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No Difference of Opinion on Yemen Crisis: Abdullah

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday made it clear that the unity government has taken decision on Yemen crisis after thorough consultations with Jihadi leaders and National Security Council (NSC). Earlier, reports were circulating that President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and the CEO had different views over the Yemen conflict. Addressing cabinet meeting, Abdullah said: "The stance is crystal clear. A threat to the holy places is a threat to all Muslims." "Yemen's legitimate government was recognized by international community and ... (More on P4)...(8)



Khost Protesters End Week-Long Strike

KHOST CITY - Following assurances by the visiting delegation from Kabul, the protesters in the southeastern Khost province on Monday ended their strike they launched against the acting Governor Abdul Jabbar Naeemi. Ikramullah Khpalwak, chairman of the delegation, while addressing a press conference said that the tents the protesters erected outside the governor's house had been removed. A written agreement had been signed with the demonstrators that a joint commission comprised security, intelligence officials and judiciary would investigate the devastating suicide attack. "The commission will in contact with the president who will take action against the perpetrators of the attack," he added. A detailed report, he said regarding administrative corruption in the province would be shared with the president. However, he did not touch the thorny issue of regarding the fate of acting Governor Abdul Jabbar Naeemi but said the president would take concrete steps to address demands of the people. (Pajhwok)

Graft-Tainted Torkham Scale Officials Being Prosecuted

JALALABAD - The provincial council on Monday asked the government to arrest and prosecute graft-tainted scale officials and Public Works Ministry observers in eastern Nangarhar province. Haji Ahmad Ali, the council chief, told a press conference in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, their investigation showed hundreds of thousands of afghans were being pocketed on a daily basis at the Torkham weighbridge on the border with Pakistan. "A few days ago, a joint delegation of the provincial ... (More on P4)...(13)

88 Percent Increase in Civilian Casualties: Report

KABUL - The monthly security report by TOLONews indicates an 88 percent increase in civilian casualties across the country during the month of March as compared to last month's report. Despite a sharp increase in civilian casualties, the report showed a three-fold decrease in insurgent casualties. In addition, the casualties among security forces also decreased by 40 percent, according to the report - which is compiled monthly by TOLONews following the transfer of security responsibilities from NATO to Afghan forces. Based on the report, March recorded the deaths of ... (More on P4)...(14)

Over 3,800 Afghans Arrested by Police in Peshawar

KABUL - At least 3,882 Afghan nationals have been arrested by Pakistani police during the past three in Peshawar - the provincial capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The provincial police sources quoted by local newspapers have said the Afghan nationals were held for illegally in Peshawar city. The sources further added that 263 proclaimed offenders including 16 important terrorists were also arrested during ... (More on P4)...(9)

Shopkeepers Protest Against Tax Increase

KABUL - Hundreds of shops in Kabul city were closed as shopkeepers protested against an unprecedented tax increase by the government. The shopkeepers gathered near the Ministry of Finance (MoF) compound while scores others started marching in Shahr-e-Naw area to protest against the new tax increase. Majority of the shops in Mandawi, Kabul's main wholesale market were closed which includes shops supplying



food items to retailers. According to the shopkeepers the government has ... (More on P4)...(10)

Yemen Crisis: Hezb-E-Islami Backs Saudi Arabia

KABUL - Hezb-e-Islami which was a leading faction in the fight against Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and took arm against government after the fall of Taliban has announced its support from the Saudi Arabia-led coalition against Huthis in Yemen. Hezb-e-Islami leader Gulbuddin



Hikmatyar has shown readiness to play his role to assist Saudi Arabia in its campaign of preventing the Huthis from advancement in Yemen. Turkey, Pakistan and Afghanistan have also announced their support from Saudi Arabia. ... (More on P4)...(11)

Gen. Ludin Nominated as Minister of Defense

KABUL - Gen. Afzal Ludin was nominated as minister of defense on Monday and will soon be introduced to Parliament for a vote of confidence, said presidential spokesman Ajmal Obaid Abidi. The Presidential Palace said in a statement that President Ashraf ... (More on P4)...(12)



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