

Quote of the Day

We must judge of a form of government by its general tendency, not by happy accidents.

Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800 - 1859)

Constitution

The quorum of the Loya Jirga for voting is completed by the majority of members.

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Dr. Abdullah

SIGAR Role Crucial in Elimination of Corruption

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Saturday said that the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) should join hands with the government in tackling the menace of corruption. Abdullah expressed these remarks in his meeting with John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), a statement from the CEO office said. Sopko presented recent report to CEO and briefed him about SIGAR recent activities in Afghanistan, the statement said. He promised to work closely with Af-



ghan officials for eradication of corruption and ensure better governance in the country. He sought the Afghan government view point on SIGAR report and it was ready to extend support for elimination of existing corruption in police and judicial departments. "The unity government is committed to fight corruption and ensure transparency in the government. We want SIGAR to cooperate in our fight against corruption," Abdullah added. The CEO said that government was striving to devise a strategy to address graft related issues. (Pajhwok)

91 Boys Hospitalised after Being Poisoned



HERAT - 91 boys were taken to hospital for treatment in western Herat province after allegedly being poisoned by a street seller, local officials said. The students from Fatha High School in Herat City apparently fell ill after eating chickpeas from a street seller close to the school's gate, the Provincial Acting Head of the Education Department, Azizullah Sarwari, said. The boys are aged between 8 and 12. Gen. Abdul Majid Rozi, Provincial Police Chief said the street seller has been arrested by the police and early investigations "show that this incident was organized by an insurgency group". "These are insurgents who want to kill our innocent children," Rozi said. "The suspect has been arrested," he said adding that officials were tracking down the insurgent group responsible for the incident. According to the stu ... (More on P4)...(1)

3 Cabinet Nominees Present Their Programs to the House

Three female cabinet nominees addressed Parliament on Saturday and briefed MPs on their programs.



KABUL - Cabinet nominee for the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled, Nasreen Oyakhail, emphasized the need for the creation of more employment opportunities while the nominee for the Ministry of ... (More on P4)...(3)

Uzbekistan should Strengthen Friendly Relation with Foreign States: Karimov

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan - Uzbekistan should strengthen friendly relations and mutual beneficial cooperation with foreign states to ensure security of the country, Islam Karimov said at the ceremony of assuming office of the President of Uzbekistan at the joint ... (More on P4)...(4)

Divergence Among Leaders Behind Boiling Insecurity

KABUL - A number of Wolesi Jirga members on Saturday blamed stark differences between leaders of the unity government for a spike in deteriorated law and order.

Ghulam Hussain Naseri, Wolesi Jirga member, told the house: "Weak performance of the government and differences between President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah has paved way for insecurity and rise of Daesh in the country."



"If not directly, then the government has a role in insecurity indirectly," he added. Abdul Latif Pedram, another law-

maker, said the president and the CEO had taken the government hostage and were locked in a sort ... (More on P4)...(2)

Mohammad Khan

Govt. Lacks Answer on Little Gains

KABUL - First deputy chief executive officer, Eng. Mohammad Khan, says the national unity government has achieved little since its formation six months ago, calling on the two leaders to end this problem at the earliest. Khan told Pajhwok Afghan News during an exclusive inter-



view on Saturday that the unity government was a new experiment in Afghanistan and the region and a rare example seen in the world. The unity government, which had resulted from a political agreement, represented all Afghans, ... (More on P4)...(5)

Militants on Back Foot Due to Enhanced Cooperation



ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhary at a seminar on Af-Pak ties said that there is unprecedented military-to-military, intelligence and political contacts between Pakistan and Afghanistan as both the countries have joined hands to squeeze out terrorists from their territories. He said that the Af-

ghan leadership was sensitive to Pakistan's complaints about Indian involvement in Balochistan through Afghanistan. Chaudhary said the two governments have also made a lot of progress on the economic front, particularly on Afghan transit trade. He said the two countries were also working to stop cross-border ... (More on P4)...(6)

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