

## Quote of the Day

Every generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it.

George Orwell

# Leadership Challenged in Afghan Taliban after Mullah Omar

KABUL - The brother of the late figurehead of the Afghan Taliban on Sunday joined a growing challenge to the extremist group's newly appointed leader, even as it offered a statement purportedly quoting a well-known militant supporting him. Mullah Abdul Manan, the brother of the late Mullah Mohammad Omar, told The Associated Press that new Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansoor was "selected" by a small clique of his own supporters. That comes after Mullah Omar's son, Yacoub, also warned Mansoor didn't



have the support of the wider Taliban.

With both men demanding a new vote, that could throw the leadership of the Taliban into greater disarray as it weighs whether to resume fledgling peace talks with the Afghan government or continue its bloody, nearly 14-year insurgency. "I stand with my nephew," Manan said. "There should be a (grand council) so everyone has a chance to choose their own leader. I do not accept this selection of Mullah Akhtar Mansoor ... (More on P4)...(1)

## 5 Year Policy to be Prepared for Afghan Refugees: MoRR

KABUL - Officials in Ministry of Repatriations & Refugees have launched a four days gathering in order to receive the views of the experts to prepare pervasive policy and guidelines for the Afghan refugees.

A five year policy will be prepared after gathering the views and comments of the experts for a pervasive



policy in order to review the Afghan refugee's challenges, and ... (More on P4)...(2)

## Govt. Fails to Empower Women: Nazari



KABUL - Women's Affairs Minister Dilbar Nazari said on Sunday the government had failed to deliver on most of its pledges regarding empowering women and expanding their decision-making power.

She expressed these views at an inter-ministerial level meeting focused on discussing coordination among different ministries with regard to ... (More on P4)...(3)

## Aid Groups Set 15-Day Deadline for Kabul to Start ID Rollout

KABUL - After continued delays in the roll out of the Electronic National Identity Cards (e-NIC) program, a number of aid organizations warned the Afghan government to clarify their plan for launching it within the next 15 days or face cuts in fund-

ing. Reportedly the e-NIC Department of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has already sent the draft plan for the program to the President and the Council of Ministers and it is waiting their approval. Chairman of the e-NIC ... (More on P4)...(4)

## Ghani Undergoes Successful Surgery in Germany

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has undergone surgery on his foot in Germany and is recovering well, said sources from the Presidential Palace on Sunday. Accord-

ing to them, the surgery was a success. Ghani reportedly traveled to Germany last week and was accompanied by his personal physician. ... (More on P4)...(5)

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