

## Quote of the Day

You must learn to face the fact, always, that you choose to do what you do, and that everything you do affects not only you but others.

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# 100 Years of Afghan-German Ties Marked at Kabul Event



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani, CEO Abdullah Abdullah and the German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Sunday celebrated 100-years of Afghan-German relations at an official function at the Presidential Palace in Kabul.

In addition to Ghani, Abdullah and Steinmeier, other high ranking government officials and dignitaries attended the event. Addressing the guests, Ghani hailed the milestone as a "historical relationship" that has over the years brought with it untold success - especially in the education arena.

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## 300 Casualties Inflicted on Rebels in Musa Qala: Governor



LASHKARGAH - Nearly 300 Taliban militants have suffered casualties during the operation for retaking control of the Musa Qala district of southern Helmand province, an official claimed on Sunday. The district was overrun by the insurgents last Wednesday after it was besieged for several days,

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## Non-Traditional Education to Start in Rural Areas in Afghanistan

KABUL - A joint initiative by Afghanistan's Ministry of Education, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) is to start the non-traditional education in rural areas in the country.

The project would be financially supported by USAID and administered by the Ministry of Education in partnership with UNICEF. The five-year program with a ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

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## Dostum Clears 28 Villages of Insurgents in Kohistanat

KABUL - Twenty eight villages have been cleared of insurgents in Kohistanat district of northern Sar-e-Pul province following the First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum's arrival in the area, local officials said on Sunday.

Abdul Jabar Haqbin, provincial acting governor, said insurgents have fled the district to western Ghor province as well as to the Sayad, Suzma Qala and Sancharak districts of Sar-e-Pul. Haqbin said however that a massive military operation will be launched soon in the three districts to clear the insurgents.



"A number of Taliban have shown regret over what they have done and ... will [lay down their weapons] and join the peace process," Haqbin said. This ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

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Technical Assistance to Kabul Medical University and Ghazanfar Institute of Health Sciences to upgrade the nutrition curricula in the existing diplomas of health professionals and to create specific nutrition diplomas.

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Through the above mentioned Call for Tenders, the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan intends to award one service contract to provide Technical Assistance to the Kabul Medical University and the Ghazanfar Institute of Health Sciences. The Technical Assistance will look at upgrading the nutrition curricula in the existing diplomas of health professionals and creating specific nutrition diplomas within the courses offered by the mentioned institutions.

The contract notice is available at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSchck=1440916617932&do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&aof=137382&orderby=Desc&orderby=upd&searchtype=RS&userlanguage=en>

The deadline for submission of applications is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of October at 16:00 hours local Kabul time.

## Afghanistan Seeks Deeper Ties with Korea

KABUL - A delegation from Afghanistan has spent a week in Korea - their first visit - to seek business opportunities in Korea.

The delegation included lawmaker Samia Azizi Sadat, BBC Afghanistan Bureau national manager Ahmad Shafae and Presidential Adviser on Private Sector Development and Food Security Khan Jan Alokozai.

During the week-long visit, they participated in a Nutrition and Education International (NEI) training program. As part of the program, they learned about Korea's Saemaul Undong, a government-initiated campaign that changed the country in the 1970s.

"Because Afghanistan is in the same situation that Korea was in the past, we will use what we learned from Samaul Undong in developing our country," said Alokozai, who is also Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries first vice chairman.

Alokozai said he hoped to increase yearly trade volume between the two nations to \$1 billion from about \$200 ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

## Anshory Tadjudin Indonesia Ready for Positive Role in Afghan Peace Bid

KABUL - Indonesia's Ambassador to Afghanistan Anshory Tadjudin on Sunday said his country was ready to play a positive role in advancing the Afghan peace and reconciliation process.

The envoy was addressing participants of a ceremony marking Indonesia's 70th Independence Day in Kabul. Afghan government officials, members of parliament, central bank governor, political and religious figures attended the ceremony. Tadjudin said Jakarta and Kabul entered diplomatic relations in 1950 and Soekarno was his country's first president who visited Afghanistan in 1961.

The ambassador said his country was deeply concerned about the prevailing situation in Afghanistan and said Indonesia would be pleased to play its part in the Afghan reconciliation process. He said his country had provided scholarships to Afghan students and professional and vocational training to Afghan craftsmen. The diplomat said Indonesia was committed to assisting Afghanistan in diverse fields. Tadjudin said Indonesia had been involved in ...*(More on P4)...*(6)



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## Former German Diplomat Nuclear War in Afghanistan Was an Option for US



KABUL - The US was ready to use nuclear weapons in their 'war on terror' in Afghanistan, according to a former German diplomat, whose interview was published in Der Spiegel this weekend. The George W. Bush administration "really played through all possibilities," including the use of nuclear weapon against Afghanistan in response to the 9/11 attacks in the US, Michael Steiner, a former adviser for ex-German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, said in an interview to Der Spiegel weekly.

"The paper was written," he said, and the then-German Chancellor was afraid the US President administration would "overreact in the first shock ... being properly placed in a bunker" following the attacks.

In addition, Steiner revealed that Schroeder refused his idea to express "unconditional support" to the United States right after the 9/11 attacks. "A state may not give blank checks," Steiner noted in his fresh interview. Tensions between Bush and Schroeder later led to Germany's strong opposition to the military invasion of Iraq in 2003 alongside France and Russia.

Michael Steiner, 65, who retired this summer, was one of the leading German diplomats for decades. (Sputnik

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