

Quote of the Day

For in the final analysis, our most basic common link, is that we all inhabit this small planet, we all breathe the same air, we all cherish our children's futures, and we are all mortal.

John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

Constitution

During the session of a Loya Jirga, the provision of Articles 101 and 102 of this Constitution are applied on its members.

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Lawmakers Ask President, CEO to Resign

KABUL - Some Wolesi Jirga members on Tuesday said government officials had committed negligence during Friday's attacks on Afghan army posts in Badakhshan province, asking President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah to resign.

Security bosses after being summoned told the lower house that the ANA troops suffered heavy casualties due to a weak air support and negligence by some commanders.

The attacks on ANA troops began on Friday in Ab Khastak area of Juram district and periodically continued until late Sunday, with the attackers overrunning several posts and killing a number of troops. The Ministry of Defence in a brief statement had said 33 ANA troops were martyred, injured and went miss-



ing after the attacks. But a lawmaker from central Parwan province, Almas Zahid, said 62 troops had either been killed or missing. Chief of Army Staff Gen. Sher Mohammad ... (More on P4)...(1)

APTTA Becomes Hostage to Political Issues: Sinha

KABUL - In an exclusive interview with TOLONews, the Indian ambassador to Afghanistan Amar Sinha has reiterated his country's willingness to become party to the Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA), adding that Pakistan's policy issues have hindered Afghanistan's access to the key Wagah border post. Highlighting the issue of trade relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan, the ambassador pointed out that India has long been a



proponent of regional integration especially in the context of Afghanistan and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). "Our efforts to promote ... (More on P4)...(2)

Afghan Opiate Production Increased Fortyfold During US Operation



MOSCOW - Head of the Russian Security Council Nikolai Patrushev said on Tuesday that manufacture of opiates in Afghanistan

has grown fortyfold during the US Operation Enduring Freedom in the country. The manufacture of opiates in ... (More on P4)...(4)

Kidnapped Passengers to be Released Soon: Inaami

KABUL - Secretary Wolesi Jirga on Tuesday hoped that 31 abducted passengers in southern Zabul province would be released in the next 10 days. The men were kidnapped at gun point from passenger buses on Feb 23 on the road



between Kabul and western Herat province in the Shahjoi district of Zabul province. Several ... (More on P4)...(6)

Slow-Paced Trust Vote Process Irks Senators

KABUL - A number of Mesharano Jirga members on Tuesday asked Wolesi Jirga to expedite trust vote process in order to overcome uncertainty and instability in the country.

Lawmakers believed the government had miserably failed to improve law and order. They underlined swift completion of cabinet so that officials could focus on their constitutionally mandated duties. It has been seven



months since the unity government was formed, but the cabinet is yet to be completed. Eight ministers had officially ... (More on P4)...(3)

War Moving from South to North: Ulumi

KABUL - Noorulhaq Ulumi, Minister of Interior says that the military operation in Waziristan tribal built of Pakistan has forced insurgents cross into Afghanistan who are now trying to move the war from the south of the country to the north of the country.

"Militants started from south and trying to reach to the north of the country" he told parliament's Internal Security Committee on Tuesday. Ulumi said this is a new pressure that the enemies are trying to put on security forces in northern parts, adding that there is cooperation among security agencies to cope with it.

Noorulhaq Ulumi added that the military operation in Pakistan is having an affect over Afghanistan. He said during the ongoing military operation whoever the militants are connected to is pushing them to this side of the border.

While giving details to parliament's Internal ... (More on P4)...(5)

Iran Says Open to Joint Operations with Afghanistan, Pakistan

TEHRAN - Iran says it is ready to conduct joint counterterrorism operations with eastern neighbors Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli told reporters in Tehran on April 13 that Iran was willing to "carry out joint operations against terrorists with Pakistan and Afghanistan inside their territory."

Fazli said that although Tehran did not face any "critical security problems," the "occasional acts of sabotage" in Iran had taken place due to the "lack of control" in the neighboring countries.

In the past few months, armed groups have carried out several attacks against Iranian security forces ... (More on P4)...(7)

Ghani, Karzai Submit Gifts from UAE, Kuwait

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani and his predecessor Hamid Karzai have submitted seven valuable gifts they received during foreign trips to Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB), the Presidential Palace said on Monday.

The two leaders had been dedicated the gifts on their formal visits to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a statement from the Office of Administrative Affairs (OAA) at the Presidency said. The items were submitted to the central bank and registered as government properties, it said. A three-member delegation representing OAA accomplished the process.

The items include the front facing of Sheikh Zahid Masjid along with its domes, minarets, gateways coated with gold, a table clock glazed with gold, an icon of date palm with golden leaves with a silver deer beside, a golden ship statue, an icon made of a valuable golden clock on a silver camel, the clock tower icon glazed with gold as well as a silver statue of an eagle landed on a hand enched with precious stones. The items handed over to Da Afghanistan Bank on Monday had previously been kept at Gulkhana Palace at the Presidential Palace. (Pajhwok)

Saba Invites Azerbaijan to Invest in Afghanistan

BAKU - Afghanistan invites Azerbaijan to invest in its oil and gas sector, said the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Industry Daud Shah Saba. The Minister noted that Azerbaijan has a great experience in oil and gas sector. "We want to involve investments from Azerbaijan in our oil and gas sector. We are the richest country in the region in natural resources".

He also said the advantage of operation in Afghanistan is low competition and high income from capital. Moreover, the minister stressed that the trade turnover between two countries makes \$2 mln and this figure was formed by export from Azerbaijan. According to him, the export from Afghanistan to Azerbaijan is at low level. "We are interested in export of our products to Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey through Turkmenistan. I hope Azerbaijan is also interested in this issue", the minister said. (APA)

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