## ROLE OF WOMEN IN PEACE PROCESS
- Together with Afghan’s women’s rights & feminist organizations & global & regional allies, WLUML is launching a campaign, “No Peace without Afghan Women’s Rights”. The campaign supports women’s demand for meaningful engagement in the peace process.
- A number of women’s rights activists from Herat, in a meeting with Abdullah Abdullah, expressed concerns about peace talks and the possibility of their rights being overused after the peace deal.
- Jahan Taub Taheri, a member of Herat provincial council, said that if the situation in Afghanistan is threatened in such a way that “women’s rights and achievers” are threatened, they are willing to take up arms to defend their rights.
- Leading Afghan Women’s Peace a five day long Conference in Dubai, reflect the experiences of leading women and international envoys about the peace process, held by Afghanistan Mechanism for Inclusive Peace and Afghan Women’s Network, and concluded by a declaration that one of key demands is urgent ceasefire.
- A Conference on Inclusive Peace and Inclusive Decision Making and the International Community’s Commitments for Afghanistan held by Cordiad and AWN in Kabul. Concluded by a declaration on inclusive peace process.

## DOHA TALKS
- Abdullah Abdullah, said the Taliban prisoners were released in the hope for ending the war or reducing violence in the country, but the expectations from the move were not met.
- Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani says Washington is closely working with them to reach a solution in Afghanistan and "we hope to see progress before the end of the year".
- The US-Taliban agreement—signed in Doha cannot be the basis for all topics that will be discussed in the peace negotiations in Qatar, said Abdullah Abdullah, reiterating that Afghanistan needs an inclusive peace.

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

## THE REGION
- Facing the end of his time in power, US President Donald Trump is pushing to accelerate withdrawals from Afghanistan, Iran and Somalia by the time he leaves office in January.
- Horrifying ‘war crimes’ by Australian troops in Afghanistan.
- The NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said that “the price for leaving too soon or in an uncoordinated way could be very high,” referring to recent reports on Trump administration’s plan to reduce its presence in Afghanistan. “We are also committed to funding them through 2024,” he said.
- Major international donors have made a set of 10 conditions to the Afghan government and the Taliban ahead of the Geneva Conference for continued financial support to Afghanistan for the next four years.
- Andreas von Brandt, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union in Afghanistan on Tuesday said that the Taliban has lost the opportunity to attend the upcoming Geneva Conference on Afghanistan.
- The US troop presence in Afghanistan and Iraq will be reduced to 2,500 in each country by mid-January.
- Kuwait religious scholars in a statement say the current fighting in Afghanistan is illegitimate especially after the Taliban signing a peace agreement with US.
- Donors’ conference must priorities human rights at critical moment in Afghanistan.

## ONGOING VIOLANCE
- The Taliban have rejected first vice president Amrullah Saleh’s claim that the main designer of the attack on Kabul University is connected to the Haqqani network.
- High officials in Herat said that eight police injured in a bomb blast.
- Noor Khoda, the police chief of Siahgerd district of Parwan province and a bodyguard were assassinated in Mahmudraqi city, the capital of Kapisa province.
- The Deputy Spokesman for the Ministry of Defense also said that the fighting was sporadic in some remote areas around Dasht-e-Archi district in Kunduz.
- Hanif Atmar: One in five people who fight against the government is a foreigner. He also said peace with the Taliban does not mean an end to the threat of international terrorism.
- A second member of the mastermind of the attack on Kabul University was killed and a third was arrested.
- The Badakhshan local police chief and 11 of other army were killed in a Taliban attack.
- Two army soldiers were killed and four more were wounded in a Taliban attack on a security outpost in the northern province of Baghlan, security sources said.
- Five security force members including Safar Mohammad Bidar, the police chief for Qaramqul district in Faryab province were killed in a roadside bomb blast.

## INSIDE AFGHANISTAN
- Reconciliation Council: Politicians will meet with the Taliban if the deadlock continues.
- The acting defense minister says he is not confident the Doha talks will be successful, the Taliban had no will to "make peace and reduce violence".
- Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan at a press conference with President Ashraf Ghani in Kabul said that “Pakistan will do everything and whatever is possible to reduce violence” in Afghanistan.
- Marshal Abdul Rashid Dostum called on President Ashraf Ghani to grant him the permission to lead the fight against the Taliban.