

## Quote of the Day

To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.  
Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)

# CEO wants Comprehensive Plan Presented at Brussels Summit

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah on Monday stressed the need for presenting a comprehensive and multifaceted national development strategy at the forthcoming summit in Brussels, the capital of Belgium.

Presiding over a meeting of the Cabinet's finance committee, Abdullah said the document to be presented at the Oct 4-5 summit should convince the international community to continue assisting Afghanistan.

A statement from the CEO's office quoted Abdullah as saying that refugees, anti-narcotics campaign, foreign investment, environment



protection, improvement in transport system and other issues should be given a space in the document.

The Ministry of Finance is tasked with preparing the document for Afghanistan to be presented at the Brussels summit.

Afghanistan's socio-economic development, self-reliance, prosperity, priorities and promises will be mentioned in the document.

The international summit in Brussels is scheduled to take place on October 4-5 to discuss sustain economic cooperation with Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

## AAF Actively Recruiting Men and Women Aged 18-26



KABUL - Afghan Air Force (AAF) recruiters at Kabul Air Wing are looking for young men and women who have what it takes to become the next generation of Afghan Air Force officers. Afghans, ages 18-26, are being actively recruited by the AAF for positions like pilot, engineer and maintenance officer, to name a few.

The AAF recruiters have a strong partnership with U.S. Airmen from Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air (TAAC-Air), and the two organizations are constantly fine-tuning the process to get the best and brightest young Afghans into the AAF.

"My advice to eligible young people is that the AAF will help build the future of Afghanistan," said AAF Lt. Col. Yaqubi Munir, lead recruiting officer, through an interpreter. "This is the best opportunity for the person to serve the country." Munir has a difficult but rewarding job. He and his staff oversee AAF officer recruiting for the entire country. With the help of AAF Maj. Ehsanullah Niazay and Capt. Muhammed Hakim, Munir makes sure the right AAF officer candidates are being recruited and placed in training.

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## Russia Considering Afghanistan's Request to Equip ANDSF: NSC

KABUL - The Office of the National Security Adviser of Afghanistan has said Russia is considering a request by the government of Afghanistan to equip the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF).

National Security Council (NSC) spokesman Tawab Ghorzang said Afghanistan and Russia are on the same page to increase the capabilities of the Afghan forces who are on the front line fighting the regional and international terrorism.

He said Russia has promised to assess the request by Afghanistan to equip the Afghan



forces and the officials of the two countries are having similar views to eliminate the menace of terrorism from the region and from Afghanistan. "The Afghan government believes that the Afghan forces should be equipped to fight the menace of terrorism in Af-

ghanistan in the region and the officials in the two countries are having identical views and an assessment in this regard would be launched," Ghorzang said.

The National Security Adviser Mohammad Hanif Atmar left for Russia last week... (More on P4)...(1)

## Russia Willing to Revive Cooperation in Afghanistan on NATO's Offer

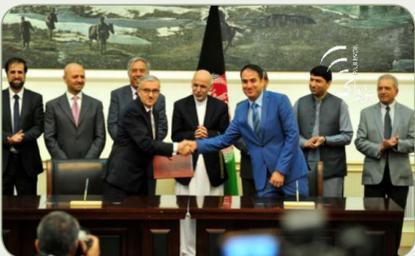
MOSCOW - Russia is willing to revive joint projects with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on Afghanistan after receiving signals of that nature from the Western military alliance, the Russian Foreign Ministry's Director of the Second Asian Department said Monday.

"Certain signals are there, but these are just signals and only words, although we do not see practical steps from NATO yet. They say Afghanistan is a common subjects that concerns both Russia and NATO, and we have to somehow work together. Great, let us go back to the projects that we have previously discussed and which you, NATO, have suspended," Zamir Kabulov told RIA Novosti.

In an interview with Sputnik, Afghan National Security Adviser Hanif Atmar said last week Kabul hoped for renewed Russia-NATO cooperation on Afghanistan in the interests of all three sides.

Deploying a few thousand troops in Afghanistan will not help secure the... (More on P4)...(2)

## Kabul Municipality Signs Mega Contracts with Arab Firm



KABUL - The Kabul municipality on Monday signed four contracts for several major projects including a high-speed transport system and ground water management with an Arab company.

Acting mayor Prof. Abdullah Habibzai signed the contracts with Dr. Ramzan Harb, deputy director of Khatib & Alami Company in the presence of President Ashraf Ghani at the Presidential Palace.

Abdul Qadir Arzo, the Kabul municipality spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News under the contracts, the Arab company would establish a high-speed transport system, review designs of towering buildings, improve capacity of municipality workers and observe projects during their implementation.

He said the cost of the projects was yet to be cleared, but the implementation of each project would take two to five years.

Khatib & Alami Company would also take part in choosing urban buses besides building high-speed transport routes, Arzo added.

Mayor Prof. Abdullah Habibzai, while signing the contracts, said 111 kilometers of roads would be asphalted in busy Kabul areas for the high-speed transport system.

He said practical training of municipality workers, studying designs and observation of more than 20 kilometers of roads in different parts of Kabul city, redesigning of intersections that caused traffic jams, creation of infrastructure, ... (More on P4)...(6)

## 91% of Urbanites Slam Mayors, Municipalities As Corrupt

KABUL - Municipalities across the country do not have any mechanism subjecting them to accountability by urban residents who have no idea of their annual budgets, a new cluster survey finds.

The survey -- City, Citizens and Mayor -- was conducted in 33 cities by Focus, a development organisation. Focus spokesman Abdul Nafi Himmat said on Monday conducting the survey took six months. Of the 9,100 people interviewed, 67% were men, 33% women, 46% literate and 53% illiterate. Since Nooristan does not have a municipality, no one was interviewed there.



The survey was carried out by 60 male and 30 female journalists/surveyors voluntarily. The findings include 10 major issues facing each city. The main urban issues are: 1. 25.38% of ... (More on P4)...(4)

## Taliban Siege Broken, Security Personnel Rescued in Jawzjan



SHIBERGHAN - Security personnel besieged by the Taliban for the last three days were rescued on Sunday in Qushtepa district of northern Jawzjan province, a public representative said.

The trapped security forces had requested the ministries

of defence and interior to send them food and other supplies as they had run out of the supplies after being besieged for three days, said Mohammad Halima Sadaf, a member of the provincial council.

Without going into details, she ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Farah's Pusht Rod at Risk of Falling to Taliban: Public Rep

KABUL - If the Pusht Rod district of western Farah province is not given much attention, it would soon fall into the hands of insurgents, the provincial council warned on Monday, however the governor said a clearing operation was underway in the district. Farid Bakhtwar, the provincial council head, told a press conference here that the conflict in the district was ongoing over the past one week, with the Taliban overrunning most the areas. Due to insecurity and huge infiltration of insurgents into Dokan,



Chak Charnach and Gach Kin villages, more than 2000 families were forced into migrating to neighboring districts and Farah city, the provincial capital, he said.

The public representative said Taliban, civilians and security forces had suffered casualties during the week-long conflict, but provided no figures. ... (More on P4)...(8)



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