

Quote of the Day

Never discourage anyone... who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.
Plato (427 BC - 347 BC)

Chinese Diplomat, Atmar Talk Security Cooperation

KABUL - Chinese Ambassador Yao Jing on Sunday met Afghan National Security Advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar and discussed economic, political and security issues.

The meeting took place days after a Taliban delegation headed by their political officehead in Qatar visited Beijing on July 21 and 22 at the invitation of Chinese authorities.

A statement from the National Security Council said Atmar thanked the Chinese government for its military support that recently arrived in Kabul.

He informed the Chinese ambas-



sador about his recent trip to Moscow and stressed the need for joint action against terrorism – a common enemy of all regional countries.

The Chinese envoy said Beijing attached high importance to its relations with Kabul and would continue helping Afghanistan.

He added Afghanistan's security demands were under consideration of Chinese authorities.

Kabul formally issued no statement about Taliban's trip to China, but Atmar and Jing are believed to have discussed the visit. (Pajhwok)

New Authority Established to Halt Expired Drug Imports



KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on Sunday formally launched "National Medical Products Authority (NMPA)" to help prevent expired medicines from being imported to the country. Public Health Minister Ferozuddin Feroz said the authority had been constituted in to halt imports of low quality drugs, encourage domestically produced medicines and stop expired drug entry into the country.

He said until now different authorities had been functioning to monitor low quality drugs, but in future the NMPA would be a responsible platform dealing with issues related to expired and unhealthy drugs. He hoped the newly-established authority would work effectively and might win support from the private sector to deal with the issue. Currently Afghanistan ... (More on P4)...(3)

Hundreds Rally in Ghazni As Graft-Tainted Mayor Reinstated

GHAZNI CITY - Hundreds of people on Sunday took to the streets against the reinstatement of once unseated mayor over corruption charges in southern Ghazni province.

President Ghani removed Ghazni Mayor Faridon Ahmadi over corruption allegations and replaced him with Eng. Nasir Ahmad Lailzai about four months ago.

But the mayor's replacement sparked protests in Ghazni because the new mayor was from Pashtun tribe and the protestors remained camped in Ghazni City, the provincial capital, for 13 days.

The protestors had been claiming the mayoral seat was the right of Tajik people and Pashtuns could not hold the mayoral post, but three days ago the president reinstated Faridon Ahmadi despite corruption allegations, ... (More on P4)...(4)

Samangan Residents Seek Water, Health and Transport Facilities

AIBAK - Thousands of families from 100 villages of Dara-i-Suf Payeen district in northern Samangan province have been faced with a shortage of clean drinking water, health and transportation facilities.

The inhabitants of Kohistan Maqud, Serki, Bayanan, Lababi and Daikundi localities want the authorities to provide them with elemental civic amenities. They reminded unity government leaders of their campaign promises, which are yet to be kept.

Noorullah, 44, a resident of Kata Qaq area, said the dwellers of this locality stored snow and rainwater and used it for drinking, because there was no natural stream in the area. Kunda – kind of water storage inside a rock – is ... (More on P4)...(5)

Abdullah's Twitter Account Hacked



KABUL - The Twitter account of the Chief Executive Office has been hacked by unidentified individuals, Abdullah said. A brief statement from CEO office said technical and press teams no longer had control of the handle. It said information about the hackers is not yet available. "Our technical and security teams are working to reclaim the handle and restore it back to normal," the statement added. (Pajhwok)

More Than 300 Afghan Citizens Rounded up in Peshawar

PESHAWAR - As part of an ongoing crackdown, more than 300 Afghan citizens have been rounded up for illegally staying in the northwestern city of Peshawar, police say.

A Capital City Police Office (CCPO) source confided to Pajhwok Afghan News on Sunday the arrests were made during raids in different areas over the past five days. The official said: "More than 300 Afghans, who neither had proof of registration cards, nor any travel documents, have been detained in the provincial capital in the last five days." Requesting not to be named, the official said the Afghans had been charged under the Foreigners' Act in 18 search operations involving police, army and other law-enforcement agencies' personnel. (Pajhwok)

Ex-Footballer Jailed for Trying to Smuggle Afghans into UK

KABUL - A former professional footballer has been jailed for attempting to smuggle 10 Afghan migrants into the United Kingdom, a leading newspaper reported on Sunday.

Fabrice Lokembo-Lokasowas detained in Calais as he tried to board a ferry to Dover in a van carrying four men, two women - one of them pregnant - and four children.

Daily Mail Online quoted the Congolese player as claiming to have been dragged into people smuggling by £35,000 debts he had to return.

Having played for clubs in Belgian and Israeli top divisions, he picked up the migrants at Calais' Jungle camp, prosecutor Eric Fouard told a court in Dunkirk. The former Sporting Charleroi defender prayed before a judge: "A guy in Brussels called, Malik invited me to deliver some furniture to England and I had no idea what the van contained." When he reached Calais, ... (More on P4)...(6)

British PM Praises Afghan Government's Anti-Corruption Effort

KABUL - New British Prime Minister Theresa May and President Ashraf Ghani during a telephonic conversation discussed bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interests, the Presidential Palace said on Sunday.

May praised the Afghan government's efforts at countering administrative corruption and pledged support to the war-torn country, the palace said in a statement.

She assured President Ghani in the telephonic talks that



the United Kingdom (UK) would honour pledges and promises her country made with the Afghan government at the Warsaw Summit. She also said the UK supported the Afghan ... (More on P4)...(1)

Taliban Extend Raids into Nad Ali, Marja

LASHKARGAH - After Garmsir and Khanshin districts, the Taliban launched overnight coordinated attacks in Nad Ali and Marja districts of southern Helmand province, an official said on Sunday.

Hours after the Afghan commando forces brought under control the situation in Khanashin district, the Taliban attacked some security posts in Nad Ali district last night, the governor's spokesman said. Omar Zwak told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces put up stiff resistance to the Taliban attackers, preventing their advance in Nad Ali. He said a fierce gun-battle was still



ongoing in the district. In Marja district, the insurgents blew up a bridge, Omar Zwak said, adding government forces would soon launch a clearing operation in the four districts. Meanwhile, Helmand provincial council's security committee head Bashir Ahmad Shakir said despite threats, no action had been taken about recent Taliban attacks. He said both the district and provincial administrations were responsible for the situation. Shakir said right now ... (More on P4)...(2)

Afghanistan Defeats Netherlands by 36 Runs



VOORBURG - Afghanistan cruised to a commanding innings and 36 runs victory over the Netherlands in its Intercontinental Cup clash at Sportpark Westvliet in Voorburg, Netherlands, with the bowlers ensuring a two-day finish to the contest on Saturday.

In the morning Afghanistan resumed on 145 for 4 and extended its first-innings to 312, to swell its lead to 195, and then bowled the Netherlands out for 159 in 43.1 overs. The Netherlands openers got off to a cautious start but ... (More on P4)...(7)

\$4b Invested on Oil, Gas Industry in Afghanistan

KABUL - Four billion dollars has been invested in oil and gas industry in the country after establishment of country-wide fuel oil and gas union.

Azerakhsh Hafizi Chief of the executive board of the country-wide fuel and gas union asserted in the second general gathering of the union held yesterday, from three years onward, this amount was invested in building storages, oil extracting factories, establishment of the pump stations around the country and import of oil and gas.



Tawakul Ahmad Yar President of Ahmad Yar group has been appointed as chief of the union and four others as deputies of the executive board were selected through independent voting. (Agencies)



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