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Displaced Waziristan Families Get Assistance



KHOST CITY - A Saudi Arabia charity organization has disbursed edible and other assistance among 2,800 displaced Waziristani families in south-eastern Khost province, advisor to refugees' ministry, Hayatullah Sabaoon, said Thursday. Thousands of families displaced from Pakistani military operation in North Waziristan were living at Gulan Camp in Khost.

The assistance divided among the deserved families worth 8 million afs included rice, ghee, sugar, beans and other edibles, Sabaoon told Pajhwok Afghan News. "Each family will get 24 kilograms of edible items", he added. Officials of the charity were also present during the edible distribution ceremony. They charity pledged to extend further assistance to support the displaced families. The Gurbuz district chief, Mohammad Akbar Zadran, said a list of deserving families had been prepared which would help smooth distribution of aid and assistance.

Din Mohammad, a refugee, hoping for a better future said: "We expect more aid from international community because of the holy month of Ramadhan is approaching". Ayaki Ito, the senior UN-HCR official, ensured he would provide necessary assistance to refugees who wanted voluntary repatriation to their home country. He said that the displaced families staying in Afghanistan would also get aid. As many as 435,000 families fled North Waziristan and arrived in Afghanistan's Khost province after the Pakistani army launched a major offensive against militants in the country's tribal areas near the Afghan border. (Pajhwok)

Badakhshan Officials Accused of Collusion in Attack on ANA

KABUL - Ministry of Defense (MoD) deputy spokesman Dawlat Waziri on Thursday suggested that local provincial officials were in collusion with militants in Badakhshan, ultimately contributing to the massacre of Afghan National Army (ANA) troops that took place at an outpost in the northern province last week. While the Defense Ministry confirmed that the battalion commander responsible for the outpost that was am-



bushed has been referred to the Attorney General's office for negligence and will be facing an investigation, a number of officials have alleged a more nefarious level of involvement in the incident among some local authorities. The Badakhshan Police Chief, General Baba Jan, has claimed a number of provincial officials, including MPs and Provincial Council members, have provided covert support ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Atta Accuses NDS of Doing Nothing to Stop Attack

KABUL - In an interview with TOLOnews, the acting governor of Balkh province, Atta Muhammad Noor, has revealed that the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and the National Security Council (NSC) received information two months ago of the planned attack on the Attorney General's Office in Mazar-e-Sharif but failed to take action. The attack took place last Thursday and resulted in the deaths of 19 people. An unnamed source from the NDS has confirmed this and said they received intelligence on the planned attack at least two months prior to the event. They



apparently shared the information with senior officials but it was never followed up. Noor meanwhile has implicated government employees, who ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Farkhunda's Family Upset Over Delay in Arrests of Remaining Murderers

KABUL - Farkhunda's brother, Mujeebullah, on Thursday said police had still not arrested the remaining three suspects in his sister's murder despite having assured the family this would happen. Meanwhile, the Attorney General's office has said that the investigations into Farkhunda's killing is almost complete and the file will soon be sent to the High



Court. It has been a month since Farkhunda was killed near the Shah-e-Do Shamshera mosque but still three of the main suspects are on the run. Mujeebullah said: "This was not a simple incident, the killing of Farkhunda was organized and we left everything to police and government ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

British Museum to Exhibit Karzai's Chapan

KABUL - The British Museum has decided to keep former president Hamid Karzai's "chapan" among its assets, said Nancy Hatch Dupree, the



director of the Afghanistan Center at Kabul University. Dupree handed over a letter from the British Museum to Karzai at a meeting on Thursday regarding the decision. In the meeting, the two sides also exchanged views on a number of issues and Karzai pledged ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Potatoes Yield Markedly Declines in Bamyan

BAMYAN CITY/ MAIMANA - Following marked decrease in potatoes crop this year, latest machinery for cultivation of vegetables rich in carbohydrate had been distributed among farmers in central Bamyan province on Wednesday.

In addition, growers in north-western Faryab were distributed with three refined seed producing machines. Agriculture Director Eng. Mohammad Tahir Attai said production of potatoes was 270 tonnes last year and target of potatoes product this year was 200 tonnes. Bamyan province is widely known for producing potatoes rich in taste which is not only used in parts of Afghanistan but supplied Pakistan and Tajikistan. Attai told Pajhwok Afghan News recent decline in the crop had discouraged farmers. Last year seven kilograms of potatoes were sold at 200 afghanis, while the cost of seven kilograms of potatoes stood at 80 afghanis this year. Farmers' alleged domestic market was badly affected following record import of potatoes from Iran and Pakistan. Abdul Sammad, one of the farmers, said he had stored potatoes amid a hope that its prices would go up but things were on the downward trend. The agriculture director introduced a new machine to farmers that cultivate more potatoes in shortest possible time. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Mass-Casualty Drill at Regional Hospital Held

KUNDUZ CITY - A full-scale mass casualty drill with 250 persons participated held at the northern Kunduz regional hospital, a statement from the German Cooperation with Afghanistan said on Thursday. The statement said that the exercise at the hospital was designed to test how ready and responsive the newly refurbished facilities would be in case of a severe emergency. It said that the findings of the drill would be used to identify room for improvement and shortfalls in protocol and contingency plans for large-scale crisis responses.

The drill, it said was conducted in response to a campaign by the World Health Organization (WHO) to improve preparedness in Afghan health facilities for mass-casualty scenarios. It was organized and run by the Kunduz Regional Hospital management with assistance from Afghan-German Development Cooperation, it said, adding that the drill allowed hospital staff to familiarize themselves with the new layout of the hospital. Not yet open to the public, Kunduz Regional Hospital has undergone refurbishing and extension work as part of a project funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and managed by KfW Development Bank. (Pajhwok)

Search Operation Launched to Bolster Security



ASADABAD - Security forces launched search operation aimed at dispatching reinforcement to different security check posts by road in Sarkano district of eastern Kunar province, security officials said Friday. Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Said Khail, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok News the operation was initiated in morning in which four militants were killed and three others wounded. He said that Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (NP) and personnel of National Directorate of Security (NDS) took part in the offensive and Naway district had been cleared of insurgents. Sarkano district is 10 kilometres away from Asadabad, the provincial capital. The district is adjacent to Bajaur and Mohmand tribal areas, the two border areas of Pakistan. Sayedkhel said all security forces' check posts in Kunar were being dispatched reinforcement through helicopters because movement on roads was insecure. Once the security situations were returned to normalcy, he said more check posts would be established to ensure law and order of the entire area. Currently, he said security forces had two check posts in Nawapass area. (Pajhwok)

Power Outages in Kandahar Close Factories



KANDAHAR CITY - Scores of factories in Kandahar have been forced to close their doors as they have not had electricity for the past two months. In addition at least 4,500 people have lost their jobs due to the crisis. Factory owners from Kandahar Industrial Park have

sharply criticized government and claim this crisis will have a negative impact on the country's economy - and especially on the export market. These business owners say the problem has been ongoing as electricity supply has not been ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Economists Throw Support Behind India's Inclusion in APTTA



KABUL - Afghan economists have expressed apprehension over continued trade and transit disputes between Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as Islamabad's abstinence toward bringing India in on the Afghanistan-Pakistan

Trade and Transit Agreement (APTTA), which they suggest is an attempt by Afghanistan's neighbor to keep the upper-hand in commercial relations. Pakistan, a long time rival of India, has at various times - both ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Pakistan Wasn't Aware of OBL Presence: Munter

KABUL - Cameron Munter, former US ambassador to Pakistan, said "Pakistan probably didn't know about Osama bin Laden (OBL) as there is no evidence to suggest there was a link". Giving a talk at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs on re-envisioning US-Pak relations on Tuesday, the Munter presented a prologue to the year 2011 which he says was "a terrible year if you happen to be an ambassador to Pakistan," US

media reports. In a clear and candid manner, Munter recalled: "We had very high expectations and [through] a system set up by late Richard Holbrooke wanted to put an end to the negativity of the past [between the two countries]. But the imbalance of US-Pak relationship, a relationship of perfidy and exploitation depending on which side you are looking at it from, manifested itself through the series ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

US Intervention in Afghanistan Undermined Infrastructure-Building Efforts

WASHINGTON - The United States undermined Afghanistan's independence by taking the leading role in the fight against the Taliban, according to former CIA agent Robert Grenier. "After 2005, we as a government made a very serious mistake," Grenier said. "We decided in effect that Afghanistan was too important to [leave to] the whims of Afghans." Grenier spoke at a campus event hosted by the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law and the Clements Center for History, Strategy and Statecraft on Thursday to promote his new book, "88 Days to Kandahar." Grenier served as a senior CIA counterterrorism official until he was dismissed by former CIA director Porter Goss in 2006. Overwhelming Afghan-



istan with U.S. military forces led to unsustainable progress the Afghans could not maintain, Grenier said. "We completely overwhelmed this very small, very primitive, agrarian country with a tiny GDP and, at best, nascent national institutions," Grenier said. "We should have known and quickly learned that the successes we had [and] the progress we were able to make was progress that couldn't be sustained by Afghans over the long term." (Monitoring Desk)