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Bakhtar News Agency
An earthquake of force four plus on the 12-point scale locked Tashkent at two hours 18 minutes of Moscow time yesterday. The force of the quake near the western suburb of Tashkent was over five points. The quake has caused no damage to the biggest city of Soviet Central Asia.

It was the 200th earthquake since the quake of force near eight points at the epicentre, which took place here on December 11, 1980.

An exhibition was held on the occasion by the workers and employees of the Cartography-Geodesy Department, the National Petroleum Company, Post, Telephones and Telegraph Department and Publications Department of the Ministry of National Defence, sponsored by the 11th party precinct of the city last Thursday.

Dr. Shaikhzada, Vice President of the City Committee of Kabul, was present. Most up-to-date weapons are being purchased for colossal sums of money in the USA, China, Israel, Britain, the FRG and France. In December last year, for example, it became known that the USA spent $1 billion on armament.

A number of rebel bands punished

KABUL, Jan 11 (Xinhua) - A number of rebel bands have been punished for carrying out terrorist attacks in the last few months.

A UN conference on Namibia continues

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Editorial
British parliamentary delegation's visit to Afghanistan

The visit of the British parliamentary delegation to Afghanistan has added much to our understanding of the situation in Afghanistan. The delegation, comprising members of Parliament from both the Labour and Conservative parties, arrived in Kabul on Monday and held a series of meetings with Afghan officials, including the Prime Minister, King Zahir Shah.

The delegation was particularly impressed by the Afghan economy, which has been recovering rapidly since the fall of the Taliban. They were also impressed by the Afghan people's resilience and determination to rebuild their country.

The delegation's visit has also helped to strengthen the relationship between Afghanistan and the United Kingdom. The British government has been providing significant financial and technical assistance to Afghanistan, and the visit is expected to further enhance this cooperation.

In conclusion, the delegation's visit has been a success, and we hope that it will lead to increased trade and investment between Afghanistan and the United Kingdom. We also hope that the visit will help to bring about a more peaceful and prosperous future for Afghanistan.

British MPs Kabul press conference

One of the main events of the visit was a press conference held by the British MPs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul. The MPs were joined by Afghan officials, including the Foreign Minister.

The MPs were asked a number of questions about their visit to Afghanistan, including their views on the situation in the country and their plans for future cooperation. They were also asked about their views on the ongoing peace negotiations with the Taliban.

The MPs were particularly critical of the Taliban's refusal to negotiate with the Afghan government. They called for a more inclusive and representative peace process that includes the voices of all Afghans, including women.

The press conference was well attended, with reporters from both Afghan and international media present. The MPs were praised for their frank and honest answers to the questions posed to them.

Vast national fatherland front - a historical need in Afghanistan

On the second day of their visit, the delegation held a meeting with the President of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai. The meeting was held at the Presidential Palace in Kabul.

During the meeting, the President thanked the delegation for their visit and expressed his confidence in the UK's continued support for Afghanistan.

The President also discussed the ongoing peace talks with the Taliban, and the need for a comprehensive approach to the conflict.

The delegation was particularly impressed by the President's commitment to building a peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan.

Winning lands from desert

The visit of the delegation also included a tour of some of Afghanistan's most remote and desolate regions. The MPs were shown the challenges faced by the Afghan people in these areas, including lack of access to basic services such as education and healthcare.

The delegation was impressed by the resilience and determination of the Afghan people in these remote areas, and they pledged to continue supporting efforts to bring these areas into the mainstream of Afghan society.

New homes for 50 million Soviets

The delegation also visited some of the new housing projects being built in Afghanistan, which are expected to provide homes for up to 50 million Soviets who fled the country during the Soviet occupation.

The MPs were impressed by the scale of the projects and the commitment of the Afghan government to providing housing for these displaced people.

HOME PRESS REVIEW

The Daily Times is a national newspaper in Afghanistan, and it is the country's leading newspaper. The newspaper publishes daily in both English and Dari.

The Daily Times provides news coverage on all aspects of Afghan life, from politics and economics to culture and society. The newspaper is owned by the Afghan Times Group, which is one of the largest media companies in Afghanistan.

The newspaper was founded in 1950 and has a long and distinguished history. It has played a significant role in shaping the political and cultural landscape of Afghanistan.

Latest Arrivals Available at BAIHAQI Stores

BAIHAQI is a major retail chain in Afghanistan, and it operates a network of stores across the country. The stores sell a wide range of products, including clothing, electronics, and household goods.

With the war ending, there is a great demand for new products and services in Afghanistan. BAIHAQI is well positioned to meet this demand, and the company has been expanding its operations in recent years.

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The visit of the British parliamentary delegation to Afghanistan is a significant event in the context of international relations. The delegation, comprising members from various political parties, is expected to explore the political, economic, and social landscape of the country. This visit will provide an opportunity for the delegation to engage with the Afghan government and people, fostering a deeper understanding of the country's challenges and aspirations.

During their stay, the delegation will visit key cities, interact with local leaders, and attend meetings with government officials. The discussions are likely to cover a range of topics, including trade, development assistance, and security cooperation. The visits to historical sites and cultural institutions will provide insights into Afghanistan's rich heritage and its place in the region.

The delegation's role will be to assess the progress made towards stability and development in Afghanistan. Their findings will contribute to the ongoing efforts to support Afghanistan in its transition towards a peaceful and prosperous future. The insights gained from this visit will also be shared with the international community, highlighting the importance of continued support and cooperation in regional and global contexts.

In conclusion, the visit of the British parliamentary delegation to Afghanistan is a pivotal moment that promises to strengthen ties and pave the way for future collaboration. It underscores the commitment of the international community to support Afghanistan's journey towards stability and development.
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Pakhtoon University "Friendship" Hall opens