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Release of Afghans from Gitmo Condemned



WASHINGTON - The release of four Afghan detainees from the Guantanamo detention centre would only embolden terrorists, a top US senator said on Monday. "The four detainees the White House released last week have reported ties to the Taliban or Al Qaeda, yet are now being sent back to Afghanistan where we have men and women serving in harm's way," Jim Inhofe said.

Senate Armed Services Committee, he added the step would embolden terrorists in the region and around the world to continue the fight against America and its allies. "With 104 confirmed cases of recidivism and 74 suspected cases, it is in our nation's best interest not to increase risk by releasing more terrorists when our nation is involved in two wars," he said. The lawmaker urged President ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Agreement on Kabul New City Signed

KABUL - An agreement was signed on Tuesday for the New Kabul City which would be built on 1,700 acres of land in the Dehsabz district of Kabul and Barikab town of central Parwan province. The deal was signed between Dehsabz-Barikab City Development Authority (DCDA) and the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) in presence of all stakeholders here. The initial construction activities of the New Kabul City have already been started. The officials of the New Kabul City said the city had been designed to accommodate three million residents with state-of-the-art facilities. Eng. Baryalai Hassam, acting MCIT minister, said that as per ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Kabul, ISAF Welcome Waziristan Offensive

KABUL - Military commanders from Afghanistan, Pakistani and International Security Assistance Force on Tuesday pledged all-out efforts to battle the scourge of terrorism. The joint resolve came at a trilateral in the Pakistani capital Islamabad, the Pakistani military spokesman tweeted. Asim Bajwa said measures aimed at better border security came up for discussion. An ongoing military offensive in Pakistan's North Waziristan Agency (NWA)



also figured at the meeting. Both Afghanistan and ISAF acknowledged the gains, which had left terrorists degraded. Bajwa added the Afghan and NATO ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

Taliban Block Polio Campaign in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - Anti-polio campaign officials said on Tuesday Taliban had banned administration of polio drops to children in some districts of southern Helmand province. Provincial health officials said 10 cases of the crippling disease had been detected in southern provinces in the current year, mostly in Kandahar and Helmand. Earlier, authorities launched the anti-polio campaign in Kandahar, Helmand, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces. Inayatullah Ghaffari, director of health, told Pajhwok Afghan News. But Militants obstructed the drive, he said, adding his department was striving to resolve the problem. The official said 7,000 children below five years of age in Helmand had to be administered polio drops. He feared if the insurgents were not ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

US Knows Mullah Omar in Karachi: Faizi

KABUL - A former presidential spokesman on Tuesday claimed the US knew Taliban's supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar was in Pakistan's port city of Karachi, but the Americans would not arrest him. Aimal Faizi told Pajhwok Afghan News during an exclusive interview that US Foreign Secretary John Kerry had once informed former president Karzai that Omar was hiding in Karachi under



the protection of the Pakistani military. "Karzai was quick to ask why America is not taking action to arrest him. The US has placed a bounty on him and innocent Afghans are daily killed in his name. The Taliban have been waging ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

Wardak Teachers without Salaries for 3 Months

MAIDAN SHAHR - Due to weak activities of Kabul Bank officials, nearly 8000 teachers could not obtain salaries over the past three months in central Maidan Wardak province, officials said on Tuesday. Education Director Fazl Rahman Tariq told Pajhwok Afghan News the teachers without salaries were in the provincial capital, Maidan Shahr, and various districts. He said all affairs of the salaries had been completed by the accountant office and the central bank, but the wages could not be released to teachers by the Kabul Bank branch due to a shortage of staff. "Earlier, the teachers...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Kabul Residents Fed up with "Worst Air Pollution"

KABUL - The Kabul residents have expressed deep concerns over increasing air pollution, saying the polluted environment and that in cold weather was putting the lives of capital inhabitants at risk. Two to three persons in each family are suffering from various diseases caused as a result of polluted air, the residents complained, demanding the relevant departments to address the problem. "We are fed up with having the worst air pollution in our city," a resident told TOLONews. "Every other person in the families has become sick." ...*(More on P4)...*(13)



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