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US Envoy Discussed Interim Govt with Afghan Politicians: Sources

The US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad discussed the prospect of an interim government in Afghanistan as a result of the peace process, said sources

close to the Afghan politicians who recently met Khalilzad. According to the sources familiar with the process, Khalilzad in his meetings with the Afghan politicians apparently talked about three options: First, the continuation of the

present government and the inclusion of the Taliban in the govt. Second, the inclusion of the government in the structure of a Taliban-led government. Third, the option to establish an interim and inclusive government. According to the sources, the Afghan political leaders reportedly told Khalilzad that the establishment of an interim government... —P2—

Gunmen Kill Three Female Soldiers in Balkh

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KABUL: In yet another targeted killing, Three Afghan female soldiers have lost their lives after unknown gunmen opened fire on them in northern Balkh province, officials said on Tuesday.

The shooting rampage happened in PD 5th of Mazar-e-Sharif, the provincial capital city, in which two others received injuries, said Mohammad Haneef Rezae, a Spokesman for 209 Shaheen Army Corps. This comes as spike in the roadside violence and targeted assassination has highly speaking for itself. They came under attack after the armed men started shooting at their ve-

US presses ahead with Afghanistan troop drawdown despite law barring it



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of Defense told Reuters, despite a new law prohibiting further reductions without the Pentagon sending


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