

Quote of the Day

Every man has a right to his opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts.

Bernard M. Baruch (1870 - 1965)

Constitution

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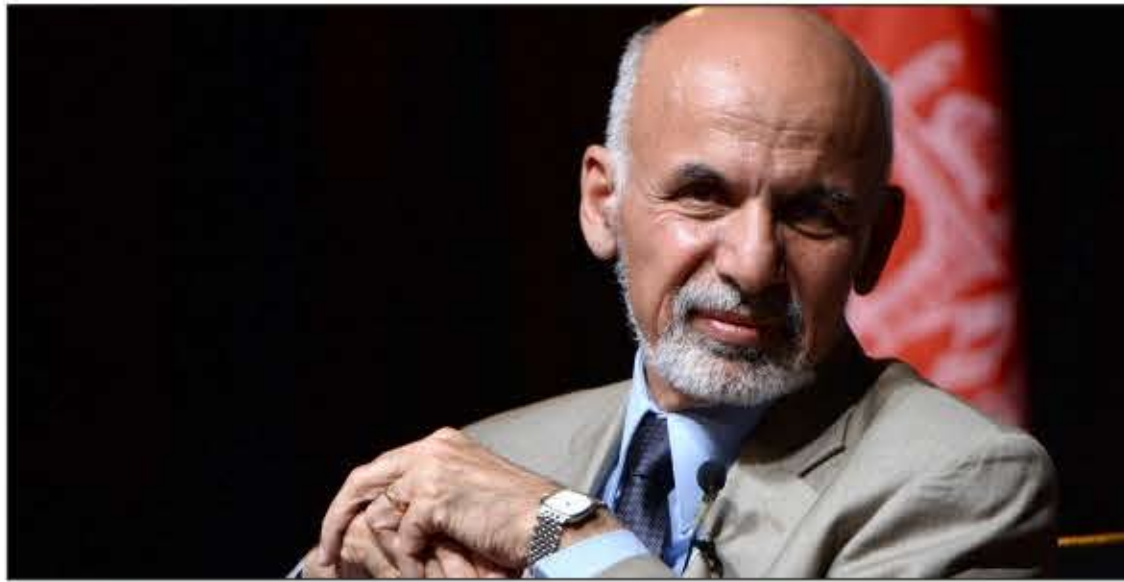
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Steps Being Taken to Stabilize Investment Sector: President

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has assured the government will utilize all resources to stabilize trade and investment sector in Afghanistan. According to a statement from the Presidential Palace, Ghani expressed these views in his meeting with a number of industrialists on Friday evening. The meeting was attended by ministers of interior, mines and petroleum, commerce, deputy finance minister, deputy head of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) and head of Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS). Sher Baz Kaminzada head of the Afghanistan Association of National Industry (AANI) on behalf of industrialists told the president that AANI was formed with membership of 27 entities.



More than one million workers were associated with different industries across the country, he added. Despite multiple problems being faced by the investors, they were striving to produce carpets, handicrafts, marbles, non-alcoholic beverages, foods items, printing industries, plastic sector, packages, furniture, metal industry, construction materials, flour, cleaning items and other industries, Kaminzada said. In addition, at least 3,000 small and big factories with investment of \$1.6 billion have been established by the industrialists that generated work opportunities for more than one million people in the past one decade, he recalled. He also shared problems being faced by the investors ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

\$2 mln Worth of Contracts Signed at Kabul Industrial Festival

KABUL - Officials from the Afghanistan Investment Supporting Agency (AISA) reported on Friday that since the start of the industrial trade show in Kabul four days ago roughly two million USD worth of contracts have been signed. Alongside Afghan nationals, businessmen from various countries, such as the United States, Turkey, India and the United Arab Emirates have visited the exhibition and brokered deals with Afghan companies.

According to AISA, the greatest interest has been shown toward dry fruit, herbal oil, woodcraft, beverage, honey and fresh fruit products.

"This time, the interest of visitors and foreign businessmen has been unprecedented," AISA official Ahmad Walid said. "We hope that more contracts are signed, but our initial statistics indicate that so far contracts worth up to 100 million Afghani have been signed during the exhibition."

A number of fresh and dry fruit companies have secured exporting contracts with foreign businesses. "We signed two contracts with a Turkish business on the basis of which we export dry and fresh fruits at a cost of \$500,000 annually," one Afghan businessman named Mohammad Gul said.

The industrial trade show was inaugurated by President Ashraf Ghani at the Loya Jirga tent earlier this week. It is intended to enhance domestic production and industrial growth, and there are a total of 120 stalls at ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

Stabilization of Military-Political Situation in Afghanistan Discussed



BAKU - The Working Group on Afghanistan under the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) Foreign Ministers' Council held a meeting yesterday in Dushanbe, Avesta.tj news agency said on Saturday.

The meeting was chaired by Tajikistan, according to the information department of the ministry of foreign affairs of Republic of Tajikistan.

The meeting was attended by deputies secretary general of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, permanent representatives and national coordinators for Afghanistan under the CSTO Foreign Ministers' Council of member states of the organization.

Topical issues related to the current situation and the prospective of stabilization of the military and political situation in Afghanistan were discussed during the meeting.

In particular, the progress of implementation of events provided by the ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

Mullah Omar Involved in Peace Talks

KABUL - NBC News, a U.S. media outlet, writes in its report published on Saturday said that Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar is also involved in peace talks with Afghan government.

NBC News quotes unnamed senior Taliban commanders as saying that Mullah Mohammad Omar has given authority to his old friend and Deputy Akhtar Mohammad Mansoor to make decision on his behalf.

According to the report after several years of war many militants are exhausted and waiting for a peace deal to come into shape.

NBC News quotes unnamed senior Taliban commander as saying "It's a matter of few weeks now as everything is ready and the team has been selected to meet U.S. and Kabul as well."

According to NBC News beside ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

Haji Mohammad Mohaqiq No Decision Made in NSC to Support KSA in Yemen

KABUL - Second deputy chief executive, Haji Mohammad Mohaqiq, states that Afghanistan's support for Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's (KSA) involvement in Yemen crises was in contradiction to the decision they made in the National Security Council (NSC) meeting. "We did not have such a decision in the National Security Council. We decided that in respect to Afghanistan's issues nearly for four decades, war is not the solution. There should be peace, and the United Nations and the Islamic Conference ...*(More on P4)...*(2)



Mismanagement by Acting Governors Leads to More Corruption: WJ

KABUL - Abdul Rauf Ibrahim, Speaker Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament, on Saturday said management by acting governor's in provinces has led to massive corruption and mismanagement of a number of affairs.

The unity government took



over on September 30, 2014. Only three provinces have got new governors, while the rest of the ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

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