

Quote of the Day

Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.

Kahlil Gibran

Constitution

The President appoints one of its members as the Head of the Supreme Court.

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President, CEO Agree to Appoint New Head of ERC

KABUL - The Office of Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah has said that the CEO and President Ashraf Ghani have agreed to select a new chairperson for the Electoral Reform Commission (ERC) and that negotiations over who it should be are already well underway.

"The president and the CEO have conducted negotiations about the appointment of a new head to lead the commission and talks are still underway," Abdullah's spokesman Jawed Faisal said. "Several names have been recommended for the position, and the commission will start its work after the appointment of its new chief." Ghani announced the establishment of the electoral reform commission last month after calls for the adminis-



tration to honor its promise for reform grew from inside and outside the government. The president's decree mandated that recommendations be pre-

sented by the commission within two months. The short timeline was made so that changes could be brought to the national election law in enough

time to hold the parliamentary and district council elections originally scheduled to take place over the summer. ... (More on P4)...(1)

Rula Ghani

Women Rights Need to be Protected

KABUL - First Lady Rula Ghani has underlined change in public perception about women after the widely condemned Farkhunda's murder.

Marking the 15th anniversary of the 1325 UN Security Council resolution on women and security at Turkish Embassy here in Kabul, Rula Ghani underlined the need ... (More on P4)...(2)



Wolesi Jirga Defers CEO Office Budget Approval

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Wednesday deferred approving a presidential decree that declared the Chief Executive Office a budgetary unit to next session due to a lack of quorum. Then presidential

contenders Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah signed an agreement in September last year to form the national unity government after the inconclusive presidential election ... (More on P4)...(3)



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Naderi Assumes Charge of Urban Development Ministry

KABUL - Syed Sadat Mansoor Naderi assumed charge of the Ministry of Urban Development on Wednesday after he was officially introduced by Eng. Mohamad Khan - the first deputy to Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah.

Naderi reaffirmed commitment to standardize the urban development system and pledged to start practical work on plans which were ... (More on P4)...(4)

UNHCR Vows to Find Solutions to Afghan Refugee Issues

TEHRAN - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees representative in Iran Sivanka Dhanapala said Wednesday that the UNHCR will do its utmost to find solutions for Afghan refugee issues.

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Dhanapala made the remarks during a press conference after a ceremony held in Tehran to commemorate thirty years of cooperation between the UNHCR and the Bureau for ... (More on P4)...(6)

Massoud Wants Grabbed State-Land Recovered

KABUL - Ahmad Zia Masood, president special envoy for reforms and good governance, on Wednesday directed officials concerned to immediately recover the grabbed state land.

He said the forceful grabbing of state land continued in the past decade and no institution was able to stop the process. Masood said this while speaking at an introduction ceremony arranged in honour of Dr. Abdul Basir Anwar, the newly-appointed justice minister. He said government would support efforts of justice ministry with regard of ... (More on P4)...(5)



60,000 Afghan Police are Illiterate

KABUL - The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) have stated that statistics show Afghanistan security institutions are struggling with the issue of illiteracy among its staff - especially those in the police force.

According to UNESCO, about 70 percent of police officers are illiterate. However, according to the Afghan Ministry of Interior (MoI), under which the police services fall, serious efforts are underway to teach ... (More on P4)...(7)



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