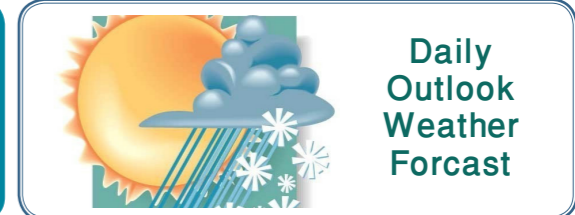


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65pc of Working Women in North Complain of Harassment

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - On average, 65 percent of women complain they face harassment within the workplace in four northern provinces, a survey finds. The survey has been conducted by a civil society group, Rushd Training and Consultancy Organisation, in northern Baghlan, Balkh, Samangan and Jawzjan provinces. The survey was carried out by 10 workers of the organization, asking 200 questions from those interviewed about various forms of harassment. Rushd official Hassan Azar Mehr told Pajhwok Afghan News the survey found that the harassment level of working women had reached 65 per-



cent on average. He said the study showed 5.15 percent of women were practically harassed at the workplace. About 30 percent of women had witnessed harassment of other women and 19 percent women

had knowledge of such incidents happened to other women. Zuhra, one of the organisation's workers who conducted the survey, told Pajhwok Afghan News she had witnessed many incidents of harassment. She said she herself had been harassed during her search for a job after graduating from university. Zuhra was happy that she had been part of the survey aimed at revealing the harassment level. Azar Mehr said the survey targeted only working women and did not consult other women about harassment. He said the harassment had left working women with no option but to quit jobs. (Pajhwok)

Ghani Condemns Kabul Attack, that Once Again Hit Civilians



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has expressed his shock at Saturday's suicide car bombing in Kabul and strongly condemned the incident, which left at least 12 people dead and up to 80 injured. In a statement issued by the Presidential Palace, Ghani said "the goals of the terrorists are clearly bloodshed of the innocent people of Afghanistan". "The enemies of the people have lost their capacity to face the security forces of the country and for this reason they are killing innocent people," he said. According to the statement, Ghani reiterated... (More on P4)... (10)

Special Forces Conduct Successful Operation in Uruzgan

KABUL - Afghan Special Security Forces (ASSF) launched a complex operation to provide relief to Commander Samad and his Afghan Local Police members in Khas Uruzgan district in central Uruzgan province last night, a statement said on Sunday. This operation included four Mi-17 helicopters from the Afghan Air Force, which launched during hours of darkness from a base in Kandahar province. The local police unit had been guarding villagers and family members for weeks



from attacks by the Taliban in this narrow valley at an elevation of 2,800 meters. Landing within 50 meters of the besieged compound, the four helicopters and elite members of an Afghan National Mission Unit recovered

close to 60 villagers and family members. In accordance with the orders by the Ministry of Defense and Lt. Gen. Raziq, the Afghan Special Security Forces relocated the oppressed villagers... (More on P4)... (11)

Helmand's Musa Qala District Could Fall to Taliban, Warns Governor

LASHKARGAH - The governor of southern Helmand province warns that Taliban are closing in on the center of this district. Mohammad Sharif Khan says that Taliban are now two kilometers away from the center of Musa Qala District where they are engaged in heavy clashes with security forces. He urged government to immediately send reinforcement or else Taliban might reach to the center of this district. In the meantime, some reports suggest that Taliban have



martyred dozens of soldiers in this district. Abdul Majid Akhundzada who is a member of Helmand's provincial council

told media that 45 soldiers have been martyred in a check post in Qasaban area while 20 others surrendered to... (More on P4)... (12)

Pakistan Condemns Suicide Attack in Kabul, Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan condemns, in the strongest terms, the suicide attack that took place near a hospital in Kabul Saturday's afternoon which resulted in the loss of precious lives and left many people injured. The press statement issued by the Pakistani embassy Kabul stated that we stand by with our brotherly people of Afghanistan in this moment of grief and convey our deepest condolences to the bereaved families. We pray to Almighty Allah to grant them patience and forbearance in this hour of difficulty and hope for the speedy recovery of the injured. It further stated that the abominable act of targeting innocent civilians reflects the cowardice of the terrorists. It strengthens our resolve to continue our struggle of countering terrorism in all of its forms. We reiterate our resolve to closely coordinate with the Government of Afghanistan in this fight against our common enemy. (PR)

260 Rebels Suffer Casualties in Nangarhar Offensive



KABUL - Security officials said on Sunday nearly 260 armed militants suffered casualties during an ongoing operation "Iron Triangular" in eastern Nangarhar province. Launched weeks ago, the operation involved personnel from the Afghan National Army, national police, public order police and intelligence officials, they added. They claimed the offensive focused on Khogyani, Sherzad and Hesarak districts was successfully underway. Maj. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Waziri, the 201 Selab Military

Corps commander, and Nangarhar police chief Brig. Gen. Fazl Ahmad Sherzad shared latest information with media persons about the ongoing operation. Gen. Waziri said the Afghan forces were well-equipped and had the ability to defeat the enemies of the country and the people under any circumstances. He said so far 148 militants had been killed and another 110 wounded during the joint operation. As many as 64 suspected militants had been arrested... (More on P4)... (14)

Insecurity Hampering Work on Kunduz Uplift Projects

KUNDUZ CITY - The residents of several areas in northern Kunduz province complained that construction work on some uplift projects had been stopped due to presence of militants and deteriorated law and order. Mohammad Naib, the resident of Dasht-i-Archi district, said since six months no development projects could be initiated in the district. Some projects had been executed in the area in past. Two months earlier, Taliban have captured the district and was still under their control. Zabiullah, the inhabitant of Chardara district, said most of the roads and culverts had been damaged by fighting. But head of the Rural Rehabilitation and Development department said as many as 33 uplift projects had been completed in the Khanabad, Aliabad, Chardara, Qala-i-Zal and Imam Sahib district which benefited 75,000 families. Sibghatullah Nazari said the projects included graveling of 24 kilometers road, construction of 124 culverts, digging of 39 wells and supply of electricity. In the future, he pledged seven social centers and 100 retaining wall would be built in 33 villages under the National Solidarity Program (NSP) (Pajhwok)

\$267m Worth of Gem Stones Smuggled Annually

KABUL - Research conducted on cross-border trade with Afghanistan and Pakistan shows that precious and semi-precious stones worth \$267 million USD are being smuggled out of the country to Pakistan every year. The study, conducted by a Kabul University lecturer with the help of an aid organization, said the stones are smuggled under the names of coal and decorative white stones. The semi-precious and precious stones include



ruby, emerald, alabaster, azure, marble, among others. The research findings state that a large portion of Afghanistan's natural resources will disappear if government

does not stop the practice. According to the findings, powerful figures play a key role in the smuggling of the stones which is mostly done across... (More on P4)... (13)

Taliban Says Not Behind Kabul Suicide Attack Which Left 12 Dead

KABUL - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan has said they are not behind a deadly suicide attack in capital Kabul which left at least 12 people dead. The group issued a statement hours after the attack saying they did not have plan to carry out an attack in capital Kabul. The statement further added that the group's fighters can not carry out an attack without the approval of the leaders of the group. Taliban also added that the Taliban leaders in Kabul was queried regarding yesterday's incident and they have expressed unawareness in this regard. At least 12 people were killed and 66 others including women and children were injured after a suicide bomber targeted a vehicle carrying foreigners in Macroroyan of Kabul city late on Saturday afternoon. At least three foreign nationals were also among those killed with the NATO-led Resolute Support mission saying "One Resolute Support U.S. contractor was killed and two Resolute Support U.S. contractors died of wounds as a result of a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attack on their convoy in Kabul today." This comes as the Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the group launched its summer offensive earlier this year and since then staged numerous... (More on P4)... (15)

Fraud in Passport Office Revealed after Iranian National Got Afghan Passport



KABUL - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has placed new restrictions on Afghan travelers in the wake of a recent incident involving an Iranian national obtaining an Afghan passport fraudulently. Documents received by TOLOnews indicate that a female Iranian, named Mino Muqaddami, successfully obtained an Afghan national passport, before she was identified by UAE authorities. Muqaddami has never travelled to Afghanistan. After being identified by UAE police, Ms. Muqaddami confessed that she purchased the Afghan passport for 20,000 UAE Dirham, or 5,500 USD. The signature of the head of Afghanistan's passport department at the Ministry of Interior (MoI),... (More on P4)... (16)

of Foreign Affairs (MoFA). Documents shown to TOLOnews, the accuracy of which has been confirmed by Afghan officials, indicate that Muqaddami is a resident of Tehran and her parents are Iranian. She holds both Iranian and Afghan passports. The expiration date of her Iranian passport is March 2017, and her Afghan passport was issued on Jun 20, despite the fact that she has never travelled to Afghanistan. After being identified by UAE police, Ms. Muqaddami confessed that she purchased the Afghan passport for 20,000 UAE Dirham, or 5,500 USD. The signature of the head of Afghanistan's passport department at the Ministry of Interior (MoI),... (More on P4)... (16)

Families of Kabul Attack Victims Demand Justice amid Deadly Bombings



KABUL - In wake of the recent deadly attacks in Kabul, families of the victims on Sunday accused the government of not being effective in detecting the deadly plots against the civilian population in the country. They called on the government to take action and identify the perpetrators behind

the atrocity and bring them to justice as soon as possible. In recent weeks, Afghan capital Kabul has been the main targets of the insurgents in which dozens of civilians lost their lives and hundreds others bear serious injuries in the aftermath of suicide attacks. (Tolonews)