



Ghani Accused of Ignoring Laws in Budget Move



KABUL - MPs on Monday said a recent decision by President Ashraf Ghani to transfer ministerial budgets, earmarked for construction, to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing (MoUDH) was unlawful. "If government had such a plan, then why did it not propose it to parliament in the

draft budget," said MP Azim Mohseni. Ghani recently issued the order to take the budgets away from 30 departments and give them instead to MoUDH to oversee. MPs however said lawmakers will not endorse such an order and slammed the move as unlawful.

On Monday, parliament summoned the minister of economy Abdul Sattar Murad, deputy minister of finance Shafiq Ahmad Qarizada and minister of urban development and housing Sayed Saadat Mansour Naderi to respond to questions by MPs regarding the president's order.

"The move is aimed to improve management of construction and for the sake of unity," said Murad. "When projects were put out to tender, they were not followed up on and no one was held accountable," said minister of housing Mansour Naderi. "Based on Article 2 of the

financial and public finance management Act the ministry of finance has the authority to seek amendments to the law," said deputy minister of finance Shafiq Ahmad Qarizada. But, MPs argued that Ghani had violated the law by issuing such an order. "The ... (More on P4)... (11)

MoAB Attack was a Right Action: Abdullah

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday said the recent GBU-43/B or Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB) attack by the United States in eastern Nangarhar province was a right action, saying many key terrorists were killed in the incident. Abdullah, who chaired a Cabinet meeting, said the giant bomb was dropped on Daesh or Islamic State (IS) militants because were torturing people. The CEO said it was a right



decision to target the terrorist centers in Achin district, claiming the majority of Afghans supported the bombing. "People kept saying no serious intention is given to fighting against Daesh, Al Qaeda and Taliban, but now their trust has ... (More on P4)... (13)

Refugee Elders May Get Pakistani Citizenship

PESHAWAR - The governor of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa has indicated Afghan refugee elders living in Pakistan for the last three decades may be granted citizenship. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra told participants of an event in Lahore on Sunday: "Elders of Afghan refugees who have been living in Pakistan for more than three decades and have developed relationships through inter-marriages may be granted citizenship." The governor also urged the government to grant refugees a 'grace period' before their repatriation so that they could wrap up their businesses in Pakistan. ... (More on P4)... (14)

Andarabi Probe Wrapped up, Case Finally Sent to Court

KABUL - The spokesman for the Attorney General's Office (AGO) Jamshid Rasuli said on Monday the case involving Khalil Andarabi, the former police chief of Maidan Wardak province, has been referred to court for further action. Andarabi has been accused of embezzlement and misuse of authority along with having supported the Taliban. Reports emerged about 10 months ago of Andarabi's involvement in transporting the Taliban intelligence commander for Kunduz, Qari Zahir, to Baghlan province in an official police vehicle. While on the way however, security forces stopped the vehicle and arrested Zahir. "The investigative ... (More on P4)... (16)

Ring Construction worth 256 Million Kicks off in Laghman Province

KABUL - The construction of a ring road worth 256 million Afghans kicked off in eastern Laghman province of Afghanistan. A ceremony was organized in Mhtarlam city, the provincial capital of Laghman to inaugurate the construction work of the ring. According to the local government officials, the construction work of the road will ... (More on P4)... (15)

Around 2,000 Kgs of Explosives Seized in Kabul

KABUL - Around two thousand kilograms of explosives were seized during an operation by the Afghan forces in Kabul. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the explosives were kept inside a house and the militants were apparently using them in terrorist attacks. The Ministry further added that the operation was conducted in the vicinity of Char Asiab district of Kabul which resulted into the confiscation of the explosives. MoI also added that an investigation is underway in this regard. The Taliban insurgents mostly use the explosives of Ammonium Nitrate type ... (More on P4)... (17)

Iran US Should Pay for Spreading Terror in Region

TEHRAN - Iran has censured the United States' role in spreading terror in the Middle East region, saying Washington should pay for its wrongdoings. Speaking at a news briefing on Monday, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qassemi said US officials have shown in recent decades that they have not learned from their previous experiences and have consistently contributed to the escalation of terrorism in the region through their wrongful policies and indecent behavior. Qassemi said that Washing-

Pakistan Trying to Secure Border to Eliminate Terrorism: Pak FO

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Foreign Office (FO) Spokesman Nafees Zakria on Sunday said Pakistan was trying to secure its border with Afghanistan to eliminate terrorism. Border management with Afghanistan was very important and Pakistan was not violating international laws in this regard, he said talking to PTV. He said Afghanistan was in

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PRIME MINISTER SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR AFGHAN NATIONAL STUDENTS

The Government of Pakistan is offering Bachelors (4/5 years program), MS/MPhil and PhD level scholarships under the Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme for Afghan National Students for the year 2017-2018. The students who want to apply for the scholarship must fulfill following eligibility criteria:

	Bachelors level scholarships	MS/MPhil level scholarships	PhD level scholarships
Age limit	17-23 years	(i) 35 years (non-faculty members). (ii) 40 years (faculty members).	(i) 35 years (non-faculty members). (ii) 40 years (faculty members).
Qualification required	(i) 12 th Grade exam but not before year 2014. (ii) Minimum marks in Shahadatnama: 70 percent.	(i) 16 years of education. (ii) Minimum 2.5 CGPA or equivalent out of 4.0 is required in Bachelors/Masters degree (16 years of education). (iii) Minimum marks in Shahadatnama: 70 percent.	(i) 18 years of education (MS/MPhil degree). (ii) Minimum 3.0 CGPA out of 4.0 is required in MS/MPhil degree. (iii) Minimum 2.5 CGPA or equivalent out of 4.0 is required in Bachelors/Masters degree (16 years of education). (iv) Minimum marks in Shahadatnama: 70 percent.
Other requirements for Bachelors, MS/MPhil and PhD level scholarships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All the students must appear for mandatory selection test at Pakistani Embassy/Consulate. Only those students will be considered who will secure minimum 50 % marks in the selection test. - Students who were selected earlier under this program and not availed the scholarship or withdrew/dropped from the scholarship, are not eligible to apply. 		

All interested students are advised to register themselves by filling the registration form and send the same through email to pakistanscholarships2017@gmail.com by May 10, 2017. Only those candidates who have registered will be considered for the test to be held at Pakistani Embassy/Consulate.

Date for the test would be announced on Embassy's website (www.pakembassykabul.com) after the registration process is complete.

Registration form can be downloaded from http://pakembassykabul.com/news_events.php