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Civil Society Wants Provincial Councils to Have More Say

KHOST CITY - A number of civil society organisations in southeastern Khost province on Saturday urged the president to reject the Wolesi Jirga decision barring provincial council members from supervising and evaluating the performance of local departments.

If President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani approved the Wolesi Jirga decision to curtail powers of the provincial councils, corruption would be encouraged at the local level, they warned. At least 17 provincial councils (PCs) have closed their offices for seven days in protest.

Haji Jamal, a member of the social society network, told Pajhwok Afghan News that provincial councils reserved



the right to have a check on local departments. He argued if that right was wrested, there would be no need at all for provincial councils. Criticizing the Wolesi Jirga's decision in strongest term, Jamal said the lower house was needed to revisit its de-

cision in larger national interests.

Haji Mohammad Ghafoor Mahudi, another activist, said that the Wolesi Jirga decision would leave a far-reaching impact on the overall performance of local departments. "President Ghani should further empower the provincial councils instead of curtailing their powers. The provincial councils have a greater role in curbing corruption," he remarked.

Naseer Ahmad Rokhan, a political analyst, also demanded the president empower the provincial council to counter graft. He was of the opinion that the power of oversight and evaluation should not be taken from the councils.

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No Place for IS Fighters in Farah: Provincial Council



FARAH CITY - Province of Farah's local security officials have confirmed sightings of the suspected Islamic State (IS) militants in the western parts of the province. Provincial council members have stressed that the newly-emerged fighters do not have the support of the people and would not make a place in the western zone.

Following the rumors about the existence of IS fighters in a number of Farah districts, the Afghan National Army (ANA) Zafar Corps commander Gen. Taj Mohammad Jahid confirmed nearly 100 people, including foreigners, such as Arabs and Chechens, had joined the group.

"There are 70 Islamic State fighters including 13 foreigners present in Khak Safid district," Gen. Jahid said. "They don't allow people to get close to their ... (More on P4)... (10)

Doctor Praised for His Innovative Medical Equipment

KABUL - Dr. Safiullah Saadat, an Afghan physician working at the Kabul Police Hospital, after six years of hard work, has started making waves in Afghanistan and around the world for his innovative medical equipment designs that are said to be uniquely effective in treating bone fractures and other combat related injuries.

According to Dr. Saadat, the equipment models were developed through his practice treating soldiers and police injured in the line of duty over the years. He says he has already received orders from France and the United States and plans to begin producing large quantities for export, but needs financial assistance. ... (More on P4)... (11)

US Judge Denies Asylum for Afghan Army Officer Who Flew Training

WASHINGTON - An Afghan National Army (ANA) officer who had vanished during a training exercise in United States to avoid returning to Afghanistan was denied asylum by an American immigration judge on Friday.

Maj. Jan Mohammad Arash had claimed that his life was under threat in Afghanistan where he was receiving ... (More on P4)... (12)

Women Have Borne the Brunt of Conflict: Tanin

WASHINGTON - Women have borne the brunt of the conflict for over 30 years, the Afghan ambassador to the UN on Friday told the Security Council, calling 2014 a deadly for females. Last year, 12 percent more women were killed and injured than in 2013.

The women of Afghanistan had been the biggest victims of violence, Zahir Tanin told members of the Security Council during an open debate on the protection of civilians.

He said: "This past year in Afghanistan was particularly dead-



ly for women, with 12 percent more women killed and injured than the previous year. Women in Afghanistan, including women in public roles and girls seeking education, are often targeted." Even ... (More on P4)... (13)

Govt. Appoints Advisors to Deputy CEO

KABUL - The government on Saturday appointed as many as 11 advisors to deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a statement from his office said.

A statement from the CEO office said that 11 advisors had been appointed following recommendations under the decree (092) by the Executive Chief office.

It was said in the statement that Dr. Muhammad Zahir has been selected as political and international affairs advisor, Dr. Muhammad Halim Tanvir as cultural and social affairs advisor, Abdul Jabar Shalgaria as legal and Parliamentary affairs ... (More on P4)... (14)



Daikundi Health Workers Warn of Mass Resignations

NILI - Public health employees in Daikundi on Saturday warned of resigning en masse if steps were not taken to improve medical facilities in the central province.

Workers listed a shortage of surgeons, quality medicine, non-cooperation by the officials concerned and the continued absence of the public health director as main problems facing the province.

Deputy Director of Public Health Dr. Abdul Qayyum Naeemi also acknowledged people had not been provided with proper medical services during the past two years.

The problem had been discussed with the director but to no avail, he regretted, saying: "I cannot afford to see my employees in such miserable condition."

Dr. Dost Ali Sarosh said because of mismanagement in the department, challenges were multiplying. This year, he added, the director himself had been absent for 144 days.

By issuing a declaration, the employees warned if their requests were not met in the next ten days ... (More on P4)... (15)

NSP Completes Nine Sub-Projects

SAR-E-PUL - With a cost of more than 15,736,193 Afs including 10% community contribution - nine infrastructure projects of the National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) were recently completed in Sancharak and Sayad districts of Sarepul province.

According to NSP provincial manager in Sarepul province, these development projects include the construction of two school buildings, lavatories in school buildings, a bridge eight meters in length and five meters in width, a 28-meter retaining wall, 15 culverts and graveling 12,000 meters of rural roads. Approximately, 2,062 families in various communities have ... (More on P4)... (16)

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Invitation to Tender No. 83194037 for Transportation Service

GIZ (German International Cooperation) is a German organization working for a long time in different sectors in Afghanistan for development of the country.

In order to facilitate and ensure timely transportation of goods and stationaries to almost all the 34 provinces of Afghanistan, GIZ is going to make a **frame-work contract** with a transport company as per to the following conditions.

- Contract period: from 01.Feb.2015 to 31.Mar.2016
- Deliveries: From Kabul to the relevant province of Afghanistan.
- Number of delivery per Year/Province: Upon request.
- Estimated delivery weight per year: 145.000 kg.
- Amount of weight per shipment: 50 to 5.000kg.
- Price Scale: The price range should be given as below.

Weight Range	Province: Helmand		Province: Kandahar		Province: Mazar		Province: Herat	
	Price	Time	Price	Time	Price	Time	Price	Time
50 to 100 kg								
101 to 200 kg								
201 to 500 kg								
501 to 2.000 kg								
2.001 to 5.000 kg								

The table should be extended to include all provinces.

- Delivery time: The time needed for each province must be mentioned, realistic dates are needed.
- Freight conditions: House-to-house, prices for loading up and unload should be included.
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- Note: Offers which includes only some provinces are also accepted; please mention your regular tour schedules so far existing.
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