

Quote of the Day

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Our will to Eliminate the Enemy is Strong: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday ordered increased security measures for the American University of Afghanistan and reconstruction of the nearby blind school. Paying a visit to the university that came under attack three days ago, Ghani said the enemies should know the Afghan government had a strong will to develop Afghanistan and eliminate terrorists. On Wednesday evening, 13 people, including a lecturer and seven students, two security guards and three Afghan security forces were killed and 36 people including students, staff and policemen were injured in the attack on the university. The attack also damaged building of the School for the Blind, located



near the American University. A statement from the Presidential Palace said President Ashraf Ghani visited the AUAF and the School for the Blind on Saturday morning. "The government would make every effort to reconstruct the two educational centers," the statement quoted Ghani as saying. "All the Afghans and the government were affected by the attack ... and martyrdom of our future builders, but terrorist groups should know our intention and decision for the development of Afghanistan and eliminating terrorists is strong," the president added. The statement said Ghani stressed better security measures for the university so that students felt safe during their ... (More on P4)...(1)

Kabul Wants Islamabad to Go After Varsity Attack Planners



KABUL - The Presidential Palace on Saturday said 'complete evidence' proving the attack on the Afghan-American University was organized and managed from across the Durand Line has been shared with Pakistan. "Enough evidence has been provided to Pakistan. The evidence shows the Wednesday's terrorist attack on the semi-government university was planned on Pakistan's soil," said Syed Zafar Hashami, the presidential spokesman. Hashimi demanded of the Pakistani authorities to take satisfactory action against elements involved in the attack. Soon after the attack, the National Security Council (NSC) held an emergency meeting and discussed the security situation in the aftermath of the university attack. According to an earlier statement from the Presiden-

tial Palace, documents collected by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) showed that the attack on the American University was planned and organized from the other side of the Durand Line. More investigation was underway, the statement had said. One teacher, seven students, two university security guards and three Afghan security personnel were killed and 36 students and university staff and nine security personnel were injured in the assault. President Ashraf Ghani, who presided over the NSC meeting on Wednesday, spoke over the phone to Pakistan Army Chief Gen. Raheel Sharif and demanded serious and practical measures against the perpetrators of the attack. Gen. Raheel has promised to evaluate the issue and inform Afghanistan about the measures taken. (Pajhwok)

AUAF Victim's Family Asks Govt to Probe Attack



KABUL - Hafizullah, the first victim of the attack on the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF), was a 35-year-old guard employed by the School for the Visually Impaired when died. It was at this school, which is next door to the university, that insurgents first launched their attack on Wednesday night. By blasting through the shared wall, attackers were able to access the university through the school. Hafizullah's family meanwhile has said they want government to investigate how the insurgents were able to reach the school and university with an explosive laden-vehicle without being stopped by security forces. "It needs to be investigated how they masterminded the attack ... (More on P4)...(2)

AAF MD-530 Cayuse Warrior Helicopters in Action

KABUL - The Afghan Air Force (AAF) received the last four MD-530 Cayuse Warrior helicopters from the United States this week, bringing the total number of the helicopters to 27 currently in AAF inventory. The 438th Air Expeditionary Wing said "Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air (TAAC-Air) advisors at the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Kabul, Afghanistan, fly Afghan air force MD-530 Cayuse Warrior helicopters to a range for training on Aug. 11, 2016." MD-530F helicopters are designed for high altitude and/or hot weather operations to provide close-air support to the ground forces. The US army awarded a contract worth \$13.2 million ... (More on P4)...(3)

12 Agri Products Processing Centers Being Activated



KABUL - The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) has signed a contract with a private company for establishing a dozen of agriculture products' processing and packaging centers, an official said on Saturday. MAIL minister Asadullah Zamir, while signing the contract with Agroindust Company in Kabul, said buildings for the centers would be built in Nangarhar, Paktika, Kunduz and Balkh provinces at a cost of \$1.6 million. He said each centre would have the capacity to process seven metric tons of fruits a day. The centers would ... (More on P4)...(6)

Political Pact to be Enforced with Understanding: CEO

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah on Saturday said all terms of the national unity government deal would be implemented through consultation and understanding. A statement from the CEO's office said Abdullah met a large number of political leaders and members of his reform and solidarity team at the Spaedar Palace. The CEO briefed in detail the session participants about his second meeting with President Ashraf Ghani, the statement said. Dr. Abdullah said his meeting with the president took place in a friendly environment and they conferred on vital political matters and implementation of the political pact. He said during his meeting



with the president it was decided that the implementation of the political deal's terms would be discussed in next few sessions between them this week. The CEO thanked political leaders and Afghan people for their support and promised that the implementation process of the political pact would be pursued with consultation and understanding. (Pajhwok)

NUG Achievements to be Reviewed at Brussels Summit

BRUSSELS - The ministry of finance has said that national revenue covers 30 percent of the national budget and that they have collected more than that. But economists and investors have claimed that government needs to bring changes to the way in which they collect this revenue. However, it is believed that security threats are the main reason that investors leave Afghanistan. But the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has said that strict and improper methods of tax collection also caused about 2,000 investors to withdraw from Afghanistan



in recent months. "Between 50 to 300 people become jobless when a business or factory closes down. Then where does government employ them? How do they find them new jobs?" asked Siamuddin Peserlay, spokesman for the chamber. Furthermore, investors also believe that some of the government's new plans do not match with traditional methods of business in Afghanistan. Rahimuddin, chairman of the board of private entrepreneurs said: ... (More on P4)...(4)

Security Forces Blasted for not Maintaining Kabul Security

KABUL - Kabul residents on Saturday continued to blast security institutions for not ensuring the safety of the city, and said the sharp rise in crime and attacks was due to negligence on the part of authorities. Military analysts concur but have said it is also due to poor management. Afghanistan's capital has witnessed a sharp increase in a wide variety of incidents in recent months including armed robberies, kidnappings, suicide attacks, IED explosions and other ter-

rorist attacks. Kabul provincial council and military analysts believe that these crimes and attacks happen because security officials are being appointed by powerful men and not appointed on merit. "All the chiefs of police departments are appointed based on their relations not their merit. The appointed persons are not competent and cannot manage departments," said Atiqullah Amarkhail, a member of the Kabul provincial council. But one military analyst said: ... (More on P4)...(7)

Energy Ministers Meet on CASA-1000 in Paris

KABUL - Energy ministers from Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan and representatives of financial organizations on Saturday met to discuss the Central Asia-South Asia (CASA-1000) power project in Paris, the French capital. The Afghan Ministry of Energy and Water in a statement said the meeting discussed issues concerning the project security and technical and logistical aspects. From Afghanistan, Energy and Water Minister Ali Ahmad Usmani headed the Afghan delega-

tion that included Hamayoon Qayumi, presidential advisor, Mustafa Mastoor, deputy finance minister, Masood Azizi, deputy minister of interior, and Qudratullah Dilwari, Da Afghanistan Brishna Shirkat (DABS) director general. The statement said there were discussions about drawing the attention of private companies during the meeting. Practical work on the project was shared and discussed with international companies including Siemens, ABB, GE, CEEG and ... (More on P4)...(8)

Widow from Mazar-I-Sharif Seeks Govt Help in Educating Sons

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The sole caretaker of her family, a poor widow from northern Balkh province has urged the government to help children acquire education. Balqis, 45, who lost six members of her family including her husband, is a resident of the Ali Chopan area of Mazar-i-Sharif City, the provincial

capital. She works as a cleaner at the Balkh University. Balqis told Pajhwok Afghan News her family members fell prey to the conflict and she had to look after her family. "My chapter of anguish opened after Taliban took control of Kabul. "My husband was killed as a result of the civil strife in ... (More on P4)...(5)



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