



Thousands to Lose Jobs if Customs Office Shifted to Islam Qala'

HEART CITY - Hundreds of customs workers in western Herat province on Wednesday protested against the government's decision to move the provincial customs office to Islam Qala port and warned to block roads if their demand was not accepted. The protestors were chanting slogans, 'We want justice' and said that thousands of workers would lose their jobs if the customs office was shifted to Islam Qala. A day earlier, the Ministry of Finance in a statement said that moving the customs office from Herat city to Islam Qala would generate around 10,000 jobs. Abdul Zahir, one of the protestors, told Pajhwok Afghan News, "We are around 8,000 workers and our economic situation is not good, we accept working for 30 afghanis, but they shifted ... (More on P4)...(8)

US Forces Assail Taliban for Suffering of Afghans



KABUL - In a veiled reference to a UN report on civilian casualties, US forces in Afghanistan said on Wednesday they were striving for precision in their operations. In a statement, the US forces said: "We hold ourselves to the highest standards of accuracy and accountability. We strive for precision in all of our operations.

"We reserve the right of self-defense of our forces as well as the Afghan security forces," the US military argued. The statement added the best way to end the suffering of non-combatants was to end the fighting through an agreed-upon reduction in violence on all sides. "The Taliban are ultimately responsible for the suffering and deaths of their fellow Afghans as long

as they ignore demands for peace," it added. For the first time in the 18-year conflict, more civilians have been killed by Afghan and international forces than by militants, the UN mission said in a quarterly report. Foreign and pro-government forces were blamed for the deaths of 305 civilians and rebel outfits for 227 people in the first three months of 2019. (Pajhwok)



Another 89 WJ Candidates Get Victory Letters from IEC

KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Wednesday issued acknowledgement letters to another 89 Wolesi Jirga successful candidates, including 44 women, from 13 electoral constituencies. Earlier, the IEC had issued acknowledgment letters to eighty Wolesi Jirga successful candidates from 18 provinces on Feb 9, 2019. The Wolesi Jirga elections were held on October 20 nationwide except Ghazni and Kandahar provinces. ... (More on P4)...(9)

28 Taliban Rebels Killed in Takhar Operation

TALOQAN - At least 28 Taliban insurgents including some of the rebel commanders have been killed and 18 others wounded during an operation in northern Takhar province, officials said Wednesday. Col. Sayed Qurban Musavi, commander of 217 Pamir Military Corps told Pajhwok Afghan News that an operation of Afghan forces was underway in Dasht Kala district of Takhar from the last few days. He said 28 Taliban rebels were killed and 18 others wounded during a fight in Shahr-i-Kohna area on Tuesday night. Taliban's designated governor for Baharak district, Mulavi Abdul Razaq and ... (More on P4)...(10)



ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN MINISTRY OF MINES AND PETROLEUM TENDERS FOR SAND AND GRAVEL PRODUCTION FACILITIES EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, through the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (the "Ministry"), has announced a Request for Expressions of Interest dated (21st April, 2019) the opening of tender processes for:

1. Exploration, assessment and exploitation of Sand and Gravel;
2. Design, construction, financing and operation of a new quarry materials production facility with a minimum production capacity of 50,000 to 100,000 cubic meter per annum (subject to phases) of Sand and Gravel,
3. Transformation of Quarry material into final product of sand and gravel;

For the below Project:

Project	Province	Mineral type	Deposit type
Sand and Gravel, Orgon district	Paktika	Quarry Material	Sand and Gravel

This expression of interest form (the "EoI") is the form that needs to be completed by persons who wish to express their interest in the project. Further details on the Project can be found in the Request for Expressions of Interest dated (21st April, 2019) which are available on the NPA website (www.npa.gov.af) and MoMP website (www.momp.gov.af). This EoI should be completed in English and either Dari or Pashto and both copies submitted:

- Via email to (ismc@momp.gov.af). The subject line of the email should read Sand and Gravel, Paktika-EoI.
- In hard copy to (Er. Shamsulrahman Shaker) Large Scale of Mines Unit (LSMU), Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, Charahi Abdulhaq (Abdulhaq Square), Kabul, Afghanistan. For more information, you may contact on (0744763298).

Both soft copy **and/ or** the hard copy of this EoI must be **received by 12 noon (Kabul local time) on (21st May, 2019)**. It is the interested party's responsibility to make sure it has allowed sufficient time for the EoI to arrive at the above address before the date for submission of the EoI (taking into account likely courier/delivery times).

<p>Organization name:</p> <p>Consortium, joint venture, special purpose vehicle or other arrangement: (Please select as appropriate)</p> <p>Names, registered addresses, company numbers and country of incorporation of all members or sponsors of consortium, joint venture, special purpose vehicle or other arrangement: (as appropriate, if applicable)</p> <p>Contact name(s):</p> <p>E-Mail address:</p> <p>Telephone number:</p> <p>Postal address for contact(s):</p> <p>Fax number:</p> <p>Project of interest (Select as appropriate)</p>	<p>YES / NO (all member or sponsors will be required to submit Pre-Qualification information, further details of which will be set out in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire)</p>	<p>Sand and Gravel, Orgon district, Paktika Province</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
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1. Exploration, assessment and exploitation of Gravel and Sand;
2. Design, construction, financing and operation of a new quarry materials production facility with a minimum production capacity of 50,000 to 100,000 cubic meters per annum (subject to phases) of Gravel and Sand,
3. Transformation of Quarry material into final product of Gravel and Sand;

For the below Project:

Project	Province	Mineral type	Deposit type
Gravel and Sand of Palato Road, Markaz district	Paktika	Quarry Material	Gravel and Sand

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