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Ghani Warns Against Delay in Supplies to Soldiers

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday warned that the defence officials failing to ensure timely logistics support and weapons supplies to soldiers would be sacked. Ghani issued the warning at a condolence meeting with relatives of the security personnel who were killed in a recent terrorist attack in eastern Laghman province. On Thursday, a bomb ripped through the funeral ceremony for an Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander in the Pahlawan Baba area of Mehtarlam, killing at least 16 people including the ...*(More on P4)...*(10)



Business Centre Being Built on Iranian Border

ZARANJ - A business centre will be established soon on the Afghan-Iran border in southwestern Nimroz province, with the often hostile neighbour indicating as softening of policy toward Afghan traders. Provincial council head Mohammad Sediq Chakhansori told Pajhwok Afghan News on Wednesday that an agreement on the border market had been signed between the two sides. Afghan border police official Gen. Mohammad Shafiq Fazli and Iranian border police chief Col. Rezayee inked the accord a day earlier. Under the deal, people from both sides of the border would be able to visit the business centre without having visas. Chakhansori said the business centre would offer for sale dried fruits, rice, handicraft and livestock from Afghanistan and fuel, food items, dairy products and construction materials from Iran. A resident of Nimroz living close to the border, Abdul Ghani, hoped they would be able to sell products and buy cheap Iranian goods once the trade centre was constructed. "Afghans are not allowed to enter Iran without visas. Nimroz residents receive visas from Kandahar province in a month's time and pay 25,000 afghanis in guarantee," he said. Based on the agreement, ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

EU Envoy's Remarks Inconsistent with Diplomatic Norms: IEC



KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Wednesday condemned a statement by Francis Michael Milibon, the European Union (EU) ambassador, regarding the current management of the poll panels. Recently, Ambassador Milibon said in an interview: "It can't be imagined to conduct upcoming elections in existence of the current management of the electoral commissions ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Pakistan Urged to Deliver Equipment to Kidney Hospital



JALALABAD - Public health officials on Wednesday said construction work on a Pakistan-funded kidney hospital in eastern Nangarhar province has been completed and urged Islamabad to deliver the required equipment as soon as possible. Pakistan has promised to deliver all needed equipment to the facility in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, after completion of construction work. Public Health Director Dr. Najibullah ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

President Announces Medal for Hospital Head



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani to award medal to the head of Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan Hospital in recognitions of his services, a statement from the Presidential Palace said. During his visit to the hospital, the president said: "The services of the government hospital have been improved since last 100 days." Three months earlier, the president in a surprise visit had dismissed a number ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Accusations of Police Conspiracy Fuel Controversy over MoD Fuel Contracts

KABUL - In response to allegations that a recent bidding process organized by the Ministry of Defense (MoD) for fuel contracts was corrupt, Mahmoud Qaderi, Chairman of Afghan International Petroleum, claimed on Tuesday that on the day of the bid representatives of his ...*(More on P4)...*(11)



Iran Ready to Build Gas Pipeline to Afghanistan

KABUL - Iranian Consul General in Herat, Mahmud Afkhami Rashedi, said Tehran was ready to lay the pipeline and export gas into Herat. This comes after two nations,

last month, discussed expanding bilateral economic cooperation. Iran has expressed its willingness to boost energy exports to neighbouring countries

mainly Iraq and Afghanistan. Last year, Managing Director of National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company (NIOPDC) Mostafa Kashkoulou said ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

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