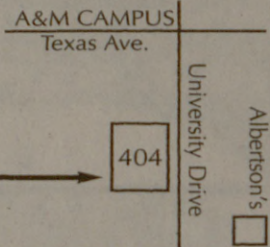


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UN approves temporary post-Taliban government

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a power-sharing agreement for a temporary post-Taliban government in Afghanistan Thursday but held off authorizing a multinational security force.

The council said in a resolution that it is determined to help the Afghan people establish lasting peace after more than two decades of war, and to cooperate with the international community "to put an end to the use of Afghanistan as a base for terrorism."

The resolution endorses the agreement signed Wednesday by four Afghan factions in Bonn, Germany. It urges all Afghan groups to implement it "in full."

The U.N.-brokered agreement calls for a 30-member interim authority to govern Afghanistan for six months, starting Dec. 22. The former king will then convene a traditional tribal council to pave the way for elections within two years.

The agreement asks the Security Council to authorize a multinational force to assist in maintaining security, initially in the capital Kabul and possibly elsewhere later.

The United States wanted to include a

reference to the force in the resolution, but other council members wanted a number of questions answered first so there is no mention of a force, diplomats said.

Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador Andrey Granovsky said the council needed to consult with Afghan leaders about a security force. "We want to know what they think about it. This is not a 'no man's land.' They live there."

Council members also want to know who is going to contribute troops and who is going to lead the force and they want assurance that there are no clashes between the U.N. force and the U.S.-led military operation, diplomats said.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday in Brussels that an international peacekeeping force will soon be sent into Afghanistan, although "the mix and the leadership" among nations has yet to be determined. "There will be no shortage of troops," he said.

U.S. deputy ambassador James Cunningham said the resolution gave a "political impulse" to the agreement. He said countries needed to discuss how to

meet the request for an international force before the council acts.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said "We have many hurdles ahead, and we are going to try and do our best, and we need the Afghan parties to cooperate with us."

The United Nations would like to see an interim government take power on the ground in Kabul by the end of Dec. 22, diplomats said.

Annun noted that the Security Council will be coming back to the issue later. He hopes not much later because it is an essential part of the agreement.

Council diplomats said they expect a resolution authorizing an international force to be adopted later this month. They hope the resolution is adopted by the end of the month, they said.

The council is also expected to adopt a third resolution authorizing a U.N. mission to provide humanitarian relief in Afghanistan.

Annun said his top envoy to Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, would soon meet with the interim government in Kabul and sit down with the parties to discuss "practical steps" to implement the agreement.

Japanese crown princess named Aiko

TOKYO (AP) — A week after she was born, the newest member of Japan's royal family on Friday was bathed and named Princess Aiko in elaborate and ancient court rituals.

Many Japanese have been in high spirits since Crown Princess Masako gave birth Saturday to her first child. She and Crown Prince Naruhito wed more than eight years ago.

The Imperial Household Agency has said mother and daughter are healthy, but hasn't yet offered much information or released any pictures of the newborn.

On Friday, however, the public was treated to daylong pageant beginning with the princess's bathing ritual. A first glimpse of the baby was expected Saturday, when Masako, 37, will leave the palace hospital, national broadcaster NHK said.

In a carefully choreographed ceremony, a royal attendant poured water over the infant, as scholars in ancient court dress plucked at strings of wooden bows to ward off evil spirits and a court-appointed official read from an 8th century Japanese history text.

After its bath, the baby was named Aiko and given the royal

title Toshi-no-miya, said palace spokesman Hirofumi Oka. In a break with tradition, the name was chosen by the baby's parents, instead of by the emperor.

Taken from the teachings of the Chinese philosopher Mencius, Aiko — written with the characters for "love" and "child" — refers to a virtuous person. Mencius, a Confucian moralist who lived from 372-289 BC, stressed the goodness of human nature.

The imperial household is the chief guardian of Japan's indigenous Shinto religion, and the rituals are supposed to evoke a sense

of the nation's ancient history.

The origins of the oldest hereditary monarchy shrouded in myth, which descends from the emperor's line, are believed to have been established at least 1,500 years ago.

As the eldest son of Emperor Akihito and Empress Masako, Naruhito, 41, is heir to the throne. The princess's birth has revived discussion of whether government should abolish its current males-only law of succession, which would allow a woman to assume the throne.



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