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China Hails Afghanistan's Fight Against ETIM Terrorist Group

KABUL - Cooperation between Afghan and Chinese armed forces can immensely contribute to the security both countries and creating an enabling environment for development, the Chinese defence minister hopes. At a meeting with visiting Afghan army chief of general staff Qadam Shah Shaheem in Beijing late on Sunday, Chang Wanquan praised Kabul's support in fighting against extremists based in Xinjiang. Beijing has long been concerned that instability in Afghanistan will spill over into Xinjiang, home to the Muslim Uygur community. Hundreds have died in recent years in unrest blamed on the Islamist extremists. "I thank Afghanistan for its valuable support in combating ETIM terrorist forces and on issues related to China's core inter-



ests," Wanquan was quoted as saying by Xinhua, the state-run news agency. He hoped the two militaries could continually enrich the shape and content of cooperation and make greater contributions to safeguarding bilateral security and creating an environment conducive for development. For his part, Shaheem said Afghanistan was ready to continue fighting against ETIM by strengthening cooperation on personnel training, joint military drills and in other areas, China's defence ministry said. Being a member of a four-nation group, China is working together with Afghanistan, Pakistan and the US to broker peace talks to end the Taliban insurgency in the war-devastated country. (Pajhwok)

Montenegro Sets Aside Cash for Afghanistan



KABUL - Montenegro has committed itself to offering 400,000 US dollars in assistance to the government of Afghanistan in 2016. This is the second aid package which Montenegro will offer the struggling country - despite huge budget gaps and struggles to finance its own army - after Podgorica last year donated another 400,000 US dollars to Afghanistan. "The funds will be directed to the NATO-Afghan National Army Trust Fund," the government document, which BIRN has seen, says. The decision comes after recent surveys show Montenegrins remain bitterly divided over NATO membership and over its engagement in Alliance missions. Surveys ... (More on P4)...(11)

Kabul Moneychangers go on Strike to Demand Security



KABUL - Moneychangers and jewelers at a famous currency exchange market in Kabul on Sunday went on strike and staged a protest demonstration, asking the government to ensure their security. "We don't feel secure, our colleagues are often robbed and we want the government to address our security concerns otherwise we will shut our shops," Khan Mohammad Baz, the Moneychangers Union head, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said one moneychanger of Shazada Market was recently deprived of one million US dollars in Sarobi district on the ... (More on P4)...(9)

70pc of Afghanistan's Water Flows into Neighboring Countries

KABUL - A senior Ministry of Water and Energy official on Monday said nearly 70 percent of Afghanistan's water flowed into neighboring countries especially Pakistan and Iran due to improper management. Abdul Basir Azimi, deputy minister for finance and administrative affairs at the Ministry of Energy and Water, told this at a gathering organized by 'Mahmood Tarzi' foundation for assessing the country's water resources at the Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan. Azimi said the country's wa-



ter resources were estimated to be 75 billion cubic-metres -- 57 billion cubic-metres in form of surface water and 18 billion CM groundwater.

According to Azimi, currently one-third of the country's water was used inside the country but the remaining flowed into neighboring

Pakistan and Iran. He said the unity government had adopted a programme to manage the overall water resources and the government was making efforts to construct hydro-power dams and direct the water flow towards agricultural lands. "The overall management of water means managing it provinces and villages and taking into account people's opinions. We want to manage the five river basins to get the maximum use." He said currently in total 1400 megawatts of electricity was ... (More on P4)...(10)

Over 6,000 Women Complete Literacy Course in Ghor

FEROZKOH - As many as 6,131 women have completed a 9-month literacy and capacity-building course in western Ghor province, an official said on Monday. These women participated in 252 different courses of literacy and capacity building in Dawlatyar, Tiwara districts and Ferozkoh, the provincial capital. The women completing the courses have urged other families to send their daughters and mothers to join the courses in order to improve their skills. Ghulam Rabani Hadafmand, ... (More on P4)...(12)

Kohistan District May Fall to Taliban, Warn Officials

MAIMANA - Local officials in northwestern Faryab province warned on Monday if reinforcements were not dispatched in time, Kohistan district might fall to Taliban. Amir Taqwa, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the rebels launched attacks from four sides on the district a week ago. "During the past one week, I have been requesting the government to send reinforcements and conduct airstrikes, but I have received no positive response," he complained. He said only 15 policemen were stationed in the restive town, where some uprising groups were also resisting attacks from a large number of rebels.



Kohistan district might have been overrun by the Taliban long ago but the local uprising groups effectively repulsed their attacks, the official continued. Dr. Saadat, a local uprising group commander, lashed out at the government for not honoring its pledges. He said they

used their own resources and the government did not provided them weapons and bullets. Mohibullah Mirzad, a former member of the provincial council and commander of an uprising group, also blamed the government for not ... (More on P4)...(13)

Literacy, Tailoring Project for Women Launched in Kabul

KABUL - A non-governmental organization in capital Kabul on Monday said it had launched an innovative project to train women in the fields of literacy and tailoring so the participants could become educated and economically sound. Shukria Jalazai, head of the NGO 'Development and Coordination of Afghan Women' Institution, told Pajhwok Afghan News her organization was able to provide literacy courses and sewing training to women with financial support from China. She criticised institutions which believed women activities were ineffective and said: "The money that comes to Afghanistan in the name of woman should be spent on basic things such as education, health and humanitarian rights of women." Jalazai said the Development and Coordination of Afghan Women organization had launched the initiative for women with financial support from China. She said women who due to the war and insecurity remained illiterate, could be drawn into the literacy courses and in the meantime taught tailoring. She said women above 18 years and less than 40 years of ages were considered for the courses in order to become useful and helpful family members. She said the programme was set to be implemented soon in other provinces such as Badakhshan, Badghis and Paktika. At least 60 women so far graduated in two batches had earned certificates from the institution and they were currently working for themselves, Jalazai said. Shabana, 18, one of the trainees, told Pajhwok she joined the institution's training course one and a half months earlier. Shabana said she daily attended the literacy course from 1:00pm till 2:00pm and from 2:00pm till 4:00pm she learned tailoring. "My family ... (More on P4)...(16)

500-Member ALP Force Approved for Nangarhar's Kot

JALALABAD - A strong 500-member Afghan Local Police (ALP) force has been approved for the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province, the governor said on Monday. Provincial officials and security forces paid a visit to Lagharjo area of Kot district where the Islamic State (IS) or Daesh group had established their self-styled Caliphate and its institutions. Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi told reporters that Daesh rebels had been driven from Kot and currently a 200-member ALP force had been



approved for areas previously controlled by the IS and another 300-member ALP squad would be approved and established in future. Few days back, security forces and local uprising groups launched a joint offensive and

drove the IS rebels from the district. Scores were killed and dozens more were wounded in the operation. Kunduzi said the operation in Kot district was being wrapped up as anti-militant operations were ... (More on P4)...(17)

Taliban Attack in Kabul Inflicts \$2m Losses to Private Firms



KABUL - The attack on the North Gate Hotel in Kabul city on Monday inflicted a \$2 million USD loss to private companies, Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) said. The ACCI said the attack has badly affected eight large companies - located near the guest house that was the main target of the attack. Companies owners meanwhile criticized government for failing to ensure the safety of citizens. The attack left one policeman dead and three others wounded. Kabul Police Chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi said that there were no civilian casualties and no casualties among foreigners. He said the ... (More on P4)...(14)

5 Dead in Truck-Bomb Attack on Kabul Guesthouse



KABUL - In a coordinated assault, a group of Taliban insurgents attacked a guesthouse of foreign contractors in Kabul with an explosives-laden truck in the wee hours of Monday. In the ensuing operation at the Northgate Guesthouse on Jalalabad Road, which lasted several hours, one police official and all the four attackers were killed, the Kabul police chief said. A massive explosion targeting the facility shook the entire city at around 1:30am, paving the ground for the attackers to enter to the high-security building, ... (More on P4)...(15)

Afghan Judo Champ in Brazil for Rio Olympics

KABUL - Thirty-one-year-old Bakhshi is one of Afghanistan's sports stars who will represent the country at this year's Rio Olympics. Three world-class Afghan athletes have arrived in Rio where hard work is the order of the day. All

three are training hard ahead of their events. Two of the athletes are men and one is a woman. They are Tawfiq Bakhshi, a Judo champion and Wahab, a runner, who will take part in the men's 200m race. Kimya Yousufi will

participate in the ladies 100m race. Bakhshi meanwhile has been part of the National Judo Team for the past 14 years and is also currently the team's coach. Since joining the national team, he has won 10 medals ... (More on P4)...(18)

Afghan Nationals Living in Kurram Given A Week to Leave

PESHAWAR - Afghan citizens living in Pakistan's tribal region of Kurram near the Durand Line have been asked to leave the area within a week, officials said on Monday. The political authorities had also launched a survey in villages close

to the border to collect information about the Afghans living there illegally. A Parachinar-based official said a campaign for the expulsion of illegal Afghans had been initiated in compliance with orders from

the federal government. The local administration would launch crackdown on the illegal Afghans and deport them once the week-long deadline ran out. The areas where Afghans are residing had been identified. Amid mass ... (More on P4)...(19)