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Daily Outlook Weather Forecast

US is Censoring Official Kunduz Hospital Bombing Report: MSF

KABUL - The United States military is censoring portions of its investigation of the Kunduz hospital bombing in Afghanistan, to "sanitize" it for public consumption, an MSF chief told Radio Sputnik. The US military has an official record of its full investigation of the Kunduz hospital bombing, in Afghanistan, but is censoring parts of it to make it acceptable for public consumption, Jonathan Witthall, Head of the Humanitarian Analysis of Doctors Without Borders (MSF) told Radio Sputnik. The calls for an independent investigation have received no official reaction from the US military or US President Barack Obama. The US Air Force ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Afghan Skirmishes Leave 39 Dead in 24 Hours

KABUL - Afghan insurgency and counter-insurgency have left 39 dead including a civilian in the southern and northern regions of the conflict-hit country over the past 24 hours, officials said Wednesday. In the latest violent incident a suicide bomber detonated his explosive device in Taliban former stronghold southern Kandahar province Wednesday morning, killing himself and a civilian, police spokesman in the province Zia Durani said. "A terrorist tied explosive device in his body wanted to target security personnel, but before reaching the target, he was identified by security personnel and then detonated his



suicide vest, killing himself and a passerby civilian," Durani told Xinhua. One civilian sustained injury in the blast, the official added. Moreover, five militants have been killed and 13 others sustained injuries as clashes flared up in Dand-e-Shahabudin district of the northern Baghlan prov-

ince since Tuesday, provincial governor Abdul Satar Bariz said Wednesday. Two security personnel have also been killed, the official asserted. Government forces, following fierce fighting overran Dand-e-Shahabudin, a Taliban bastion in the northern Baghlan province in early March. Taliban fighters, according to locals, returned to the district a week ago and begun attacking government interests. Purported Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the clash in Dand-e-Shahabudin, claiming the ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

People Council's Head Gunned Down

HERAT CITY - The head of the people's council for the Shindand district of western Herat province was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in on Wednesday. Mohammad Arif, alias Gudamdar, was killed by unidentified gunmen around noon in Herat City, the governor's spokesman, Jilani Farhad, told Pajhwok Afghan News. The victim's 16-year-old son and another young man were injured in the attack, he said, without blaming anyone for the target killing. Meanwhile, Zonal ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

29 Daesh Insurgents Killed in Nangarhar Operation

JALALABAD - At least 29 Daesh insurgents were killed in an ongoing military operation in eastern Nangarhar province, local officials said on Wednesday. In addition, 15 other insurgents were injured. The operation was launched in Kot district of the province on Tuesday and is ongoing to clear all Daesh insurgents, a spokesman for the Provincial Police Chief, Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal said. However, he did not provide further details about the operation or about casualties among security force members. Kot and Achin districts are insecure areas where Daesh insurgents are active and frequently attack security forces. (Toloenws)

Officials

Fighting Erupts Near Power Lines to Kabul

KABUL - Fighting has broken out between Afghan government forces and Taliban militants in an area in the north where battles destroyed power lines early this year, officials said on Wednesday. The insurgents destroyed power lines in the area in Baghlan province in January, causing nearly a month of power cuts in the capital and adding to concern over Taliban gains in various places since most foreign troops withdrew in late 2014. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

US Defence Contractor Agrees to Pay Afghan Immigrant Actors

KABUL - A US defence contractor has agreed to pay Afghan and Iraqi immigrants a \$3 million in overtime for posing as combat onlookers for U.S. Marine Corps training exercises. After claims from the immigrants they were owed overtime pay, the contractor, Tatitlek Support Services, prayed a Los Angeles judge to accept the \$3 million settlement, a news site said. ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Poll Finds 90% Pakistanis Back Afghan Visa Restriction

ISLAMABAD - A new poll in Pakistan says a sweeping majority, or 90%, of its citizens, support blocking Afghans from entering the country without a visa in order to help counterterrorism efforts. The field survey of 1,755 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four Pakistani



provinces was conducted from January 25 - February 01, said Gallup Pakistan, the local affiliate of Gallup International. It said that only 9 percent Pakistanis opposed the restriction. Pakistan survey shows belief porous border is major factor ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Logaris Urge Early Completion of 300-Bed Hospital

PUL-I-ALAM - The fate of a huge 300-bed hospital in central Logar province remains unknown after construction work on the project came to a halt about three years ago. Launched about nine years ago, construction work on the hospital project named "Naib ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Khalilzad Gives Insight into Post 2001 Issues as Outlined in New Book

KABUL - Speaking at the launch of his book The Envoy: From Kabul to the White House, My Journey through a Turbulent World, former U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad gave insight into where he felt Afghanistan had gone wrong soon after the ousting of the Taliban ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Citizens' Charter Elements Project

Grant No.: Being Applied

Implementing Agencies:

Ministry of Finance

Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD)

Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG)

Project ID No.: P155497

Procurement of Goods, Works, Consultancy and Non-Consultancy Services for the Project components under the MRRD

The Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) intends to apply for a grant (amount to be determined) from the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund routed through the World Bank towards the cost of the Citizens' Charter Elements Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

Background

In September 2015, the Afghanistan's Government of National Unity announced its intention to launch the Citizens' Charter as one of its twelve National Priority Programs (NPPs). The proposed objectives of the Charter are to: (i) contribute to the Unity Government's efforts to break the cycle of fragility and violence, by deepening the legitimacy of the Afghan state and (ii) reduce poverty by providing universal access to a core set of basic services. The Citizens Charter intends to improve service delivery, provide greater responsiveness by the Government to the people and increase the level of public satisfaction with services. The Citizens Charter National Priority Program (CCNPP) would be a compact between the Government and its citizens that would ensure that all Afghans would receive a core set of basic development services that will help them to raise their productivity, secure their livelihoods, and improve the welfare of their families.

The CCNPP would focus on a limited number of basic services that can be provided across the whole country over ten years, spread over 3 phases of approximately 3.5 years each, and expected to start implementation in October 2016.

As of the time of publication of this General Procurement Notice (GPN), the CCEP is under the project preparation phase. The services under the CCEP that will fall under the direct responsibility of the MRRD are under discussion and may include the following:

- Election, facilitation and capacity building of the CDCs/ Cluster CDCs for 6 sectoral services
- Regular and periodic small fiscal transfers to the CDCs
- Service delivery (including small scale infrastructure) for the sectors of
 - water and sanitation,
 - flood control,
 - rural connectivity,
 - small scale irrigation, and
 - rural renewable energy.

This General Procurement Notice (GPN) is being issued by the MRRD with regard to all procurement that will be undertaken under the CCEP. While there will be requirements for procurement of varied goods, works, non-consultancy and consultancy services under the CCEP, the initial procurement and the one considered most significant will be that of the procurement of Facilitating Partners (FPs). The FPs will be responsible for the mobilization of the communities, election and registration of the CDCs, training and capacity building for the CDCs and select community members in a variety of areas, and technical assistance in areas such as social audit, grievance handling etc.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works & Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits](#) & Grants by World Bank Borrowers published by the Bank in January 2011, Revised July 1, 2014, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#) published by the Bank in January 2011, Revised July 1, 2014.

As of now, the following large consulting contracts have been identified under the project:

- Consultants/NGOs for the facilitation of communities for the Citizens' Charter Phase One: Between 10 and 14 packages of communities, each spread across 1 to 3 provinces in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan, on a fixed cost selection basis per community.
- Individual consultants to serve as technical, policy, operations advisors for various periods.
- Consultants to conduct evaluations/ studies as may be identified.
- Consultants to prepare training materials as may be identified.

As of now, the following large Works, Goods and Non-Consulting Services contracts have been identified for procurement under the project:

- Specialized software and product licenses (to be determined after CCEP MIS requirements are finalized).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the World Bank's for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business](#), [dgMarket](#), the Ministry website: www.mrrd.gov.af, NPA website www.ppu.gov.af and in the local Newspapers.