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Afghans Cannot Tolerate Imposed War Anymore, Ghani Tells US Envoy

KABUL - The Afghan people cannot tolerate terrorist attacks and imposed war anymore, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani told the acting US representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Office of the President, ARG Palace, in a statement said "President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani met with Acting US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Ms. Laura Miller this morning in Arg." The statement further added "In this meeting, Ms. Laura Miller discussed the situation in the region, Afghanistan and Pakistan ties and her work in



this regard."Speaking about the war that is organized and imposed on Afghanistan from the outside, the President said that the foreign management of war in Afghanistan is clear to all and cannot be hidden anymore. President Ghani further added that "Our people, the original victims of terrorism, do not have patience for terrorist attacks and wars

organized and imposed on them from the outside." He added that if this imposed war continues, we will not only continue to defend our country and people but also seek alternative ways and take action. President Ghani underscored that Afghanistan has made considerable progress in the area of transit, and is freed from the constraints imposed by one transit route and neediness to a country. He said the government of Afghanistan will continue its planned efforts to foster economic and commercial development, and regional cooperation. (KP)

Ghani Terms Gen. Ghor Killing a Huge Loss



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has said the killing of Brig. Gen. Muhauddeen Ghor, commander for Zafar 207th military corps was a huge loss for the country and paid tributes to his services in the defence of the country. The president had earlier arrived in western Herat province to take part in the funeral ceremony of Afghan National Army (ANA) commander and officer. Earlier, Gen. Muhauddeen Ghor and technical team member Maj. Abdul Wase lost their lives in the Taliban claimed helicopter crash in Bala Murghab district of

northwestern Badghis province. Provincial council (PC) head and intelligence chief along with several others were wounded in the incident. Defence Minister Abdullah Habibi, Interior Minister Taj Mohammad Jahid, NDS chief Masuom Stanikzai, former Jihadi Leader Ismael Khan and other government officials were present on the occasion. "The slain Ghor and Abdul Wasi's children were like my own children and the government is committed to reach to the families of martyred security officials," the president said. The ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

CEO Post Hurdle to Political Progress: Paktia Elders

GARDEZ - Tribal elders in southeastern Paktia province on Thursday said the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)'s work period has ended, calling the position a hurdle to improvement in the country's political affairs. The elders hailing from Paktia and some neighboring provinces had gathered in a hall in Gardez city, the provincial capital. A tribal influential, Pacha Khan Zadran, said the CEO's tenure had ended and a Loya Jirga should be called to decide the government's fate. He said all people were unhappy with CEO office activities and the position had been a hurdle to the development of Afghanistan's political affairs.

He said the newly-appointed commissioners on the electoral bodies had been picked by government leaders and they would help their men succeed in Wolesi Jirga polls. "We don't accept these commissioners."

Zadran said the country's political situation was worsening day-by-day while Daesh despite being a huge threat to Afghanistan's future was strengthening and advancing.

An advisor to former president on tribal affairs, Shahzada Masood, said the government should have decided the fate of the CEO in the past two months. He said the government had breached many of the promises it held out to people. Masood also criticized the new electoral commissioners and said they were chosen jointly by the government leaders. He suggested that calling a Loya Jirga into session was the only way to find solutions to the current problems. A civil society activist, Shafiqullah Sahar, said people now understood right and wrong actions of government leaders. He said the incumbent government's weakness and internal issues would last long and would have bad impact on people. He criticized the government, saying: "Abdullah and Ghani received most votes from Paktia residents but they ignored us in every national matter." (Pajhwok)

Supreme Court Delay over Ministers Decision Questioned

KABUL - A number of lawyers and political activists said on Friday the Supreme Court's delay in announcing its decision regarding the MPs dismissal of seven ministers is questionable. Parliament summoned 16 ministers last month over under spending of their developmental budgets and dismissed seven. However, government referred the matter to the Supreme Court for a decision. Government had promised that the Supreme Court would submit its decision regarding the sacked ministers last week, but this has not happened. "According to law, the Supreme Court does not have any answers to present and will not do that. It is waiting to see what the president and the CEO de-



side," said Tahir Hashimi, a university lecturer. But despite the MPs' decision, the ministers are still at work. "The delay in the Supreme Court's decision shows that it does not want to answer the issue, because there is no answer. According to the constitution, those issues that are not clear will be sent to the Supreme Court," said Fakori Beheshti, an MP. Political activists meanwhile

said if the issue is not solved, it will have negative consequences. "People expect that government and disqualified ministers respect parliament's decision. In Afghanistan only the symbol of democracy remains and if that is also violated, then people will violate the laws," said Asif Ashna, a political activist. The Presidential Palace and Supreme Court refused to comment. (Tolnews)

President off to UAE to Attend Global Conference SECH

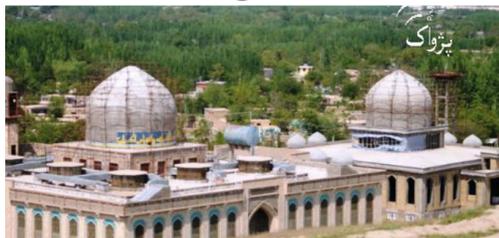
KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on the head of a high level delegation has traveled to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage (SECH) conference, a statement from Presidential Palace said on Friday. The president's trip happened following a formal invitation by Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abdudabi, the capital of UAE. The president would address the global conference and take part in the UAE 45th Commemoration Day celebrations, the statement said. Foreign Minister Salahuddin



Rabani, Director Administrative Affairs Abdul Salam Rahimi, Presidential Advisor Ajmal Ghani and Presidential Spokesman Mohammad Haroon Chakhansuri accompanied the president. According to media report presidents, head of states, formal delegations and representatives from over 40 countries had confirmed their participation at the SECH taking place on 2nd

and 3rd December at the UAE. The conference is part of global partnership between France and UAE. It has been organized by the two states in response to the growing threats to some of the world's most important cultural resources arising from sustained periods of armed conflict, acts of terrorism and illicit trafficking of culture property. (Pajhwok)

Sar-i-Pul Security Situation Alarming: Officials



SAR-I-PUL CITY - Some residents of northern Sar-i-Pul province have been concerned over the growing presence of Taliban and Daesh fighters on the outskirts of Sar-i-Pul City, the provincial capital and expected heavy fighting in days ahead, residents and local officials said on Friday. Haji Mullah Ahmad, the resident and elder of Shah-tot village in Sayyad district, told Pajhwok Afghan News, Daesh rebels have lunched their activities in the province one month earlier. He said the resident of locality were concerned at the emergence of Daesh as the group was more extremist compared to the Taliban. According to Ahmad Daesh forced as many as 60 families to leave their homes because some of their members served in police. Mohammad Ali Hakimi, the provincial council member, said Daesh fighters were active in Sayyad district's Shahtot locality, adding that the group was strengthening

their positions in Kohistanat district which shared boarder with Ghor province. He said growing incidents of insecurity made the masses worried. He said currently security forces were in defensive position and if clearing operation was kicked off there would be the possibility of attacks on security forces installation in the city. Habibullah, the resident of Charbagh locality in Sar-i-Pul City, while expressing his concern over growing incidents of violence said he believed that Afghan security forces were strong, but weak administration and lack of leadership was an issue with Afghan forces and he did not believe security forces would launch clearing offensive in areas where Daesh and other insurgent groups were getting strong. Mohammad Noor Rahmani, head of the provincial council, said the Taliban may not be in a position to overrun the province but the group attacks ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Mangal Kicks off Construction of 50-Bed Hospital in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Nangarhar Governor Mohammad Gulab Mangal along with other officials has laid the foundation stone of a 50-bed hospital in the Rodat district of eastern Nangarhar province. The residents of Haska Mena and Chaphar districts would also be provided health services from the facility, according to the officials. The governor on Thursday traveled to Rodat district and laid the cornerstone of the much needed health facility. Speaking on the occasion, Mangal said the hospital would be constructed in 18-month at the cost of 44 million Afghans provided from the development budget of public health ministry. Public Health Director Dr. Najibullah Kamawal said the hospital would be equipped with modern technology and separate branches for medicine, children and surgery patients. He said the two storey facility would have an emergency ward with proper rooms where the emergency staff could stay. Hakimullah, the resident of locality said, with the construction of the hospital health related issues of the people would be resolved and the need to go to other cities would no more be felt. (Pajhwok)

New Mayor Vows to Keep Mazar-I-Sharif Clean

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Newly-appointed acting mayor of Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, has identified proper revenue collection and keeping the city clean as his priorities. Nasir Ahmad Aini took charge on Thursday as new mayor of Mazar-i-Sharif, replacing his predecessor, Mohammad Yousof Muqim, who held the post for 10 long years. On the sidelines of his introduction gathering, Aini told Pajhwok Afghan News that proper collection of the municipality's revenue and keeping Mazar-i-Sharif clean would be his priorities. He acknowledged sometimes powerful individuals created problems in collecting revenue, but he would seek help from judicial organs if he came across such hurdles. About cleanliness, the new mayor said: "Though we have a meager staff keeping in view the one million population of Mazar-i-Sharif, yet we will keep the city clean." Aini urged local residents to cooperate with municipality workers in keeping the city clean. But residents said the municipality lacked a strong will ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

China Denies Conducting Patrols inside Afghanistan

KABUL - China has vehemently denied its troops crossed the border into northeastern Afghanistan for patrolling the Little Pamir region of the war-torn country. At a regular news briefing in Beijing on Wednesday, a defence ministry spokesman told reporters that Chinese military vehicles never patrolled inside Afghanistan. Earlier, India's WION TV channel released images on its website of what it called military vehicles of Chinese

security forces patrolling the territory of Afghanistan. But Yang Yujun, the defence ministry spokesperson, said: "Reports in foreign media of Chinese military vehicles patrolling inside Afghanistan are inconsistent with facts." In recent years, the two sides have been discussing joint efforts to prevent terrorist acts and organised cross-border crime based on an agreement on strengthening bilateral cooperation. (Pajhwok)

Durrani Policemen, Civilians among 56 Killed in Kandahar Clashes



KANDAHAR CITY - Four policemen, 23 civilians and 29 militants have been killed during clashes in the Neash district of southern Kandahar province over the past four days, an official said on Friday. Police Spokesman Zia Durrani said militants stormed security forces check posts in four villages of the district four days ago and fighting was underway until Friday morning. During these four days mili-

tants searched public homes and killed at least 23 civilians, including two women and five children, said Durrani. However, militants have not yet commented over the killing of civilians. Durrani said rebels forced their way into the house of Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel and killed his two brothers, wives and a five-year old boy in Haji Alam village where most of the civilian casualties took place. Police ...*(More on P4)...*(15)