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Daily Outlook Weather Forecast

Rice, Sharif Confer on Afghanistan's Stability

ISLAMABAD - US National Security Adviser Susan Rice and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Sunday conferred on the regional situation and measures needed for Stability. Ongoing efforts to restore peace in Afghanistan also came under discussion at the meeting, at which Rice was accompanied by US Ambassador to Pakistan Richard Olson. Prime Minister's Adviser on National Security Sartaj Aziz, Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi and Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad also participated in the meeting. Sharif apprised the NSA of Pakistan's



efforts for bringing stability in Afghanistan, his office said. A peaceful and stable Afghanistan was not only a regional imperative, but was also in Pakistan's interest, he said. Rice praised the sacrifices rendered by the Pakistan Army in the fight against terrorism and the success achieved so far. She lauded Pakistan's role in bringing regional stability by holding the first round of the Afghan-Taliban dialogue in Islamabad. She also hailed the premier's vision for a peaceful neighbourhood. The agenda for Sharif's visit to Washington in October ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Minister Vows Housing Schemes for Badakhshanis



FAIZABAD - Minister of Urban Development Syed Saadat Mansour Naderi on Sunday pledged the construction of homes for the people of northeastern Badakhshan province. During his visit to the remote restive province, the minister termed unemployment and lack of housing a serious issue and promised to contribute to

the resolution of the major problems. He inaugurated a newly-constructed building for the department, saying master plans for the construction of Faizabad, the provincial capital, Jurm, Baharak, Khash and Ishkashim districts had been drawn up. The two-storey Urban Development ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

240 Disabled Persons Become Homeowners in Kabul

KABUL - Some 240 people with disabilities were handed over ownership documents of residential apartments in Kabul on Saturday amid complaints the special people endured many hardships for two and a half years. Built with Saudi Arabia's support in coordination with the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and the Disabled, each apartment located in Qasaba locality of the central capital has three to four rooms. The beneficiaries have paid 10 percent of the apartments' total prices and have to pay the rest in installments in a



decade. Wali Mohammad Totakhail, who heads the disabled people's social council, told Pajhwok Afghan News they had applied for the apartments two and a half years back but the allotment was always delayed. Totakhail, who lost both

his legs in the conflict, said they received the apartments thanks to efforts by the new Labour and Social Affairs Minister, Nasrin Oryakhel. According to her ministry, of the 466 apartments, 240 apartments have been built and distributed as of now and the rest ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Huge Expenses on Afghan Peace Achieve Little Gains

KABUL - Millions of dollars have been spent under the Afghanistan Peace and Reintegration Program (APRP), a government peace programme, but many people are not happy with its outcome as they say the conflict has further intensified compared to the past. By joining the APRP, designed, implemented, and executed by Afghans to provide a way for insurgents to stop fighting and rejoin their communities with honor and dignity, ex-rebels make the commitment to renounce violence, sever all ties with the insurgency and abide by the Con-



stitution of Afghanistan. This includes the acceptance of the government of Afghanistan's laws on women's rights. Former president Hamid Karzai decreed the programme in compliance with the advice from the National Peace Advisory Jirga with financial support from the international community.

Rolling out in all Afghanistan's provinces, the High Peace Council (HPC), a government entity tasked with negotiating peace with insurgents, has been leading the programme since its launch five years ago. The 69-member HPC has peace committees in all provinces except central Panjshir province. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Illegal Armed Men's Influence Growing in Daikundi

BAMYAN CITY - Illegal gunmen have become so stronger that they have disarmed policemen and forced people into complying with implement their directives in central Daikundi province. Provincial Council (PC) member Hadi Rahimzada claimed on Saturday the armed men recently captured 23 policemen and snatched their weapons and vehicles in the Ishterli district. He said the gunmen belonged to the Pesaran-i-Mublaigh group, led by former jihadi commanders with personal enmities. Khadir, Sang Takht and Ishterli districts have become more insecure due to the presence of the armed men. The provincial council had earlier informed security officials about possible security threats in the districts, the public representative added. Police chief Col. Khuda Dad Agah said they had dispatched 23 policemen to Ishterli district to assess the situation closely, but the local warlords abducted the security personnel and wrested their rifles. He added the gun-toting men, who had been provided a tip-off about the departure of the police convoy for the district, ambushed the security officials and disarmed them. After the incident, the town's administrative chief held talks with the armed individuals on securing the release of policemen and their vehicle. However, the police chief said, the groups refused to return the arms. Col. Agah continued a delegation of police officials and provincial government officials had been tasked with investigating the issue. He hoped the investigation would be completed soon. The police chief accused 90 percent of police personnel of having links with politicians and getting directives from Wolesi Jirga members, heads of political parties and other influential individuals. Without naming anyone, Agah said lawmakers from Daikundi warned to stage a sit-in if a new governor was appointed. In addition, they warned the appointment of a new governor would create more problems. The lawmakers continued their sit-in protest for a month, ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Analysts Warn of Lapse in Security Follow up in Areas Cleared of Taliban



KABUL - As fierce battles continue between the Afghan National Security and the Taliban in twenty provinces across Afghanistan, a number of Afghan political analysts and military analysts on Saturday warned against a lapse in security in areas where the Taliban has been so-called defeated. Analysts say the ANSF should undertake comprehensive security measures to PROTECT the areas they recaptured from the Taliban to tackle the reintegration of Taliban. They also stress

the need for availability of adequate weapons and reinforcements in the vulnerable regions to ensure security of the regions cleared from Taliban. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) has said that the Afghan National Police (ANP) and other local forces maintain responsibility to SECURE areas recaptured from the Taliban. The Shereen Tagab district of Faryab province in recent days saw some of the fiercest battles between the Taliban and the ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Nearly 100 US Soldiers Return to Helmand

KABUL - US officials said Sunday that about 100 US soldiers have returned to Camp Bastion in southern Helmand province in order to support the Afghan security forces in eliminating insurgents. American military officials said the soldiers deployed there - believed to number over 90 Special Operations troops - are part of the NATO and American-led coalition's noncombat, "train, advise and assist" mission Resolute Support. On their first night,



however, as they were returning from a late night operation to the base, now run by Afghans, they were challenged by armed men

dressed as Afghan guards. Two American soldier were killed in the ensuing firefight. The nature of the late-night ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

ALP Strength Being Increased in Nangarhar



KABUL/JALALABAD - Wrapping up Operation Iron Triangular in the Khogyani zone of eastern Nangarhar province, security officials on Sunday said the strength of Afghan Local Police force was being increased in the zone to prevent insurgents from staging a comeback in areas cleared from their presence. Meanwhile, tribal elders from the Khogyani zone told a press conference in Kabul that dozens of civilians had been killed and wounded during the operation. Launched weeks ago, the Operation Iron Triangular remained focused on Nangarhar's Khogyani,

Sherzad and Hesarak districts. It was simultaneously launched from Azra district of central Logar province, Sarobi district of Kabul and Khogyani district of Nangarhar. The 201 Selab Military Corps commander and the Nangarhar police headquarters on Sunday announced concluding the month-long operation, which resulted in the killing of 150 militants, wounding of 112 others and the arrest of another 70 suspects. Maj. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Waziri, the 201 Selab Military Corps commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the three districts ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Taliban Fired Rockets Killed Two Civilians, Wounded 12



MAIDANSHAHR - Two civilians killed and 12 others wounded after rockets fired by the Taliban landed in Maidan Wardak province on Sunday. Local officials say one rocket landed in Karokhil village of Sayed Abad District around 10:00 am which left 12 civilians wounded. The target of the rocket was

reportedly the nearby security check posts. Three of the victims have been announced being in critical condition. The second rocket hit a home in Yousufkhil village of the same district leaving two children killed. Hayatullah Hayat the governor of Maidan Wardak province has strongly condemned the attacks. (KP)