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Past Mistakes Won't be Repeated: Reform Panel

GARDEZ - The Electoral Reform Commission on Monday said past mistakes would not be repeated in future elections. This was stated by Kawon Kakar, a member of the commission, who headed a delegation to southeastern Pakhtia province. The delegation addressed a gathering attended by civil society activists, tribal elders and local residents in Gardez, the provincial capital. Speaking on behalf of civil



society groups, Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai said people had lost trust in the electoral bodies during the previous elections. He added people would not participate in future elections until essential reforms were brought to the electoral bodies. He believed problems in elections could be mitigated if security was improved and electronic identity cards distributed. "Technical issues and ... (More on P4)...(6)

US Provides \$800 Million to Afghanistan in Budget Assistance



KABUL - The US and Afghanistan Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Monday for the New Development Partnership under which Washington would provide up to \$800 million to Kabul in budget assistance to maintain and build on the development gains made over the last 13 years. A statement from the US Embassy in Kabul stated that Finance Minister Eklil Hakimi, the US Ambassador to Afghanistan, P. Michael McKinley, and the USAID Mission Director William ... (More on P4)...(7)

Taliban Holds Prayer Ceremony for Mullah Omar in Ghazni



GHAZNI CITY - Five Taliban members were killed when a gun fight broke out at a mosque in Ghazni province where over 3,000 people had gathered to mourn the death of the Taliban's former leader Mullah Omar, said

officials. Not only did Taliban members present chant anti-government slogans but they also forced thousands of locals to attend, said officials. The Interior Ministry confirmed this and said Mullah Omar ... (More on P4)...(8)

Purported Video Shows Taliban Allegiance to Mansoor

KABUL - Differences within the Taliban group came to limelight soon after Mullah Omar's death but Taliban on Monday shared a video showing Taliban's allegiance to new leader Mullah Mansoor aimed at quelling rumours of cracks. The one minute and forty

second video did not show Mullah Mansoor's face who addressed the gathering of around hundreds of people sitting in a mosque or a religious seminary. The video showed people were swarming toward a place to offer their allegiance and ... (More on P4)...(10)

Amid Rifts, Taliban Say Omar's Successor to be Named Soon

KABUL - The Taliban said on Monday the group's Supreme Council opposed the appointment of Mullah Akhtar Mansoor and they would nominate Mullah Omar's successor after the mourning period was over. The movement announced the death of Omar last week but did not mention where, how and when he had died. A day later, they announced Mullah Mansoor as their new leader.

A statement from Supreme Council said some Taliban leaders had nominated Mansoor as new leader without consultation with it or taking leading religious scholars into confidence. Some people had nominated Mansoor for their personal gains and interests and imposed him on the Taliban, according to the council, which maintained the new leader's nomination had not been in compliance with Islamic rules. "Taliban, soon after Omar's condolences are over, has called ... (More on P4)...(11)

Gen. Dostum Visits Faryab, Calls on Locals to Support Troops

MAIMANA - First Vice-President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum on Monday arrived in Maimana, the capital of Faryab province, and called on residents to support security forces who he said would soon clear the province of anti-government insurgent groups.

"You people had more than half a million votes in the presidential election and we are addressing your problems. Once I secure Faryab province and dispel the armed oppositions, and when I go back



to Kabul, I will discuss your problems with the Security Council," said Dostum. Meanwhile Dostum said he is

taking Faryab's security problems seriously and acknowledged that residents have ... (More on P4)...(9)

Mullah Omar's Son Yaqub Reportedly Killed: Official

KABUL - Afghanistan's first deputy speaker of the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) Zahir Qadir on Monday said that Mullah Omar's son, Mullah Yaqub, was killed last week in Quetta, Pakistan. According to him, Mullah Yaqub, who had hoped to suc-

ceed his father as leader of the Taliban, was killed while at a meeting in the city four days ago (Thursday). "We were told about Mullah Omar's death two years back and now his son Mullah Yaqub who was 21 or 22 years old was trying to be appointed

as his father's successor. But Mullah Mansour also tried to become leader of the Taliban, therefore it is said that he was killed some days back," Qadir told TOLnews. "The opposing Taliban and Pakistan had a hand in killing Mullah ... (More on P4)...(12)

Mullah Omar's Death Leads to Visible Cracks among Taliban

KUNDUZ CITY - The governor of northeastern Kunduz province has said tens of militants forced their way to join the Islamic State (IS) who have been captured by Taliban members in Dashti Archi district after the death of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar.

Kunduz Governor Mohammad Omar Safi told a news conference said a group of 60 rebels who refused to operate under the newly appointed Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansoor were arrested by Taliban members. "Three days ago, you witnessed an internal clash among Taliban in Dashti Archi district where some of them wanted to change their loyalties after the death of Mullah Omar," he said. He said that competitions among militants have intensified and hoped they would shun insurgency and join the peace process. The death of Mullah Omar had created divisions among militants and they ... (More on P4)...(13)



EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Local publication for call for proposals

Support to Health and Nutrition Services for the Afghan Population Health Annual Action Programme 2014

"Expansion and Improvement of Physical Rehabilitation Services in Afghanistan"

Reference: DCI-ASIE/137-373

The Delegation of the European Union to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has launched a call for proposals under the Health AAP 2014. The overall amount of this call for proposals is 2 000 000 EUR. These funds will support activities addressing the following specific objectives:

- 1) Training of number of Orthopaedic Technicians through national recognized curriculum
- 2) Support to the Wazir Akbarkhan Orthopaedic Centres
- 3) Establishing 1-2 Orthopaedic Centres according to MoPH Plan

The full Guidelines for Applicants are available online for consultation at the Delegation of the European Union to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Web: http://ceas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/grants_tenders/grants/index_en.htm.

The deadline for submission of full application is 29/10/2015 23:59 hours local time.

Work to Asphalt Kart-i-Naw Road Launched



KABUL - The work to asphalt a busy road in the Kart-i-Naw locality of capital Kabul has been kicked-off on Monday, an official says. The road would be completed within 14 months at a cost of \$9 million, which would benefit thousands of residents of the area. Abdul Ahad Wahid, acting mayor of the municipality, said during the ground breaking ceremony that the four kilometres long road was being funded by the World Bank (WB). According to the official, the Kart-i-Naw road connects 8th, 12th, 16th, 21st and 22nd municipality districts with each others. The road was in dilapidated conditions since long time and the residents have been demanding to asphalt the important road. Shafiq Ahmad, a resident of the locality, said the 8th municipality district was a backward area in Kabul and authorities did not pay proper attention to develop the area. However, acting mayor rejects the complaints saying that the area has witnessed huge development in the last decade. Abdul Qader Zazai, Wolesi Jirga member, thanked the municipality to asphalt the Kart-i-Naw road and asked the official to complete the projects within the specified time. (Pajhwok)

Ghazni Farmers Demand Cold Storage Facilities

GHAZNI CITY - Orchard owners and businessmen on Monday complained they incurred losses each year in the absence of cold storage facilities in southern Ghazni province. Traders and farmers say they need cold storages to keep their fresh fruits and vegetables from decaying. A trader and resident of Qarah Bagh district, Mohammad Akram, told Pajhwok Afghan News the lack of cold storage facilities had landed farmers in trouble. He said farmers in Ghazni

sold their produce to traders from other provinces and farmers could earn more if they kept their harvests in cold storages for some time. Mohammad Akram said the prices of fruits and vegetables were low during their harvest. "Even farmers end up in losses when they sell their produce, but if cold storages are built, growers will keep their products for some time to sell them against reasonable prices." Another trader, Rahimullah, said farmers lost half of their ... (More on P4)...(14)

Balkh Residents Call for Reforms in Poll Bodies



MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The residents of northern Balkh province on Monday said transparent future elections needed drastic reforms in the electoral bodies. They were speaking at a consultative gathering with officials of the Electoral Reform Commission in Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital. The gathering was attended by Wolesi Jirga members, provincial council members, university teachers, civil society activists and local residents. Saleh Mohammad Registani, ... (More on P4)...(15)