

Quote of the Day

One must be fond of people and trust them if one is not to make a mess of life.

E.M. Forster

Ghani Seeks Clear Analysis of Insecure Districts

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday asked intelligence officials to conduct a deep analysis of insecure districts and determine factors of instability.

The president, who addressed a seminar on its third and last day involving senior intelligence officials from Kabul and provinces, said it was important to clearly analyze the situation in insecure districts, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

The statement quoted the president as saying that the



factors of instability should be identified and addressed.

Ghani praised efforts of intelligence operatives at eliminating the armed opponents. He said his government's basic goal was a stable Afghanistan and that national interests were kept supreme in major policy decisions.

The president said seminars aimed at sharing views and experiences were beneficial and asked the participants to come up with long and short term plans for effective implementation. *... (More on P4) ... (1)*

Hundreds Protest in Germany against Deportations to Afghanistan

BERLIN - Afghanistan is an unsafe country and Germany should not be forcing people to return there, argued several hundred demonstrators Saturday as they called for a halt to German deportation policies.

The Refugee Council of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), which called for the Dusseldorf demonstration, said that Afghanistan is an unsafe country, and that a report by the UN's refugee agency shows the situation has deteriorated recently.

The demonstration aims to encourage North Rhine-Westphalia Interior Minister Ralf Jaeger to advocate a nationwide halt to deportations to Afghanistan, the NRW Refugee Council said. In any case, Jaeger could issue a three-month deportation stop in North Rhine-Westphalia, they said.

The NRW Refugee Council said demonstrations were also planned for Saturday in the cities of Berlin, Hamburg, Hanover, Rostock, Nuremberg, Wiesbaden, Trier and Erfurt.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel announced Thursday that the federal and state governments had agreed to significantly speed up the deportation of rejected asylum applicants.

On Saturday, a car bomb exploded in front of the German Embassy in Kabul. *... (More on P4) ... (4)*

ICRC won't Resume Work Until Attack Motive Defined

KABUL - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on Saturday said it would not resume operations in Afghanistan until the motive of a dead attack on its workers in northern Jawzjan province was established. Six ICRC aid workers

were killed in a suspected Islamic State attack and another two workers went missing in Jawzjan on Wednesday. Soon after the attack, the ICRC put on hold its humanitarian operation across Afghanistan. *The ... (More on P4) ... (5)*

Ghani Leaves for UAE on an Official Visit

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani left Afghanistan on Saturday on an official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Presidential Palace said in a statement.

The president will meet

with high-ranking officials in the UAE where they will discuss strengthening of ties between the two countries, security issues and other issues of mutual interest, the president will meet *... (More on P4) ... (6)*

India to Attend 6-Nation Moscow Huddle on Feb. 15



KABUL - As regional actors step up efforts to jumpstart the peace process in Afghanistan India has confirmed participation in next week's meeting in Moscow. With the Trump administration yet to outline its Afghan policy, the six-nation meeting will be attended by representatives from Russia, China, Iran, Afghanistan,

Pakistan and India. Ahead of the February 15, top US general John Nicholson accused Russia and Iran of trying to scuttle its mission in the war-devastated country. The US and have not been invited to the huddle.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi said *... (More on P4) ... (2)*

Envoy Astana Backs Kabul's SCO Membership Bid



KABUL - The Kazakh ambassador in Kabul on Saturday said his country supported Afghanistan's desire to become a permanent member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

(SCO). Ambassador Bitimov Omirtay, who called on CEO Abdullah Abdullah, said Afghanistan and Kazakhstan enjoyed friendly ties. He said for further information *... (More on P4) ... (3)*

Civil Society Finds NUG Has Failed to Deliver on Key Promises



KABUL - Ten civil society organizations have assessed the 18 commitments made by the National Unity Government (NUG) leaders and found that although the commitments have not been implemented, preliminary steps have been taken.

These organizations said at a conference on Saturday that the NUG has even

failed to implement the political agreement which the NUG was based on.

"After two and half years, the NUG is still taking preliminary steps and there are lots of gaps," said Humaira Saqib, a civil society activist. The NUG had made 100

commitments to the people and of these maintaining *... (More on P4) ... (7)*

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