1. Peace Talks in Doha

- In a virtual discussion with Audun Halvorsen, the State Secretary at Norway’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fatima Gailani and Fawzia Koofi, members of the Republic’s team, discussed the importance of the role and presence of women in the peace process.

- Taliban say that Mr. Khalilzad submitted the Transitional Administration Proposal to them. The Taliban Political Office in Qatar say that they are in the process of reviewing and considering the plan.

- Zalmay Khalilzad, had a trip to Kabul last week carrying out a proposal called (the Transitional Peace Administration for Afghanistan).

- Fawzia Koofi the member of negotiating delegation of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan participated in a meeting entitled “the position of Afghanistan women in the peace process” which was organized by the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Netherlands.

- The French Embassy in Kabul has announced that on the occasion of eight of March, the international women’s solidarity day, Simon’s Prize of the French Republic for women will be rewarded to Habiba Sarabi the member of negotiating delegation with Taliban.

2. Women’s Role in Peace Process

- Women and Peace Studies organization WPSO celebrated International Women’s Day with the presence of the successful women such as: Roshan Siran, Laila Jafari and Homaira Saqib. The importance of women’s role in the peace process, challenges and concerns of women were discussed and the top demands of women from the two sides of negotiation team and the international communities are to preserve the achievements and women’s rights in the peace process.

- The Joint voice of Women and Youth for peace the head and members of National Advocacy Committee for Public Policy had a meeting with the Deputy of High Council for National Reconciliation Asadullah Saadati. In this meeting Mr. Saadati said said that if a peace agreement reached with Taliban no angle in the peace process is hidden from the eyes of the Afghan people. Also the findings of studies which were conducted by Afghanistan

Public Policy Research Organization (APPRO) about comprehensive and sustainable peace and the results of some studies and peace negotiations which were conducted recently by Navid-e-Now weekly press were shared and discussed. Women in the group shared concerns and their demands in preserving the achievements of women in decades in the peace process.

3. Peace talks in the Country

- Wall Street Journal has reported that Joe Biden’s administration has shared the idea of formation of “second Bonn” for the establishment of a transitional participatory government and achieving to peace agreement with Afghanistan Government and Taliban.

- Afghanistan National Security Adviser Hamdullah Mohib said negotiations with the Taliban will lead to a temporary peace, and he reiterated that achieving real peace requires addressing the regional and international dimensions of Afghanistan’s issue.

- The US’s proposed 8-page draft, “Afghanistan Peace Agreement,” will be discussed in a meeting of political leaders hosted by the High Council for National Reconciliation led by Abdullah Abdullah this week, according to an official of the council.

- President Ashraf Ghani met with key Afghan political leaders to discuss the peace process, particularly focusing on the latest peace plan proposed by the US. Sources who attended the meeting said there was no broad agreement on a way forward.

- The proposed draft for Afghan peace is under review by the High Council for National Reconciliation and the leadership committee of the council, will soon announce its “unified” stance in this respect.

- Amrullah Saleh the First vice president of Afghanistan called the US plan to form a transitional government a “disgraceful document “and said he would not sign it.

- Afghan politicians reacted to the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken’s letter to Afghan leaders stressing the urgency for peace efforts, saying, among other things, the letter highlights a stronger role for US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad in the peace process.

- Members of a number of different political parties said that under the new US plan for a transitional government, the Taliban has been offered a 50 percent stake in the system with the balance shared between politicians and government.

- The second monthly meeting of the Civil Society Commission of High Council for Reconciliation was held and chaired by Mr. Enayatullah Babur Frahmand, the first deputy of High Council for Reconciliation. In this meeting Mrs Humaira Saqeb the Chairman of the Secertariat of the Commission, Mr. Mohammad Nabi Sorosh, the Professional Deputy of the Ministry of Economy, Mrs Laila Jafary, the head of Civil Society Affairs and Political Organizations Department of the State Ministry of Peace, the government private, civil Societies organizations representatives and the
chairman and the members of the mentioned Comission participated. Presenting a report on the activities, talking about the guidelines for the future plans and presenting the plan of the committees created discussed in this meeting.

- Prominent Afghan politicians urged that an assessment be made of the US-proposed draft peace plan and called on the Afghan government to not create barriers in the way of the peace process.
- Dr. Abdullah Abdullah the Chairman of High Council for National Reconciliation met with Mr. Bahadur Aminian the Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran in Afghanistan at his residence. During the meeting, the two sides discussed peace efforts, recent political developments and the role of the Islamic Republic of Iran in ensuring lasting peace.

4. The Region

- The Taliban are due to finalize consultations about the US-proposed draft peace plan.
- The United Nations envoy for Afghanistan Deborah Lyons is due to arrive in Qatar to meet with Afghan government and Taliban representatives in an effort to accelerate the peace process.
- Russian Special Envoy for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov has invited Afghan officials to participate in a peace meeting in Moscow next week.
- As discussions continue on the US plan and the State Department letter credible sources in the government told daily 8 Subh that a meeting similar to the first Bonn meeting will be held in March 27, 2021 in Istanbul. This meeting will be conducted by the United Nation, and all the countries that involve in the Afghanistan peace process, including countries in the region will participate in this meeting.
- The proposed UN-led conference on Afghan peace in Turkey may take place in March 27.
- US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Menendez said that the US deadline, May 1, for troop withdrawal from Afghanistan may have to be reconsidered as the Taliban are not abiding by all of their commitments under the Doha deal.
- The United States’ Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) warned that security remains the most crucial and enduring high-risk area for Afghanistan and with or without a sustainable peace agreement and nationwide ceasefire, Afghanistan will likely continue to be threatened by multiple violent-extremist organizations.
- Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Friday said the UN-led meeting on Afghan peace “is planned to be held in Istanbul in April.”

- Chris Alexandra, Canada’s former ambassador to Afghanistan, says that restoring peace in Afghanistan will not be possible unless Pakistan halts its “covert proxy war” in the country.
- The United Nations Security Council in a statement unanimously condemned in the strongest terms the alarming number of attacks deliberately targeting civilians in Afghanistan.
- US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad, along with Resolute Support Commander General Scott Miller, met with Pakistan’s Chief of Army Staff General Javed Bajwa in Rawalpindi in Pakistan where they discussed the Afghan peace process.

5. Ongoing Violence

- At least one person was killed and another was wounded in two separate criminal incidents in Kabul city, Kabul police confirmed on Sunday.
- A policewoman was shot and wounded and her husband was killed in southern Helmand province.
- Abdul Rahman Fateh, the acting police chief of Deh Yak district in Ghazni, was killed in roadside mine blast in the province on Monday, local sources confirmed.
- As the summer fighting season approaches, the scale of war and violence continues to rise in Afghanistan. The latest figures show that at least 20 members of the Afghan security forces were killed and wounded in the past 24 hours in five provinces of the country.
- The Taliban took control of the center of Almar district in Faryab province, according to local security sources.
- A car bomb blast rattled Herat city on Friday evening. Public Health Department, stated that at least one person was killed, and 23 people including two security personnel were wounded in the explosion.