

Quote of the Day

A law is something which must have a moral basis, so that there is an inner compelling force for every citizen to obey.

Chaim Weizmann (1874 - 1952)

Constitution

In cases of death, resignation or dismissal of a member of the Wolesi Jirga, and/or disability or handicap, which prevents performance of duties permanently, election in the related constituency is held for a new representative for the rest of the legislative period, in accordance with the law.

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Danish Introduces 16 Cabinet Nominees to Parliament

The second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danish on Wednesday introduced the remaining cabinet picks, except the defense ministry nominee, to the Parliament for a vote of confidence.

KABUL - The nominees for the much-awaited two-third of the cabinet were announced about two weeks ago, a few days before the trip of President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah to the United States.

The nominees introduced after more than six months since the formation of unity government are as follows: Hamayoun Rassa as the Minister of Commerce and Industries; Abdul Bari Jahani as the Minister of Information and Culture; Asadullah Zameer as the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock; Gulab Mangal as the Minister



of Borders and Tribal Affairs; Mahmood Baleegh as the Minister of Public Works; Abdul Sattar Murad as the Minister of Economy; Mohammadullah Batash as the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation; Asadullah Hanif Balkhi as the Minister of Education; Sayed Mansour Sadat Nadiri as the Minister of Urban Development; Abdul Basir Anwar as the Minister of Justice; Abdul Razaq Wahidi as the Minister of Information Technology; Dilbar Nazari as the Minister of Women's Affairs; Salamat Azimi as the Minister of Counter-Narcotics; Farida Momand as ... (More on P4)...(1)

Govt. Income Increased By 4%



KABUL - The Ministry of Finance has announced a four percent increase in government financial income in the first quarter of this year compared to the first quarter of last year. Officials at the Ministry of Finance say the target for the first quarter was set at 24.26 billion Afghanis but now 24.47 billion Afghanis have been collected at the treasury which shows an increase of 21 million Afghanis.

As per the information provided by the Ministry of Finance, the income of the custom departments also show an increase by 9.9 percent in the first quarter of this year compared to the income of the first quarter of last year.

11.656 ... (More on P4)...(2)

Afghan Students Receive Gold Medals in Bulgaria

KABUL - A group of Afghan students who attended a mathematics competition in Bulgaria received gold medals.

They were among 13,000 students from 29 countries who took part in the academic competition in Bulgaria.

The five Afghan students who attended the competition from Kandahar province were guest of the acting governor Tooryalai Waisa at the governor's house yesterday.

Tooryalai Waisa thanked the students for studying hard and achievements and ... (More on P4)...(8)

President Kandahar Traders' Problems to be Resolved



KABUL - Traders of southern Kandahar province have complained that the fresh fruit market in the province was monopolized by a specific individual, prompting President Ashraf Ghani to appoint a committee to resolve the problem without further delay.

A statement from the Presidential Palace said the president held a marathon ... (More on P4)...(4)

CSTO Working Group on Afghanistan Expected to Meet in Dushanbe

DUSHANBE - The Working Group on Afghanistan under the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) Foreign Ministers' Council will meet in Dushanbe on April 3.

According to the CSTO Secretariat, the CSTO Deputy Secretary-General Ara ... (More on P4)...(5)

Pentagon Failed in War on Afghan Drugs: SIGAR

WASHINGTON - Despite spending about \$1.8 billion, 569m of which paid to infamous mercenary firm formerly known as Blackwater, the Pentagon has failed to fight drugs production in Afghanistan, according to a new U.S. report. The U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) has said in its recent report that the opium production climbed steadily over recent years to reach record-high levels last year.

It reported that from over \$7 billion spent by the United States to eradicate poppy cultivation in Afghanistan, about \$1.8 billion of that was spent by the Pentagon. Furthermore, the SIGAR report has revealed that Pentagon has failed to account \$45 billion it spent since 2002 in Afghanistan. This comes as the United Nations, last year in December, reported a 60% growth in Afghan land used for opium poppy cultivation since 2011, up to 209,000

hectares. "Given the growth in opium poppy cultivation, it must be assumed that the Taliban's income from the illegal trade in narcotics has remained an important factor in generating assets for the group," the United Nations reported. The Afghan analyst, meanwhile, strongly criticize the failure in curbing poppy cultivation in Afghanistan, blaming it on external hands ... (More on P4)...(3)



Afghanistan among World's Most Dangerous Countries

KABUL - A new study has listed Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Ukraine among the world's 10 most dangerous countries. Based on terrorist and rebel activity, the study by the Washington-based IntelCenter lists Iraq and Syria as the world's most dangerous countries. Afghanistan ... (More on P4)...(6)



Mourning Relatives of 31 Zabol Hostages Arrive in Kabul

KABUL - Among the 31 hostages there are two brothers - Syed Reza and Ali Gawhar - whose mother and other loved ones mourn their absence and traveled to Kabul this week to put pressure on the central government to take action in order to secure ... (More on P4)...(7)

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