month Policy Analysis and Gender-Lens Workshop over Ten sessions, focusing on policy development and implementation for current/future female leaders in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Key outcomes of the Workshop:

- Workshop participants will author a joint policy study that will be published by DROPS;
- The policy study will be disseminated to all national and international policymakers;

Who can apply for the Workshop?

- Female students who have a bachelor's degree and/or are currently enrolled in a Master's Program in any field.
- Civil Society Employees; Government Employees; Employees of Media and Private Sector.
- Demonstrate interest in Research and Policy-making issues.

Application Procedure:

- Interested female applicants are required to send their CV via email to samsari@dropsafghanistan.org and applications@dropsafghanistan.org till 1st February, mentioning the "Policy Analysis and Gender-Lens Workshop" in the subject line.

DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHAN PEACE-PROCESS

US-Taliban Agreement Still in the Air: Disputes about a 'ceasefire' versus 'reduction of violence'

By Thomas Ruttig

Over the past few weeks, the Taliban first stoked expectations that an agreement with the United States was imminent, and then expressed frustration that it was not yet signed. They had appeared to be trying to edge forward to an agreement by offering to “scale down military operations” against both US and Afghan troops – and portraying this as a major breakthrough.

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Afghan Peace Talks at Risk Amid Rising US-Iran Confrontation

By Niala Mohammad and Rikar Hussein

The escalation between the United States and Iran over the killing of an Iranian commander now has sparked deep concerns about prospects for the peace process in Afghanistan, with officials and experts warning that Iran could collaborate with the Taliban to thwart American efforts in the war-torn country.

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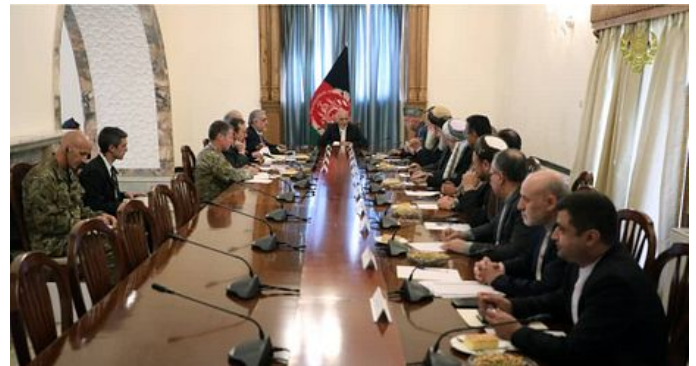


The Pitfalls in Afghanistan's Peace Process

By Daud Khattak

A US-Taliban peace agreement seems closer than ever, but the whole thing could unravel when it comes time for intra-Afghan talks.

The Taliban's latest gesture of “scaling down” military operations by declaring a temporary seven to 10-day truce is believed to be the most significant development in the 18-month negotiations between representatives of the militia's Qatar-based office and the United States. [Read more....](#)



Taliban Offer to Reduce Violence in Afghanistan Ahead of Deal with U.S

By Mujib Mashal and Taimoor Shah

The Taliban have offered a brief period of reducing violence in Afghanistan during ongoing negotiations with United States diplomats, three officials familiar with the talks said on Thursday, a concession seen as important to finalizing a preliminary peace deal between the insurgents and the United States to end their 18-year war.

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US envoy briefs Afghan president on peace talks with Taliban

The United States' special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has told Afghan President Ashraf Ghani that there has not been any significant progress in his peace talks with the Taliban. However, Khalilzad said he was hopeful of reaching an understanding with the group on reduction of hostilities, but did not offer any timeframe, according to a statement issued by the presidential palace on Saturday.

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US-Taliban peace deal – so near, yet so far

In theory, a peaceful resolution to the Afghan conflict is not so difficult to achieve and all the main parties to the conflict agree on the need for a political settlement. However, finding a solution everyone can agree on has proven to be an almost unattainable task. The US wants to keep several thousand troops in Afghanistan even after it signs a peace deal. The Taliban demands that all US soldiers exit the country; and the Afghan government insists that the US troop withdrawal should be conditional.

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Taliban offer to stand down fighters to restart peace talks with US

By Emma Graham-Harrison

The Taliban have offered to stand down their fighters for several days, in an effort to restart peace negotiations with the US that were abruptly called off last year by Donald Trump. The proposal for a seven to 10-day halt in military operations was given to the US peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad on Wednesday, AP reported. The US, which has been pushing for a ceasefire...

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Afghan government demands complete ceasefire with Taliban

The Afghanistan government has demanded a complete ceasefire as a way forward for peace talks in response to a reported 10-day truce offer by the Taliban. On Friday, Reuters News Agency reported that the Taliban will implement the short ceasefire with United States troops, a reduction in violence with Afghan forces, and hold discussions with Afghan government officials if it reaches a deal with US negotiators in peace talks...

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طرح دولت صلح

محبالله نوری، رییس جنبش همگرایی ملت‌های قلب آسیا

با توجه به عوامل و چالش‌های جنگ و محیط استراتژیکی کشور، یک دولت پسا صلح از طریق امضای موافقت‌نامه صلح و مکانیزم‌های موقت/انتقالی، انتخابات یا هر مکانیزم دیگر می‌تواند تشکیل گردد اما رسیدن به یک توافق صلح و تشکیل دولت هرگز به معنای ختم کامل جنگ و رسیدن به یک صلح پایدار نیست. برای ختم دائمی جنگ و رسیدن به «صلح پایدار» نیاز به شکل‌گیری یک «دولت صلح» است. این‌که دولت صلح چیست و چگونه محقق می‌شود، لازم است تا دست‌کم سه موضوع را بدانیم: اول تعریف جنگ و صلح، دوم مفهوم صلح پایدار و سوم شناسایی اصول دولت صلح را به صورت فشرده جنگ به معنای درگیری و خشونت به ویژه خشونت سیاسی است [بیشتر بخوانید...](#)

صلح یا امارت مشارکتی؟

فردوس کاوش

به نظر می‌رسد که محمداشرف غنی خودش را برای کاهش شدید نیروهای امریکایی در افغانستان آماده می‌کند. گزارش‌های اخیر نشان می‌دهد که گفت‌وگوهای طالبان و امریکا در قطر آن طوری که انتظار می‌رفت، پیش‌رفتی نداشته است. در چنین وضعیتی اگر هدف اصلی واشنگتن کاهش شدید نیروهای امریکایی در افغانستان باشد، به این هدف در تفاهم با حکومت نیز می‌تواند برسد. ظاهراً هدف واشنگتن این است که کاهش نیروهای امریکایی باید روند حل سیاسی جنگ افغانستان را کلید بزند و زمینه‌ساز گفت‌وگوهای طالبان با حکومت و دیگر نیروهای سیاسی شود؛ ولی چنین می‌نماید که طالبان آماده‌ی حل سیاسی جنگ نیستند. [بیشتر بخوانید...](#)



پاکستان و صلح افغانستان

اسماعیل اصغری

پاکستان یکی از کشورهای تاثیرگذار در پروسه صلح افغانستان است که این تاثیرگذاری ناشی از روابط بسیار مستحکم آن کشور و گروه طالبان می‌باشد. علت این روابط را می‌توان در تولد این گروه به دست پاکستان جست‌وجو کرد. بنابراین ارتباط میان این دو، بیش‌تر شبیه ارتباط میان پدر و فرزند است تا رابطه‌ای بر اساس منافع. بحث اساسی و بنیادی که در مبحث صلح افغانستان مطرح است، این است که آیا صلح در افغانستان منافع پاکستان را تضمین می‌کند یا تخریب؟ برای پاسخ به این سوال می‌بایست منافع پاکستان را بر اساس واقعیت‌های عینی مورد بررسی قرار دهیم و سیاست خارجی کشور خویش را نسبت به پاکستان مورد ارزیابی قرار دهیم. سیاست خارجی کشور ما از زمان سردار محمداوود خان تا داکتر نجیب نسبت به پاکستان همواره پرآشوب و پراشتاب بوده و برای درک بهتر از سیاست خارجی رؤسای جمهور پیشین کشور نیاز است تا مسایل ذیل مورد توجه قرار گیرد. [بیشتر بخوانید...](#)

طالبان: امریکا د تاوتریخوالي کمولو لپاره زموږ غوښتنه منلی

د طالبانو یوه لورپوړې غږې بي بي سي ته وویل، امریکا د تاوتریخوالي کمولو لپاره د دوی وړاندیز منلی چې د تړون لاسیکولو پر مهال امن فضا جوړه شي.

دا غږی چې د سولې خبرو کې ښکېل دی له نوم پرته زیاتوي، دا طرحه محدوده ده او له امریکا سره د تړون لاسیکولو ورڅو کې عملي کېږي. "نن مو خپلمنځي ناسته درلوده. ټولې هڅې د تړون لاسیکولو پر مراسمو متمرکزې دي. ځکه بل شی پاتې نه دي، په ټول کې هرڅه د تړون لاسیکولو اړوند دي. که د تاوتریخوالي کمول هم دي، د تړون لاسیکولو د مراسمو اړوند دي." دا سرچینه وايي، چې قطر کې طالب پلاوی له خپل منځي ناستې وروسته نن بیا له امریکايي لوري سره ناوخته ناسته لري.

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