



### Doha Talks:

- The US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad arrived in Doha on Thursday, Reuters reported. He met with the negotiating team from the republic side, according to Fawzia Koofi.
- Zalmay Khalilzad, the US top envoy for Afghan peace, met with Taliban negotiators in Qatar for the first time under Biden administration and discussed the implementation of the Doha agreement and the reconciliation efforts, according to Mohammad Naeem, a spokesman of the group.
- The US-Taliban agreement signed in Doha in February last year has failed Afghans and instead only ensured a ceasefire between the United States and the Taliban, an Afghan National Security Council official said Sunday.
- Abdul Ghani Baradar the political deputy of Taliban group in the first anniversary of Doha Agreement said that they adhere to all contents of the agreement with the United States and act upon them. He called on the United States to execute all the materials of the agreement and fulfill its all commitments under the terms of the agreement.
- US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad has resumed his trip to the region on the Afghan peace process at a time that the talks in Doha have seen no progress over the last two months.
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### Peace Talks in the Country:

- In a press conference of the State Ministry of peace in the program of government accountability for nation Mr. Sayed Saadat Mansoor Naderi, the State Minister of peace and the deputy ministers of this ministry spoke about the activities, challenges and upcoming or future programs of the ministry. Mr. Naderi said that the goal of establishing this ministry is to connect government to people. Structures to peace and government; coordinating institutions with peace structures are the connection point between the Taliban and Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He stated that the State Ministry of Peace operates in two branches of making peace and building peace.
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- Dr. Khalilzad met with Abdullah Abdullah, chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation, in Kabul and discussed the review of the Doha agreement, Abdullah's office said in a statement.



- Minister of Interior Massoud Andarabi said that the Afghan government strongly believes in peace and has not declared a war against anyone; however, it's up to the Taliban to decide on a path of peace or war this spring.
- President Ashraf Ghani met with US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, the Presidential Palace (ARG) said in a statement adding that both sides discussed the next steps in the peace process and emphasized the importance of expediting efforts.
- President Ashraf Ghani's National Security Adviser Hamdullah Mohib has said that the Afghan government is working with various factions and considering a wide range of alternatives to achieve peace in the country.
- The Taliban has reshuffled their key posts and ranks by appointing designated governors, deputy governors and heads of military commissions for 19 provinces, calling it a normal practice within their ranks, but the government and analysts say the move is a sign of preparations for the upcoming fighting season and that it shows the group's "unwillingness" for peace efforts.
- Amidst reports on Afghan politicians' access to a draft on a new format for the country's political future, President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday said the transfer of power will happen through an election as an unchanging principle for his government.
- international community, and that the main focus will be on forming a regional and national consensus.
- Mohammad Masoum Stanikzai the Chairman of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and a number of members of this delegation met with Mr. Stefano Pontecorvo, the NATO Senior Civilian Representative of for Afghanistan.
- Tajikistan officials in their meetings with an Afghan parliamentary delegation have said that continued violence in Afghanistan is concerning for the peace process and they pledged their support to counter terrorism efforts in Afghanistan.
- Former US president Donald Trump's last defense secretary Mark Esper and former president Barack Obama's first defense secretary Robert Gates both said they would advise President Joe Biden against pulling all US troops out of Afghanistan in time to meet a looming May 1 deadline, according to the Washington Examiner report.
- A US State Department official on condition of anonymity told TOLONews on Wednesday that the United States has suggested an international conference on Afghanistan.

### Women's Role in Peace Process:

- #### The Region:
- The US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad reportedly discussed the formation of a participatory government in Afghanistan.
  - Zalmay Khalilzad met with a number of influential figures in Kabul including Marshal Abdul Rashid Dostum, Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, members of the Jamiat Party, and others. Mr. Khalilzad has reportedly discussed the formation of a transitional period in Afghanistan in order to move towards a future political structure, also has discussed the Afghan peace process and "how to move toward a political settlement" with Afghan peace activists.
  - Former Afghan Vice President Mohammad Yunus Qanooni said that a new roadmap for peace in Afghanistan is taking shape with the support of the
  - Women's high council opened, thanking for the opening of the Women's council, the First Lady of the country said that the establishment of this council proves that government supports women and with taking this big step, the ground for their progress in the decision - making levels will be provided.
  - Fatima Gailani, a member of the Afghan Republic's peace negotiating team said women play a key role in achieving and sustaining peace and have through history helped with conflict resolution.





### Ongoing Violence:

- Data collected by TOLONews shows that 270 civilians and security force members were killed and 173 more were wounded in various security incidents across the country in February.
- Armed men gunned down three female employees of Enikaas TV in Jalalabad city.
- Faiz Mohammad Fayez, former head of the Ulema Council in Kunduz province, was shot dead by unknown gunmen in PD17 of Kabul city early Wednesday morning, Kabul police confirmed.
- A female doctor was killed in an IED explosion attached to a rickshaw in which she was traveling in district 3 of the city of Jalalabad east of Afghanistan, the provincial governor's office confirmed.
- Seven workers at a factory making building supplies in Surkh-rod district in the eastern province of Nangarhar were killed in an attack by unknown armed men, the provincial police chief Major General Juma Gul Himmat said.
- Seven members of the Afghan National Army were killed and four more were wounded in an attack by the Taliban in Chintal district, Balkh province, on Friday night, local officials said.
- A major fire broke out at a fuel reservoir in the customs office of Farah province west of Afghanistan on Saturday morning, officials confirmed, saying that four fuel trucks have been damaged and the fire is extending, the provincial governor Taj Mohammad Safi said.
- Two people, including Sayed Mahmood Sadat, in charge of NDS prosecutors' office in Helmand, were killed in an explosion near the provincial police headquarters in the city of Lashkargah on Saturday morning, officials said.
- Afghan officials said that the Taliban's designated governor for Laghman known as Abdul Hadi

Pashaeewal was killed in an attack by unidentified armed men near his residence in the city of Peshawar on Saturday evening.

