

## Quote of the Day

Civilization is a method of living, an attitude of equal respect for all men.

Jane Addams (1860 - 1935)

## Constitution

The decisions of the Loya Jirga are taken by a majority of the present members except in cases as explicitly stated in this Constitution.

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## UNAMA Records Continuing Trend of Civilian Casualties

KABUL - Latest figures from the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) showed a continuing trend of record high civilian casualties, with deaths and injuries from ground engagements in Afghanistan remaining the leading cause. A statement released by the UNAMA

said on Sunday that today, with the release of UNAMA's findings from the first quarter of 2015, UNAMA called on all parties to the conflict to recognize and act to prevent harm to civilians.

"With the seasonal resumption of higher levels of conflict-related violence, the United Nations urges all parties ... (More on P4)...(1)



## MPs Blast Govt. Leaders over Growing Insecurity



KABUL - The Meshrano Jirga on Sunday decided to hold talks with the president and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on the peace process and growing insecurity after nearly 70 people were killed in four days of violence. The insurgents have

stepped up attacks on government targets, killing 70 people and wounding dozens more during the last four days. Nearly half of the victims were civilians.

The Meshrano Jirga or Senate on Sunday debated security in-

cidents in the country. Senator Mohammad Nadir Baloch from Nimroz province said differences between the government leaders had lately increased, resulting in growing insecurity in much of the country. "The political coquetry and ... (More on P4)...(2)



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### Local publication for call for proposals

#### Expansion and Improvement of Services to People Living With Mental Disorders and to People Living With Disabilities

Reference: DCI-ASIE/136-712

The Delegation of the European Union to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is seeking proposals for "Expansion and improvement of services to people living with disabilities and to people living with mental disorders". The aim of the project is training of physiotherapists and psychosocial counsellors in Afghanistan with financial assistance from the program titled: "Support to Health and Nutrition Services for the Afghan Population". The overall amount of the Call is 8,000,000.00 euro and it has two lots:

- Lot 1: Training of Psychosocial Counsellors - 3,000,000.00 euro
- Lot 2: Training of Physiotherapists - 5,000,000.00 euro

The main objective of the action is to improve the health services delivery under the BPHS and EPHS programs of the Ministry of Public Health through training of health professional in the area of Disability and Mental Health.

#### Actions will focus on:

- Provision of quality, long term training according to a nationally recognised curriculum. The applicant will prioritise selection of trainees of the gender that is currently under-represented in the profession and focus on underserved areas with the aim to move toward a more balanced availability of services for Afghan males and females; this does not prevent the applicant from having trainees of both genders.
- Involvement of most relevant partners, including the Mental Health Department, the Department of Rehabilitation and Disability of the Ministry of Public Health, the Ghazanfar Institute of Health Science, Community Health Department etc., as relevant.

The full Guidelines for Applicants are available for consultation at [http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/grants\\_tenders/grants/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/grants_tenders/grants/index_en.htm)

The deadline for submission of concept note is 25 May 2015. An information session on this call for proposals will be held on 27 April 2015 at 14:00 at the EU Delegation for Afghanistan.

For security reasons, those interested in attending this session are required to confirm their participation in advance by sending an email with the name of each attendee and their affiliation to the following email address: [delegation-afghanistan-tenders@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-afghanistan-tenders@eeas.europa.eu)

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## No Room for Daesh in Afghanistan: MoI

KABUL - The spokesman for Ministry of Interior on Sunday said Daesh or the Islamic State group could not find a foothold in Afghanistan, assuring that the country's security forces were able to thwart nefarious designs of Afghanistan's enemy.

MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqi



told journalists in Kabul despite challenges police had great achievements in 2014 and this ... (More on P4)...(3)

## Govt. Urged to Resolve Kuchi-Hazara Dispute



MAIDAN SHAHR - A provincial council member on Sunday urged the government to take immediate action for resolving a long-running dispute between the Hazara and Kuchi (nomads) tribes over graz-

ing lands in central Maidan Wardak province. Ahmad Jafari told a meeting with the provincial acting governor that the dispute, now 12 years old, had claimed severan ... (More on P4)...(4)

## Sikhs Celebrate Vaisakhi

JALALABAD - The Sikh minority renewed their demand on the government to establish separate schools for their children on Sunday, when they celebrated the 317th Vaisakhi festival in eastern Nangarhar province.

The festival traditionally got underway at the community's religious place in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, before moving to Sultanpur area of the Surkhrud district. A spokesman for the community, Dr. Armit Singh, told Pajhwok Afghan News the celebrations would continue for three days.

He said: "Today is our Eid. We will go to Sultanpur to perform our religious rituals and take the requisite bathing." The spokesman said the festival's last day would be celebrated in capital Kabul where Sikhs form different parts of the country would come together.

Singh demanded the government ensure their security and take necessary steps for the minorities' safety. He said the government should establish separate schools ... (More on P4)...(5)

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## Women and Children Forced Into Slavery over Loans



KABUL - Officials Sunday confirmed reports that scores of families, including children, are working as slaves at a brick-making company in Surkh Rod district in Nangarhar

province. Officials at the Nangarhar Directorate of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled said that programs are being ... (More on P4)...(6)

## More Than 20 ANA Soldiers Killed in Badakhshan Attack: Officials



FAIZABAD - Military sources Sunday confirmed that more than 20 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed in a Taliban attack on their military posts in Jurm district of north-eastern Badakhshan province. Sources said the incident took place on Friday night and that

the Taliban took 14 ANA soldiers hostage and have since beheaded four of them. This comes after the Taliban insurgents attacked a number of ANA posts in Jurm and targeted the military posts with small and heavy weapons. The ... (More on P4)...(7)