

## Quote of the Day

The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life.

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# We can't Build Afghanistan through Begging: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday said he personally interviewed and appointed 21 mayors for their commitment and mentality to develop the country through hard work, not through begging for foreign aid.

Addressing the second conference of mayors at the Presidential Palace here, Ghani said the 21 mayors were appointed based on their education, experience and merit.

"Your viewpoint is clear and independent, you know your every city is a hidden treasure, your mentality I know it is not the mentality of begging, but of progress, we have tired of begging, Afghanistan cannot be rebuilt by begging," Ghani told the



conference. "You have enough experience and capacity to serve your people, you are now an active network, Afghanistan cities' voice could not be heard in the past because mayors did not have full ownership of their cities," Ghani said.

The president said improper municipality system harmed citizens and people wanted positive changes from mayors and their effective services. Ghani said 70 percent of buildings and areas in Kabul city were unplanned which represented the government's failure. A city needed its limits and plan, he added.

"you are responsible for the urban sector and you should serve urban residents, if there ... (More on P4)...(1)

## AUAF Attack Defenders Promoted, Conferred Medals

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior on Sunday blessed with medals, bonuses and promotions policemen who rescued students during Wednesday's attack on the Afghan-American University in Kabul.

The brazen gun and bomb attack on the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) left 13 dead and scores of others wounded in Darul Aman area of Kabul.

Officials say the dead included six students, a professor, two university guards, nearby blind institute guard, three policemen. Those wounded in the assault included 30 students and police personnel and other people.

No insurgent group has so far claimed responsibility for the

attack and Afghan authorities say the attack was planned in Pakistan.

The MoI on Sunday paid tribute to a police officer and a sergeant of the Special Unit Forces killed in the attack and offered prayers for the departed souls and recited verses from the holy Quran.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Gen. Taj Mohammad Jahid told the ceremony President Ashraf Ghani would give special gifts (a home or cash) to families of the two slain police officials.

Also 20 police officers were awarded promotions and as many police sergeants conferred medals during the gathering. Jahid said nine ... (More on P4)...(5)

## Afghan-German Cooperation Assists AGO

KABUL - In order to meet international human rights and legal standards, the Afghan-German Cooperation has supported Afghanistan's Attorney General's Office (AGO) by equipping 14 newly built interrogation rooms for the office premises in Kabul. The inauguration ceremony was carried out by Mohammad Farid Hamidi, Attorney General of Afghanistan, Denis Simon, Deputy Programme Director of Police Cooperation Project (PCP), and Georg Fritzenwenger Head of PCP, Pia Stjernvall, Head of Mission for EUPOL, and other EUPOL delegation. Attorney General of Afghanistan while expressing his appreciation for implementation of this project said on the occasion that ... (More on P4)...(2)

## Alchin Bridge's Destruction Causes Losses to Traders, People



KUNDUZ CITY - The destruction of Alchin Bridge in northern Kunduz province between Afghanistan and Tajikistan has created serious transit problems for traders and people. Kunduz officials say the 300 meters-long and six meters wide bridge connecting three districts with Kunduz City is a key link between the two neighboring countries. The bridge was blown up by Taliban a week ago.

Kunduz chamber of commerce and industry officials say hundreds of trucks loaded with goods have been stuck on both sides of the bridge, affecting Afghanistan's economy. The chamber's manager for industrial development, Massoud Wahdat, told Pajhwok Afghan News that traders daily incurred a loss amounting to \$2 as a result of the bridge's destruction. He said business activity had declined in Kunduz as traders could not supply ... (More on P4)...(6)

## Lift Ban on Sending Nepalese Workers to Afghanistan: Nepalese Probe Team to Govt

KABUL - A team of fact-finding of Nepalese government that visited Afghanistan to do inquiry after the attack on Nepalese security guards in June, has recommended for lifting ban on sending Nepalese workers to the Afghanistan, until they get adequate security cover. This may prompt the Nepalese government, which imposed blanket ban on sending workers in Afghanistan along with Syria, Libya and Iraq after the attack, to lift the ban. However, officials said no decision has been taken regarding the issue following the recommendations, Xinhua reported. "I have received the report of the fact finding mission recently and I have submitted it to newly appointed Minister Surya Man Gurung," said Bishnu Prasad Lamsal, secretary ... (More on P4)...(8)

## 'More Districts will Fall if Janikhel Not Recaptured'

GARDEZ - Residents and public representatives in southeastern Paktia province on Sunday said several other districts could also fall to Taliban if the government did not recapture the Janikhel district.

A day earlier, Taliban militants overran Janikhel district following days of fierce clashes with Afghan forces.

Paktia deputy provincial council head, Janat Khan Mangal, told Pajhwok Afghan News the government should take action as early as possible to retake control of Janikhel district.

"Based on the district's geographical location, the government will be unable to recapture the district without the help of air forces," he said. Mangal added Janikhel district had strategic importance for



militants, from where they could threaten nearby districts and the region.

Noorullah, a resident of Dand Patan district, said the Taliban had been trying for the past several years to capture Janikhel district, a goal they achieved last Saturday.

He also stressed the government

should soon push back the militants from the area.

"It is a populated and geographically big district, it is surrounded by Dand Patan, Samkani, Laja Mangal and Ahmadkhel districts, if the government does not retake it from militants other districts would also fall," he said.

Paktia ... (More on P4)...(3)

## Nationwide 5-Day Anti-Polio Drive from Today

KABUL CITY - The first round of autumn polio vaccination campaign would kick off nationwide from today (Monday), but as many as 300,000 children would be missed out due to insecurity, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) said on Sunday. Third in 2016, the new round of anti-polio drive will target 9.5 million children below the age of five years and 8.5 million children between 9 and six months old would be administered besides polio drops Vitamin-A drops as well.

Studies show vitamin-A drops are beneficial for children's amino system. Public Health Minister Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz,



who inaugurated the five-day polio vaccination campaign, said polio workers would go door to door from tomorrow to administer polio drops to children. He said the vaccination pro-

gramme would be implemented at a cost of \$4 million provided by donor countries.

The minister urged parents, ulema, tribal elders and local rep ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Over 100 Female ANA Cadets Complete Education in Turkey

KABUL - Over 100 female cadets of the Afghan National Army (ANA) completed their education in Turkey and returned to Afghanistan today.

Gen. Habib ur Rehman Afzal, deputy defense minister in strategic relations, said 109 female army cadets completed a 3 month course in Turkey and returned home after graduation.

He was speaking during a ceremony to mark the graduation of the female army cadets and said the role of women in army is vital and the 109 female officers will start serving with



the army in specific posts. Gen. Afzal further added that the defense ministry has allocated 10 percent of the posts in the army to women ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Pakistan Urged to Reopen Friendship Gate Immediately



KABUL CITY - Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) officials on Sunday demanded immediate reopening of the Spin Boldak-Chaman Friendship Gate and warned of cutting trade ties with Pakistan if their demand was not met.

More than a week ago, Pakistani authorities closed the Chaman border crossing for an indefinite period after a group of Afghans allegedly attacked the Friendship Gate and set alight a Pakistani flag, according to the Pakistani media.

Chaman is the only border crossing in southwestern re-

gion of the country and most of the trade activities take place between the two countries through this border.

Mohammad Younis Mohmand, ACCI deputy director, told reporters in Kabul that more than 100 trucks of Afghan traders remained stuck on both sides of the crossing due to the protracted blockage of the border crossing.

He said most of the trucks going from Afghanistan to Pakistan carried fresh fruits such as grapes, apples, melon and watermelon and the fruits could spoil if the crossing was not reopened immediately.

He said ... (More on P4)...(4)

## 56,000 Afghan Refugees Repatriated to Afghanistan from KP: UNHCR

PESHAWAR - As many as 56000 Afghan refugees have been repatriated to their county under the voluntary repatriation program this year from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa said Spokesperson of UNHCR on Sunday.

Talking to APP Duniya Aslam Khan the spokesperson of UNHCR said that 74000 individuals have left for their areas in neighbouring Afghanistan. She informed that

the repatriating refugees have been provided needed facilities and assistance in UNHCR Voluntary Repatriation Centre.

She informed that about 3500 to 4000 families are reporting for registration in the UNHCR Centre.

The repatriating refugees were being provided four hundred dollars per person in the centre prior to their return, she said. (APP)

## Afghanistan Deports 250 Pakistani Workers as Deadlock Persists Near Chaman

CHAMAN - Afghanistan has reportedly deported 250 Pakistani workers as deadlock persists along the Durand Line near Chaman with the crossing remaining closed for the 10th consecutive day.

A Pakistani official quoted in reports by local media said the Afghan officials had expelled over 250 Pakistani laborers during last 10 days after the

border was closed.

The crossing, Friendship Gate, was closed ten days ago after the Pakistani officials claimed that several Afghan demonstrators attacked the gate and set the Pakistani flag on fire.

Numerous attempts have been made to resolve the issue and reopen the crossing but no breakthrough has been ... (More on P4)...(10)



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