1. **Peace Talks in Doha**

- Zalmay Khalilzad, the special representative of America for Afghanistan peace at the end of last week presented a new plan for Afghanistan peace process to Ashraf Ghani, the Afghanistan president, political oppositions Civil Society Representatives and Taliban negotiators.
- After the presentation of the plan for a transitional government by the United States to Government and Taliban, talks and voting have continued to draft an amendment plan. About the United States suggested plan there is agreement on “State building” and “Ceasefire”.

2. **Women’s Role in Peace Process**

- The Afghan Women’s Network held a press conference with Afghan Women Coalition for Peace coalition groups entitled “Our Voice, For Our Future”, "Together Stronger", "My Red Line". "Women's Initiative for Peace" was established by the Women’s Advocacy Group for Peace, and during the conference, a document on the position of Afghan women was presented highlighting the women engagement in the peace process and demanded more women to represent in the Moscow and Turkey conferences one was held last week and Turkey conference is going to be held in April.
- Afghan Women’s Network celebrated the 8th of March with the participation of members from governmental offices, CSO’s and international organizations. Mari Akrami, Executive Director of Afghan Women's Network, on behalf of the Secretariat of Afghan Women's Network, welcomed the guests and explained the purpose of the program to the participants and thanked the Afghan Women's Network for supporting women and improving the situation of women in the country. Roshan Mashal, Deputy Director of the Afghan Women’s Network, presented a policy document that covers the findings of Afghan women at the family and community level in 8 regions of the country.

3. **Peace talks in the Country**

- President Ghani will attend the US-proposed peace conference in Istanbul – that is expected early in April – if the Taliban leader

Hibatullah Akhundzada attends the event, the Afghan republic’s chief negotiator Masoom Stanekzai said.
- For the two and a half years since the United States adopted the peace option with the Taliban, Turkey unlike Afghanistan’s neighbors and regional governments has never invited Taliban leaders to visit their country. Also Turkey did not participate regional meetings such as “China- Russia -Pakistan” “US-Russia-China “and “Iran-Pakistan”
- A Consultative meeting of Political Parties on the current state of peace process was conducted. In this meeting Mr. Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi the State Minister of Peace and Dr. Aalema, the Deputy Minister for Human Rights Affairs and Civil Society of the State Ministry of Peace were present.
- Some Afghan officials have warned that Washington’s aggressive push for a political settlement could backfire, by deadlocking talks, undermining the elected government and plunging the country deeper into violence, the Washington Post reported.
- The fourth meeting of Leadership Committee of High Council for national Reconciliation was held today, in this meeting they discussed the United States plan for Afghanistan peace and the global and regional meetings about the Afghanistan peace process.
- Gulbuddin Hekmatyar the leader of Islamic Party who has gone to Pakistan says that NATO has acknowledged its defeat in Afghanistan and is now looking to leave the country.
- US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad was back in Kabul on Monday where he met with Afghan leaders, including President Ashraf Ghani and Chairman Abdullah Abdullah.
- The Presidential Palace said that Khalilzad briefed President Ghani on his recent trips and activities and both discussed the next steps in the peace process. Abdullah Abdullah, head of the High Council for National Reconciliation, said he had a constructive meeting with Khalilzad and his accompanying delegation.
- A 12-member delegation of the Afghan government led by Abdullah Abdullah, chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation, attended the Moscow meeting that was held on Thursday. According to the reconciliation council, the delegation includes: Abdullah Abdullah Reconciliation Council Chairman, Parliament Speaker Mir Rahman Rahmani, Former president Hamid Karzai, Ex-vice president Marshal Abdul Rashid Dostum, Former vice president Mohammad Karim Khalili, Hizb-e-Islami leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, State Minister for Peace Affairs Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi, Chief Negotiator Masoom Stanekzai, Republic negotiator Matin Bek, Republic negotiator Nader, Republic negotiator Habiba Sarabi, Senate Deputy Speaker Alam Izedyar.
- US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad met with Afghan peace advocates to hear their views on the importance of men and youth working together with women to protect the gains of the last two decades. They also
discussed strategies to accelerate peace and reconciliation efforts in Afghanistan.

- Abdullah Abdullah, head of the High Council for National Reconciliation, joined by political leaders and peace negotiators left Kabul on Wednesday to Russia for Moscow conference on Afghan peace, his office confirmed.
- Following the Moscow conference on Afghan peace, separate meetings were held behind closed doors between the delegations representing the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Taliban as well as Hizb-e-Islami leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and the Taliban.

Taliban have not significantly changed their high levels of violence, or military and political objectives.

- US President Joe Biden has said it will be tough to meet the May 1 troop withdrawal deadline but that he has not yet made the decision as to when troops will leave.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed the statement by Moscow conference and called it a step forward towards beginning serious talks for achieving peace based on Afghans’ demand.
- NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Monday that the ongoing peace talks are the best way to preserve the hard-won achievements of the last two decades in Afghanistan.

### Ongoing Violence

- A policeman was killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen in the city of Jalalabad in Nangarhar province.
- Figures collected by TOLOnews show that 79 people were killed and 83 more were wounded in separate security incidents in the country over the last week, a slight increase compared with the data front a week prior to this.
- At least three people have been killed and 12 wounded evening in two separate explosions in Kabul city, police confirmed.
- Three women, employees of the Ministry of Telecommunication and IT, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information and Culture were killed in an explosion that targeted their bus in the Dahan-e-Bagh area in Kabul.
- Three security force members, who were assigned to protect the Pashdan dam in Herat, were killed in an attack by armed men.
- A student and a driver were killed and six more were wounded in gunmen attack on a bus carrying lecturers and students from Baghlan University in the city of Pul-e-Khumri.
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- Three civilians were killed and 11 more were wounded after a bus carrying government employees was targeted by a blast in Kabul on Thursday morning, police said.
- Nine people, including a pilot and five security force members, on board an Mi-17 helicopter belonged to Afghan army were killed after it crash landed in Behsud district in Maidan Wardak province.