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Law, Order Markedly Improved: NDS

MAHMODRAQI - After pulling out of foreign forces from central Kapisa province, the security of this central province has been considerably improved following offensive by Afghan security forces in several districts, an official said Monday. Ibadullah Talwar, director National Directorate of Security (NDS), told Pajhwok Afghan News that the country's security forces had assumed security responsibilities from foreign forces and now all measures were being adopted to improve law and order. "A number of leading Taliban commanders have been killed in recent security operations, which helped improve law and order in the province," he remarked. He said marked improvement ... (More on P4)...(9)

FEFA and TEFA Urge for Non-Political Electoral Reforms

KABUL - Stressing the need for a non-political reformation in the electoral bodies, the election advocacy groups claim the National Unity Government (NUG) leaders are divided on the reforms to be made in the election system. In a joint press conference on Sunday in Kabul, officials of the Free and Fair Election Foundation (FEFA) and Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan (TEFA) warned that ... (More on P4)...(10)



Mullah Khadim Killed in Drone Strike



LASHKARGAH - A veteran Taliban commander, who had reportedly defected to the Islamic State, was among at least five others killed on Monday in a US drone strike in southern Helmand province, an official said. Mullah Abdul Rauf Khadim, a former Guantanamo Bay ... (More on P4)...(14)

Red Cross Sees Twice as Many Dead Afghan Fighters in 2014

KABUL - The International Committee of the Red Cross removed more than twice as many dead combatants from Afghan battlefields in 2014 than in the previous year as fighting intensified, the charity said on Monday. The ICRC retrieved the remains of 1,372 dead ... (More on P4)...(15)

No Final Decision on Remaining Cabinet Picks

KABUL - General discussion between the Presidential Palace and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) office has been underway on the selection of remaining nominees to complete the cabinet, but a final decision is yet to be reached, an official said on Monday. About a month back, the govern-



ment introduced 24 cabinet nominees to ... (More on P4)...(11)

Sightings of IS Militants Merely Publicity: MoI



KABUL - Rejecting the infiltration of the Islamic State (IS) fighters to Afghanistan, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has said the rumors about the sightings of these fighters were nothing more than publicity. MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqqi at a press conference on Sunday in Kabul said that the security agencies were aware of the movements of

Experts Warn Against Delay in Parliamentary Polls

KABUL - Political experts have warned against a delay in holding the next parliamentary elections at the expense of proposed electoral reforms as part of the unity government deal. President Ashraf Ghani and

Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah have agreed to bring reforms to the electoral system under a deal following the bitterly disputed presidential election last year. The president last week tasked

his second deputy Sarwar Danish with investigating issues concerning the proposed electoral reforms in consultation with civil society groups. But the CEO office has insisted on the creation of a special commission ... (More on P4)...(12)

Visa Regime for Afghans Relaxed: Iranian Consulate

KANDAHAR CITY - Iran's diplomatic mission in southern Kandahar province on Sunday said it had relaxed visa requirements for Afghans and the number of visas issued to them this year doubled last year's entries. Iranian Consul General Hamid Raza Karimi said this at a meeting with Kandahar Governor Dr. Tooryalai Weesa at his office here. Karimi said residents of Kandahar and other southern ... (More on P4)...(16)

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