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Imam-I-Ka'aba

Terror Fuelling Chaos and Inequality

PESHAWAR - Imam-i-Ka'aba Sheikh Saleh Bin Muhammad Ibrahim has called terrorism a source of economic imbalance, inequality and chaos in the society, impeding progress and development. Speaking in the northwestern garrison town of Nowshera, he vehemently denounced the elements linking Islam to terrorism and misinterpreting its teachings to achieve their ulterior motives. At the concluding session of the centennial celebrations of Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) in Azakhel area on Sunday, he believed religious schools and scholars could help banish the menace.



Sheikh Saleh asked Muslims to renounce sectarianism and forge unity in their ranks. Pakistani and Saudi scholars stood united in guiding people on to the right path and protecting holy places, including Haramain Sharifain. Islam has nothing to do with violence, terrorism and sectarianism, as it embodies the teachings of Quran and the Prophet's Sunnah, not the extremist narrative, according to the visiting dignitary. (Pajhwok)

Nangarhar Customs Revenue up By 4.14mn Afs

JALALABAD - Revenue of the Customs Department of eastern Nangarhar province has increased following computerization of the department, an official said Monday. The customs department collected 2.5 billion afghanis in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, showing 4.14 million afghanis increase over last year's returns. Elhamuddin Muzhar, the provincial customs director, told Pajhwok Afghan News that effective steps had been taken to prevent corruption in the key department. Increase in personnel, computerizing of the tax collection system, rapid provision of tax forms to traders and other ... (More on P4)...(9)

Jalga Residents Call for Removal of District Police Chief

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Scores of residents of the Jalga district of northern Baghlan province on Monday accused the district police chief of cooperating with murderers and smugglers of drug and demanded his ouster. Around 100 angry inhabitants staged protest in front of the governor's house early in morning, demanding the immediate removal of Baba Afzal as police chief for the district. Haji Mohammadullah, one of the demonstrators, accused the police chief of cutting clandestine deals and failing to ... (More on P4)...(10)

Kabul Press Club

Ghani Copying Trump's Stance against Media

KABUL - President Mohamad Ashraf Ghani is under fire for his move in abandoning the journalist of a private TV channel for a question with an Organization supporting open media saying the President is copying President Donald Trump's move in censoring media. The Kabul Press Club in a statement said the Organization is concerned regarding the move of President Ghani, accusing one of his spokesmen of insulting the reporters. Fazal is a pro-Taliban Pakistani political leader who had endorsed the Taliban extremism in Afghanistan, calling it a legitimate war against the foreign forces. The remarks by Fazal-ur-Rehman were followed after a meeting with President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani who visited Pakistan on a two-day state visit shortly after taking office as the new President of Afghanistan. President Ghani had returned from what appeared to be a successful series of state visits to Australia, Indonesia, and Singapore, inviting the local journalists to brief regarding the outcomes of the tours. This comes as the freedom of speech was considered as the main ... (More on P4)...(12)

3 Kandahar Schools Reopen after Years-Long Closure



KANDAHAR - Three schools, which had been shut for years due to security concerns, reopened on Monday in the Shah Wali Kot district of southern Kandahar province, officials said. Kandahar education director Qari Muhibullah Qadiri told Pajhwok Afghan News he reopened the schools in Chagto, Chinar and Kandalono villages. He said the schools had been closed for a long time and their reopening enabled hundreds of children to resume their studies. The director said students of the schools had been transferred to schools in Babarano Sozeni, Mardozi and Kala villages where security situation was good. As many as 450 students study in the three schools and their number may increase. The Education Department has started efforts at reopening closed schools, Qadiri said. Haji Abdu Ghani, administrative chief of Shah Wali Kot district, said people would be encouraged to keep schools open and send their children to school. Shah Wali Kot district council head Haji ... (More on P4)...(15)

88 Taliban Killed, 103 Injured in Tagab Offensive

MAHMOOD RAQI - Security officials on Monday said 88 Taliban militants have been killed and scores of others wounded during three months of an ongoing operation in central Kapisa province. Kapisa police chief Mohammad Ayub Yousafzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the three-month-old offensive was ongoing in Tagab district. He said so far 88 Taliban militants had been killed and 103 others injured during the operation that resulted in clearing 27 villages of the guerrillas. Col. Sherin Agha Faqiri, Afghan army's 201 Selab Military Corps spokesman, also said the rebels sustained heavy casualties in the



operation. He said a number of key Taliban commanders including their deputy governor for Kapisa were killed in the operation. Local residents confirmed the operation in Tagab district was ongoing. Faridon, who lives in Ahmadzai village of the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Tagab-Sarobi road was reopened for traffic as a result of the offensive. "The road had been blocked for a long time, but now the road is open and security posts have been established along the route," he said. Local Taliban in Kapisa denied talking to this scribe about the ongoing operation in Tagab, where the rebels control a number of areas. (Pajhwok)

Politicians Accuse Ghani of Working for his own Interests



KABUL - A number of politicians and former government officials on Monday accused President Ashraf Ghani of demagogic behavior and said he makes decisions based on his own interests opposed to those of national interest. Ghani's silence on the fate of the seven dismissed ministers and the sexual assault accusations made against General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the First Voice President, and the delay in executing a court decision on Kamran Alizai, head of Herat provincial council, are issues that the politicians pointed to. They said it has been five months since the seven ministers were dismissed, and four months since allegations against ... (More on P4)...(11)

Ulemas Angrily Reacts at Maulana Fazal-Ur-Rehman's Remarks

ISLAMABAD - The Ulema Council of Afghanistan angrily reacted at the remarks of a prominent Pakistani religious cleric and politician Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman who had claimed that the peace in Afghanistan would not be achievable as long as the foreign forces have presence in the country. However, spokesman for the Afghanistan Ulema Council, Mohammad Qasim Halimi, told RFE/RL that the remarks of Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman consisted full of enmity and hatred. He insisted that the remarks by Maulana Fazal follows



despite the majority of the foreign forces have left the country. Halimi further added that the ongoing war in Afghanistan is against the Afghan nation and not against the foreign forces. According to Halimi, Maulana Fazal ... (More on P4)...(13)

Central Bank Destroys 360 Million Afs in Bank Notes

KABUL - Afghanistan's Central Bank burned 360 million AFs worth of worn-out bank notes on Monday - which has brought the total in the past 11 years to 41 billion AFs. Afghans rely heavily on the bank notes, as consumers pay cash for almost everything they buy. As such, the lifespan of bank notes is not very long, officials said. Central Bank officials did not however register the serial numbers of the worn-out bank notes ahead of Monday's move and said registering serial numbers was difficult and time consuming. "It is difficult to inject bank notes based on its serial number into the market and then burn it according to the number," said Qasim Rahimi, second deputy head of the Central Bank. Meanwhile a number of banking experts blasted officials for this and said the serial numbers of worn-out bank notes should be registered before destruction otherwise they ... (More on P4)...(14)

Kunduz Governor Paying Death Benefits to Taliban Families



KUNDUZ CITY - Assadullah Omorkhail, the governor of northern Kunduz province, on Monday confirmed that the provincial administration paid death benefits to between 50 or 60 Taliban families in the province. He said that the move was part of government's generosity. But, families of fallen soldiers and some military experts have blasted the governor for this, saying the move was unacceptable and

illegal. "I swear that 50 to 60 of these families who lost their members came and asked me for the money of the martyrs, all of them (Taliban members) were eliminated during the war, so we told the nation that the government has that much generosity," said Omorkhail. Mahtab is the mother of an Afghan National Army (ANA) officer who died while fighting for his country a few months ago. She claims that

there has not been any support from government since the death of her son. "The government does not support us and instead supports the Taliban; my son was our breadwinner," said Mahtab. "The one who has provided the money must be held accountable," said former military officer Atiqullah Amarkhail. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has ... (More on P4)...(14)

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