

## Quote of the Day

There is no security on this earth, there is only opportunity.

General Douglas MacArthur

# Kabul Blast

## 8 Dead, 400 Civilians Injured

KABUL - Wahidullah Mayar, spokesman for the Ministry of Public Health, has revised the injured toll and says eight people have died and 400 civilians were wounded in Friday's deadly truck bomb blast.

Mayar said all 400 are civilians and most sustained minor injuries from flying glass.

However, he was unable to say whether the security forces had sustained any casualties. Mayar said that the 400 people treated at Kabul hospitals were all civilians.

Afghan security forces confirmed that they had recorded injuries among their members but they would not give numbers.

The full impact of Friday's deadly truck bomb blast in Kabul, was clear-



ly evident as daylight broke however. Scores of homes and buildings were destroyed in the blast, and rubble lay strewn across the streets of Shah Shaheed. The incident, which took place just after 1am local time, occurred in a densely populated area on the outskirts of the city. Mayar, said earlier that at least 27 women and 10 children were among those injured. However, this figure is expected to be higher on the back of revised casualty figures.

All hospital's in Kabul have been inundated with patients, he said.

Early reports stated the target was an Afghan military facility. However, the blast occurred in a residential area and most of ... (More on P4)...(1)

## Suicide Bomber Targets Police Academy in Kabul



KABUL - A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform detonated his explosives at the entrance of the police academy compound in PD5, near Bagh-e-Bala, in Kabul on Friday night.

TOLONews correspondent Karim Amini has reported from the blast scene that several bodies were seen lying on the ground. No details have yet been released by of-

ficials. The suicide bomber got to the main entrance of the academy and was standing with a group of police officers when he detonated his explosives, a source told TOLONews.

This comes only hours after a powerful truck bomb rocked Kabul's Shah Shaheed district in the early hours of Friday morning - killing 15 people ... (More on P4)...(2)

## ERC to Submit Findings of Electoral Reform Survey to Ghani



GHAZNI CITY - Afghanistan's Electoral Reform Commission (ERC) is expected to submit the findings of its recent survey and recommendations on election process reforms to President Ashraf Ghani in the very near future.

The findings are of a survey conducted over the past few weeks and the recommendations are based on suggestions by the people regarding the implementation of inclusive reforms needed in the ... (More on P4)...(3)

## Japan Donates \$2.9 Million to Afghan Refugees in Iran

TEHRAN - The people of Japan has contributed 2,983,722 million dollars to UNHCR-Iran within the framework of the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR), a regional, multi-year strategy, supporting voluntary repatriation, sustainable reintegration and assistance to host countries.

Japan donates \$2.9 million to Afghan refugees in Iran. This donation will directly impact UNHCR and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran's efforts to ensure that refugees have the education and skills, and are in ... (More on P4)...(4)

## President Ashraf Ghani Time Ripe for to Develop Religious, Political Consensus

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has underlined on Friday that Af-

ghanistan needs to develop political and religious consensus in the current state of affairs.



ghani expressed these views in his meeting with a number of religious leaders, officials, politicians and tribal leaders, a statement from the President Palace said.

The president categorically condemned suicide attacks in Logar and Kabul and prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed souls in eternal peace. At a time when the death of Mullah Mohammad Omar is confirmed, Ghani said that religious leaders should tell people that why Afghans were not told the truth about his demise. By using the name of late Mullah Omar, some powers used to shed the blood of innocent Afghans, the president ... (More on P4)...(5)

## Taliban Hold Open Meetings to Discuss Leadership

ISLAMABAD - Senior members of the Taliban are reportedly holding open meetings in Pakistan to discuss the disputed appointment of Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour as the group's new chief in the wake Mullah Omar's death.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, while confirming Mullah Omar's death, in a statement earlier this month announced that Mullah Mansour would be the successor to the late supreme leader and original ... (More on P4)...(6)



## Sayyaf Calls Taliban's Dealings Non-Sharia and Un-Islamic

KABUL - Abdul Rab Rasouli Sayyaf, leader of Dawat-e-Islami party and former Jihadi leader criticized the Taliban on Friday and said their leadership and management system was "non-Sharia" and un-Islamic and said the insurgent group was a puppet to foreigners. He did however call on them to end the



war. Speaking to journalists at his home, Sayyaf said the Taliban's late leader Mullah Omar had been brutally tortured and then killed two years ago in Pakistan. Because of this no one was prepared to confirm his death, Sayyaf said. "Mullah [Omar] was killed two ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Pakistan says not to Involve in Afghan Taliban's Internal Rift

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif told the parliament on Friday that his country does not want involvement in the controversy of the Afghan Taliban leadership. Remarks by the Pakistani defense minister

came amid reports that some Afghan Taliban leaders and family of Mullah Omar have refused to accept Mullah Akhtar Mansour as the new chief. Mansour was elected the new Taliban leader last week after the Taliban formally confirmed the ... (More on P4)...(8)

## MoD Rejects Campbell's Remarks on Deserting Troops

KABUL - Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Interior on Thursday both rejected remarks made by General John F. Campbell, the Resolute Support Mission and the

U.S. Forces commander in Afghanistan, on Tuesday that at least 4,000 Afghan security force members are deserting their posts every month. The ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Steps Being Taken to Push TAPI Project Forward

KABUL - Pakistan and Turkmenistan are set to engage in talks in a bid to take a giant leap forward in executing the US-backed transnational pipeline project that will connect four countries in Central and South Asia, Pakistani media reports. The Pakistani newspaper Express Tribune reported that Under the project called Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and

India (TAPI) gas pipeline, Ashgabat and French energy major Total have signed a memorandum of understanding for a service contract for gas extraction in the Central Asian state, say officials aware of the development. Talks with Chinese and Russian companies are also under way in order to select a consortium leader, which will finance and implement the ... (More on P4)...(10)

## MoMP Looks to Enforce Contract Signed with Chinese Firm for Amu River Oil Fields

KABUL - The Afghan Ministry of Mines & Petroleum (MoMP) on Thursday revealed findings indicating that the Chinese contractor given extraction rights for the Amu River oil basin has violated the terms of its contract with the Afghan government.

In the four years since its contract was signed, the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) has reportedly conducted improper extractions and not lived up to its agreement with the Afghan government to develop commercial and trade infrastructure ... (More on P4)...(11)

## Afghanistan Woos Indian Investment

NEW DELHI - Afghanistan's Minister of Energy and Water Ali Ahmad Osmani invited Indian companies to invest in his country's energy sector. Addressing the India-Afghanistan Renewable Energy Summit, organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Com-

merce and Industry, here on Thursday, Osmani said Afghanistan is looking forward to "business match-making" in the area of renewable energy. He said the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India natural gas pipeline will bring Afghanistan and India closer. (Agencies)

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