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Abdullah Urges Afghan Politicians to Act Responsibly



KABUL - Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah urged new formed coalitions and critics to act responsibly and seek their demands through negotiation. Introducing Hamid Tahmasi as Acting Minister for Transportation and Civil Aviation on Tuesday, Abdullah said that Afghan politicians should be united and work together for national interests. Abdullah said that all politicians including those inside government should reach to negotiation and a single decision, "otherwise the enemies will use the opportunity against us." Emphasizing on ensuring justice, Chief Executive also stressed that government is committed to implement the key demands of the people including bringing reforms in state institutions. "We accept there are weaknesses, reforms needed, demands of the people should be heeded, unity must be maintained and if justice was not ensured the system will be weakened," Abdullah said. It comes two days after Governor of Balkh and the leader of Jamiet-Islami criticized the government of monopolization and ethnic dissensions. (ATN)



Casualties Reported in Attack on Foreign Troops Convoy

KABUL - Resolute Support has confirmed there were casualties following the suicide bombing that targeted a foreign troops convoy on Wednesday in Kandahar. At least one civilian was wounded and seven foreign troops were reportedly killed in a suicide car bombing in Kandahar on Wednesday, a source told TOLONews. A suicide bomber targeted a foreign troop's convoy in Kandahar city, the governor's media office said adding that the troops had been on their way to the airport when the incident happened. One of the vehicles was damaged in the blast, the governor's media office said. Local officials confirmed that a civilian was wounded in the attack and that there were casualties among the foreign troops. They did not however disclose details. But a source said seven foreign troops had been killed.

In the meantime, Resolute Support (RS) confirmed that a NATO convoy was attacked in ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Iran, Afghanistan, India Stress Importance of Chabahar Port



KABUL - Participants of a tripartite meeting between Iranian, Afghan and Indian officials stressed the importance of Iran's Chabahar port for broadening of trade relations. The meeting was attended by Head of the Iranian Foreign Ministry's Educational and International Research Center

Mohammad Kazem Sajjadpour, Head of Afghan Strategic Studies Center Davood Moradian and Head of the Indian Defense Ministry's Defense Studies Center Jayant Perasad. The participants said studies should be conducted to make the optimum use of Chabahar port. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

153,000 People Flee Homes in Past 7 Months: Balkhi

HERAT CITY - As many as 153,000 individuals have been displaced across the country due to clashes and insecurity during the past seven months, said the minister of refugees and repatriation. Sayed Hussain Alami Balkhi, during a visit to western Herat province, told a press conference here that about \$16 million had been allocated to meet the needs of the internally displaced people (IDPs). The minister said the figures showed about 27,000 families or 153,000 people had been displaced in various provinces due to the war and insecurity since the beginning of the year until August. He said the number showed a decline

compared to the same period of 2016. Balkhi didn't go into details, saying last year's about 252,000 IDPs were registered across the country. Balkhi said his ministry was able to facilitate safe return of 118,000 people to their areas of origin. Earlier the ministry had said a total of more than one million had been internally displaced. Balkhi said most of the IDPs were from the western zone (Badghis, Ghor, Farah, and Herat provinces) and all had taken refuge in Herat, numbering around 100,000 individuals. He said the Afghan government had adopted a national policy for IDPs and \$16 million



had been allocated for the purpose. Balkhi added the amount would ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Atambayev Extends Condolences to President of Afghanistan on Terror Attack in Herat



KABUL - President of Kyrgyzstan Almazbek Atambayev has expressed condolences to President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani over a terror attack leaving dozens dead in the city

of Herat, the President's press service said. "The Kyrgyz Republic strongly condemns this inhuman attack and supports all efforts of the international community in fighting terrorism," the letter says. The head of state expressed deep sympathy and support to families of victims and a speedy recovery to those injured in the blast. At least 29 people had been killed, and another 64 were injured as a result of the explosion at a mosque in the Afghan city of Herat on August 1. Both attackers are dead, police said. The governor's representative said the suicide attacker also opened fire inside the mosque before detonating his explosives. (AKI-PRESS)

Work Launched on Badakhshan Orphanage Building

FAIZABAD - Construction work on an orphanage with capacity for a thousand children has kicked off in Faizabad, the capital of northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Wednesday. Governor Ahmad Faisal Bekzad told the inauguration ceremony for the building the project would be implemented by a Turkish organization, called TIKA, in seven months. It would cost a million dollars to be provided by Turkey. Zaki Yuldash, head of the TIKA, who also attended the ceremony, said he had seen children in the Badakhshan orphanage were in bad condition during his visit to the province six years ago. "After I took up a job in TIKA, I shared the issue with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. He evinced a keen interest in the construction of the orphanage and allocated budget ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Herat Mosque Attack was Carried out by Two Bombers

KABUL - The Herat governor's office has confirmed that 29 people were killed and 64 others were wounded in the mosque bombings on Tuesday night. The attack at Jawadia Mosque in Bekr Abad area in Herat city - in the country's west - on Tuesday night was carried out by two suicide bombers. However, eyewitnesses claim that two additional attackers also opened fire on worshippers when they were trying to flee to safety. Government ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Up to 20 Years Jail Term for Afghan Army Generals and Officers over Embezzlement

KABUL - At least eight officials of the Afghan national army have been jailed for embezzlement, corruption, and misuse of authority by a special tribunal. The convicts included three generals, four officers and an ordinary employee of the Afghan army who were tried by the Anti-Corruption Justice Center during an open court hearing on Tuesday. The army generals, officers, and employee were mainly tried for the embezzlement of 184,594 liters of fuel. According to the court verdict, Mahmood son of Abdul Zahir was jailed for 20 years, Abdul Azim 18 years and five months jail term, Abdul Qadir, Mohammad Maruf,



and Mohammad Haroon were jailed for two years and two months each, while Mohammad Asghar and Ahmad Jan were jailed for one year and one month each. The verdict was issued by the primary court of the special tribunal of the Anti-Corruption Justice Center which also ordered the convicts to return the embezzled amount of one ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Hekmatyar Compares Taliban-Led Insurgency to Devil Acts, Illegitimate War

KABUL - The leader of Hezb-e-Islami Gulbuddin Hekmatyar has once again renewed his bitter stance against the Taliban-led insurgency, comparing it to devil acts while branding it an illegitimate war. Speaking during a gathering in Kabul on Tuesday Hekmatyar said the Taliban group is waging war and insurgency on the instructions of the outsiders. Pointing towards Taliban's violence, Hekmatyar said all those who pursue violence are cruel. Their stance and the approach they have adopted is illegitimate and their targets are inhumane and are having devil motives. He once again called on the Taliban group to adopt a peaceful approach

rather insurgency and participate in peace talks. This is not the first time the leader of Hezb-e-Islami has harshly criticized the Taliban group for their insurgency but on numerous occasions he has condemned the war and violence led by the group. Hekmatyar had earlier said foreigners are seeking their personal interests with the persistent violence and war in the country, insisting that the recent bombings were planned outside the country and no Afghan or a Muslim would carry out such attacks. Hekmatyar further added that the Afghan people will never carry out attacks inside the mosques or on funeral ceremonies. (KP)

