

Quote of the Day

A man who doesn't trust himself can never truly trust anyone else.

Cardinal de Retz

Constitution

The Supreme Court as the highest judicial organ, heads the judiciary organ of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

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MPs Approve All 16 Nominees, Leaving Only Defense Open



KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) on Saturday approved all 16 cabinet nominees who were introduced by the government in the second round of

voting - since the establishment of National Unity Government (NUG) seven months ago. This comes after the first round of voting on 28 January - following

a four month delay. In this round, nine out of 19 nominees were approved.

A total of 239 MPs were present in Saturday's session to cast their

vote. The only outstanding cabinet position is that of defense ministry. President Ashraf Ghani and the CEO Abdullah Abdullah have yet to agree ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

President Hail WJ for Successful Round of Trust Vote



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah welcomed Wolesi (WJ) Jirga members for holding successful round of trust vote for 16 ministers-designate. The lower house of the parlia-

ment on Saturday approved President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani's picks for 16 ministries.

More than two weeks back, the government introduced 16 ministers-designate for a vote of confidence and the session held ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

General Sher Muhammad Karimi

Afghanistan, Pakistan Face Threats from Non-state Actor



KABUL - Chief of Army Staff General Sher Muhammad Karimi has warned that the world specifically Afghanistan and Pakistan face the greater threats in dangers from individuals and groups that are not affiliated directly with any state, that is precisely why these are called non

state actors. Addressing the 132 long course Passing out Parade at Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) at Kakul on Saturday, Karimi said a key element of winning this battle against non-state actors, the terrorist and the extremist who killed "our innocent citizens ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

Talks Underway to Finalize PATTTA Draft

KABUL - Khan Jan Alakozai, first deputy director of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI), said the vital project of Pakistan-Afghanistan-Tajikistan Trilateral Transit Agreement (PATTTA) was discussed with Pakistani commerce minister in greater detail.

Alakozai said that Afghanistan demanded the inclusion of India in the agreement during Pakistan's Commerce Minister Khurram Dastgir recent visit to Kabul. He said that Dastgir assured Afghan ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

Officials Demonstrated Laxity to Go Home: President

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani travelled to northeastern Badakhshan province on Saturday and warned that officials who demonstrated laxity in discharging of their duties in the Warduj district attack would be sacked.

Ghani also urged Taliban to shun violence and join the peace process in larger interests of the country and nation. The president met a number of



Badakhshan residents about the Taliban attack that left 30 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers dead and dozens others wounded in Warduj district last week. "Anyone who demonstrated ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

EU Ambassador Hopeful of Peace Talks

KABUL - The European Union (EU) Ambassador to Afghanistan hopes the peace talks between the Afghan government and Taliban will take place.

After a meeting with Pakistani government officials in Islama-

bad, Franz-Michael Mellbin told TOLONews that despite no change in Taliban's approach, the peace talks would begin.

He, however, expressed optimism over what he called a change in Pakistan's approaching the Af-

ghan Taliban. "Pakistan wants to see a change... [But] we have not seen quite the moves that we would like to see from Afghan Taliban, but I remain hopeful," Mellbin said. He ...*(More on P4)...*(6)



Ghani Visits Badakhshan a Week after Insurgents Attack Military Posts

FAIZABAD - President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday visited the insurgent-hit north-eastern province of Badakhshan - a full week after the well planned attack took place against Afghan National Army

(ANA) soldiers, which resulted in 28 being killed.

Ghani visited Fayzabad, the capital of the province and held a security meeting with local security officials ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

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