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# EVAW Law's Parliamentary Approval to Check Violence

KABUL - Civil society groups and the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) on Sunday said not approving the Elimination of Violence against Women (EVAW) Law by the parliament could be blamed for the increasing crimes against the gender. The bill was decreed into law through an executive order by former president Hamid Karzai in July 2009, when the parliament was in recess. During such periods, the Constitution allows the president to issue decrees for emergency purposes, but the Constitution also requires such decrees to be forwarded to parliament for approval.



The law criminalises child marriage, selling and buying women to settle disputes, assault and more than a dozen other acts of violence and abuse against women. A gathering "We Support Elimination

of Violence against Women' was arranged by the Afghan Civil Society Institutes Network for Peace in Kabul. The participants stressed that the EVAW law should be approved by the parliament. The network's head, Humaira Saqib, said one thing the Afghan women had gained during the past 14 years was the EVA law which needed to be fully enforced. "The Wolesi Jirga has adopted a stance of ignorance about the law, but we want the bill to be approved," she said. Fawzia Kufi, Wolesi Jirga's women commission head, said some women in the ... (More on P4)...(10)

## 77 Insurgents Killed in Helmand Clashes: Officials

LASHKARGAH - At least 77 Taliban insurgents have been killed in 21 days of clashes in Nawzad district of southern Helmand province, local officials said on Sunday. In addition, more than 100 others were injured. Gen. Abdul Raziq, Kandahar Police Chief, who is leading the war in Nawzad district has said that "soon the district will be cleared of insurgents." He added that the security forces have managed to re-take most parts of the district. His ... (More on P4)...(11)

## Helmand Governor Wants Improved Security in a Month

LASHKARGAH - The governor of southern Helmand province on Sunday directed security forces to improve law and order in this restive province within one month. Chairing a high-level meeting of security officials, Mirza Khan Rahimi said he would himself observe security situation of the province and take notice of security lapses. The governor made it very clear if any security official found demonstrating negligence in discharging of his duty would be fired without serving any notice. ... (More on P4)...(12)

### David Sedney

## Pakistan Fooled Entire World by Hiding Omar's Death

WASHINGTON - Stating that it is impossible to believe that the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) did not know about the death of Mullah Omar, an ex-top Obama administration official from the Pentagon, has alleged that the Pakistani intelligence agency through its "tactical brilliance" has fooled the entire world but has put big question mark on its credibility with the United States. "For me it is impossible to believe that they (ISI) did not know about the death of Mullah Omar," David Sedney, who was the Deputy Assis-



tant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan and Pakistan from 2009-2013 told Pajhwok Afghan News in an exclusive interview. Narrating his own experience of interacting with officials from the Pakistani intelligence agency and its modus operandi while he was ... (More on P4)...(15)

### Former ISI Chief Hamid Gul Dies of Brain Hemorrhage

ISLAMABAD - The former ISI chief had suffered a brain hemorrhage and was moved to the Combined Military Hospital in Murree where he died, Pakistan media reported. Born in ... (More on P4)...(14)

### Taliban Planning to Target a Compound Possibly Located in Taimani

KABUL - As the Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant, the group's militants are planning to target a compound possibly located in Taimani area of the Kabul city. The US embassy in Kabul issued a statement warning it's citizens regarding the deteriorating security situation in the country. "As of mid-August 2015, Afghan ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Workshop Underway to Assess Provincial Councils

KABUL - Technical authorities from the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) on Sunday announced that on the basis of a presidential order, the working procedures, performance, monitoring and authority of provincial councils will be assessed during a three-day workshop in Kabul. The



workshop, which kicked off in Kabul on Sunday, is being attended by heads of provincial councils from across the country. ... (More on P4)...(13)

## 'Strategy be Worked out to Regain Control of Kunduz Areas'

KUNDUZ CITY - Citing officials' inefficiency after the falloff Dashti-i-Archu districts and some other parts of the northern Kunduz province to Taliban, Provincial Council (PC) ... (More on P4)...(17)



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