KARUL - The Cabinet’s legisla- tive committee on Monday approved a suggestion of the Afghan media community amending the law governing establishment of mass me- dia enterprises.

Shabir Hashami, a spokesman to the president, said the cost of license and bank guarantee for media outlets had been de-creased by 20 percent in new cases.

For example, he said, lic- ense for nationwide and local television channels was $10,000 in the past, but now it had been decreased to $8,000 and for a local TV channel to $3,000.

He said a meeting of the legislature committee chaired by second vice-president, Sarwar Danish, had agreed to present the draft amendment to a Cabinet meeting for ratification.

Fahim Dutt, head of Afghan- ian Journalists Association (AJA), welcomed the amend- ment to the mass media regu- lation and asked the Afghan Journalists Associations (AJA) to approve it.

He said the amendment to the mass media regulation law was approved on the 11 November, 2015, all mass media institutes are obliged to renew their licenses and pay a specific amount to the government in return.

Media activists in the past too had asked the president during meetings to attend the regu- lation. The president had prom- ised to present the draft at Parliament.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
A contract for the assistance of the government of Afghanistan, an official said Monday.

The project will be awarded to the successful bidder on the basis of the lowest bid after evaluation of the bids.

He said the tender document and lower bid price will be available free of cost by downloading from the NPA website.

The Bids must be accompanied with Bid Security in the form of a Bank Facilitation Letter in the amount of 2% of the bid price or USD 10,000, whichever is lower, for media outlets had been de-

France offers $6.1m Euros Aid to Afghanistan
KARUL - The French govern- ment donated $6.1 million Euros to boost agricultural and energy generation in Afghanistan, an official said Monday.

A contract for the assistance was signed between French Ambas- sador, Elk Halimi and French Ambassador Francois, who said: “Agriculture, the main sector and very important for the administration of Afghanistan.”

Goal Should be Winning the War in Afghanistan: Mohib
WASHINGTON - The goal of the international coalition, in particular the United States, is to win the war against terrorism in Af- ghana and not how not to lose in the country, a top Afghan diplomat based in the US told a Washington audi- ence.

“Win is only way forward.”

Pakistan Refuses Allegations in HRW Report on Afghan Refugees
KARUL - Questions have been raised about a report that appeared in the Human Rights Watch con- cerning Afghan refugees that has also been reported in the media.

The report lacks objectivity. The assertions made therein are misplaced and removed from facts and reality on ground. Exaggerated conten- tion and falsehood allegations are choking the difficult task of the challenging mission of the people.

Rights group says Pakistan in race to host Afro-Asian Games
PESHAWAR - In a scathing attack on Pakistan, the National Council of Afro-Asian Games (OCT), and appoint of an official said Monday.

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