



Child Brides Run the Risk of Dying Young, Warns First Lady



KABUL - Afghanistan's First Lady Rula Ghani has called on Afghans to end the practice of marrying off their daughters at a young age, saying early marriage has an impact on girls and puts them at risk. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Information and Culture (MoIC) and Ministry of

Women's Affairs (MoWA) said government is committed to putting an end to teen brides and forced marriages in the country. They said government has outlined a number of programs aimed at curbing the practice. Rula Ghani made the remarks at a national conference on ending early mar-

riages in the country. The conference was attended by high-ranking officials and delegates from domestic and international organizations. Rula Ghani said that early and forced marriages were shocking trends in Afghanistan. "Those who have not reached their legal age should not be

married, because they do not have the ability to withstand a pregnancy and it risks their lives; because of this the maternal mortality level in Afghanistan is quite high," she said. Meanwhile, the United Nations and other international organizations welcomed ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Zerok District Residents Seek Health Services

SHARAN - Residents of the Zerok district of southeastern Paktia province are faced with acutely inadequate health services, saying there is only a single clinic in the town and that too has no doctors. Surat Khan Zadran, a resident of the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News, they were faced with many health issues in addition to chronic insecurity. "We have only one clinic that has no doctors." At the district clinic, there is only one vaccinator who treats all visitors. He added a large number of women lost their lives each month during childbirth due to the shortage of health centers and medics in the area. Mohammad Hashim, another dweller of the district, also complained of a total absence of health services and other civic amenities in the long-ignored district. "Insecurity is ubiquitous; there are no clinics and asphalted roads in the backward district," he said, adding some of patients, particularly pregnant women, lost their lives on way to hospital in the provincial capital. ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Noor Reacts at Dismissal of Massoud

KABUL - The provincial governor of the northern Balkh province and the Chief Executive of Jamiat-e-Islami party Ata Mohammad Noor reacted at the dismissal of Ahmad Zia Massoud by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. In a statement released following the confirmation of the dismissal of Massoud, Noor raised questions regarding the stance of Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, emphasizing that Mas-



soud is the deputy chief of Jamiat-e-Islami which played a key role in bring him ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Massoud's Dismissal will Have Political Repercussions: Tayyanj

KABUL - The dismissal of Ahmad Zia Massoud, former special envoy of President Ashraf Ghani on reforms and good governance, without a 'logical reason' would have implications on the political front, said Bashir Ahmad Tayyanj, spokesman for the National Islamic Movement of Afghanistan also known as Junbish-e-Milli Afghanistan, which is run by First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum. "This will not help to improve stability in Afghani-

stan and instead it will lead to the emergence of new conflicts in the country," Tayyanj told TOLONews on Tuesday. Massoud, who was sacked from his position on Monday, said at a gathering on Tuesday that the move could pave the way for political instability in the country. "The president does not have the right to sack me from my post, because the government was formed based on certain agreements. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Pakistan Builds Fence on Afghan Border

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's military announced Monday that its plan to fence the entire 2,611-kilometer largely porous border with Afghanistan is underway and scores of new outposts are also being built to prevent terrorist infiltration. Army spokesman Major-General Asif Ghafoor told reporters in Rawalpindi that a total of 338 security posts and forts will be constructed along the frontier by the end of 2019. He said 42 such installations have been built



while work on another 63 is under way. Pakistan announced last month that was starting to build the fence in "high threat zones" of its shared border with Afghanistan. Both countries have long pledged to improve security in the region and go after terror groups. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Afghan Duo on the Mark in Orange Army's Match Against KXIP

KABUL - Following Monday's night nail-biting IPL match, which saw Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Kings XI Punjab by five runs, praise was lavished on the Orange Army's bowlers, including both Afghan players Mohammad Nabi and Rashid Khan. Commentators simply stated "Sunrisers bowlers were right on the money." For Nabi, Monday night's game was his first IPL appearance and despite conceding ten runs in his first over, he returned for a second over and castled Eoin Morgan. Fellow Afghan, Rashid, joined in the act and took out David Miller ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

10 Kapisa Officials Detained on Corruption Charges

MAHMOOD RAQI - Ten civilian and military officials in central Kapisa province have been arrested on charges of corruption, authorities said on Tuesday. Police spokesman Mohammad Ayub Yousafzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the individuals were detained on Monday by Ministry of Interior's Heinous Crime Department personnel. Police chief, administrative and crime branch heads for Kohistan-2 district were among the detainees after the MoI the delegation conducted investigations against them. Seven more provincial administration officials were held in Mahmood ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) For Consultancy Services: Conflict and Fragility Study under the Citizens' Charter Afghanistan Project (CCAP) Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), Afghanistan

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I. BACKGROUND

The long-term goal of the Government of Afghanistan's Citizens' Charter Program (CC) is to reduce poverty and deepen the relationship between citizens and the state. In the medium-term, the Citizens' Charter aims to improve the delivery of core infrastructure and social services to communities through strengthened Community Development Councils (CDCs).

II. SCOPE OF WORK

Note: This is a summarized version of the SOW. For a full version of the Terms of Reference (ToR), please email the MRRD CCAP focal point mentioned in this REOI below.

The Citizens' Charter provides a rich environment for testing various hypotheses that are important for development in Afghanistan as well as other fragile and conflict situations. The Government together with the World Bank agreed to eight studies, some to be funded through CCAP and others through additional government resources.

- Further details are available in the NSP/NPA websites at www.nspafghanistan.org & www.npa.gov.af

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Consultant Guidelines (with a division of **90% for technical and 10% weightage for financial proposals**). The type of contract resulting from this procurement will be Lump Sum and the contract duration is expected to be for a maximum of 1 year.

Further information can be obtained exclusively by email on working days from Saturday to Wednesday. Expressions of interest (EOIs) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by e-mail) by 10:00 hours, Kabul local time, on **03rd May, 2017**.

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