

Ghani Urges Leaders Not to Forget Afghanistan

MUNICH - During the second day of talks at the Munich Security Conference on Sunday, President Ashraf Ghani implored European and other world leaders to remain vigilant and engaged in the fight against terrorism in Afghanistan, even while new crises emerge in Arab nations.

Ghani warned that terrorism remains a global threat, a point many other conference participants made. But Ghani's concern that the NATO coalition withdraw and events surrounding groups like the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and al-Qaeda in the Arab peninsula might cause Western allies to shift away from Afghanistan ...*(More on P4)...*(1)



Ghani Underlines China Role for Peace Initiative



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Monday underlined extended Chinese cooperation with Afghanistan for peace efforts.

Liu Jianchao, Chinese assistant foreign minister, called on the president at the Presidential Palace where both the dignitaries held wide

ranging talks on bilateral relations, counter-terrorism and regional cooperation.

Jianchao assured China's support to the political stability of Afghanistan and welcomed Ghani's recent remarks at Munich Security Conference over compact anti-terror efforts.

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Lack of Political Will Delay Electronic IDs



KABUL - The House of Representatives central audit and constitution implementation commission said the delay in issuing the electronic ID cards is a mere excuse and an injustice to the people of Afghanistan. The ID cards were to be distributed two years ago, but ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

UN Chief Urges Leaders to Meet People's Demands

DUBAI - UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called Monday on political leaders to meet people's demands in order to overcome crises like those in some parts of the Middle East.

Ban made the appeal while speaking at the third annual United Arab Emirates (UAE) government summit, which started here Monday.

Political leaders should address the problem of marginalizing



some classes to put an end to the state of instability like that in Yemen, Libya, Iraq and Syria, Ban said. ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

23 More Rebels Join Peace Process

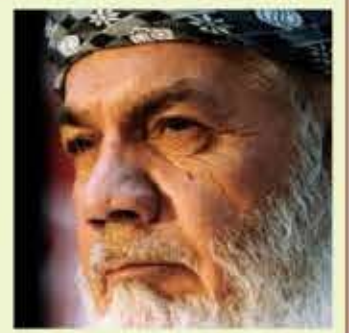
ASADABAD - At least 23 militants have joined the government-initiated peace process and surrendered their weapons in eastern Kunar province, an official said Monday.

Governor Shuja-ul-Mulk

Jalala told Pajhwok Afghan News that the group of militants led by Commander Abdul Baqi and Shaista Rahman were active against government in Dangan, Ghazi Abad and Sarkano districts since ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

No Stability if Jihadi Leaders Remain Sidelined, Ismail Khan Warns

HERAT - The former Jihadi leader and Minister of Water and Energy Mohammad Ismail Khan has warned that there will be no security in the country if the Jihadi leaders remain sidelined in the new government. Speaking in a gathering ...*(More on P4)...*(8)



Poppy Cultivation Grew 30% in 2014: Russian Anti: Russia

MOSCOW - A record 250,000 hectares of opium poppy were grown last year, a 30% increase compared with 2013, the head of Russia's federal drug control

service said on Monday. "The heroin issue hasn't disappeared. The cultivation scale of opium poppy in Afghanistan in 2014 grew to 250,000 hectares. Its harvest

grew 30%," Viktor Ivanov told reporters. "And just a tiny amount of the heroin produced from this poppy is used in Afghanistan, while its major part ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

Trilateral Meeting Concludes in Kabul

KABUL - The third round of trilateral dialogue among Afghanistan-Pakistan-China held in capital Kabul on Monday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said.

MOFA deputy spokesperson Siraj-ul-Haq Siraj told Pajhwok Afghan News the three neighboring countries have been meeting regularly in the past three ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

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