

Afghan, Pak Forces Mulling Simultaneous Raids

JALALABAD - Afghan and Pakistani forces are working on a strategy how to conduct simultaneous operations on both sides of the Durand Line to block the movement of militants, an official in eastern Nangarhar province said on Saturday.

Border police official Col. Mohammad Ayub Haskanhel told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan and Pakistani military officials had reached an agreement on how to conduct the simultaneous operations.

About two weeks ago, a delegation of the Afghan border police travelled to Pakistan and held talks with Pakistani officials about the security situation along the mutual border. ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

Ulumi Pledges Reforms to Cut Police Death Toll

KABUL - Interior Minister on Saturday assured to introduce tangible reforms in the police forces aimed at decreasing fatality rate among the force.

During his visit to inquire about the health of wounded police officers at Kabul Police Hospital, Nuru-ul-Haq Ulumi said the ministry had provided all possible facilities for the treatment of policemen.

"We have treatment facilities inside the country for police. We have requested international community to extend further assistance in this regard," he said. He added that Afghan National Police (ANP) had ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

KABUL - Stressing enhanced ties with neighboring countries, including India, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Sunday expressed optimism that relations with neighboring states were navigating toward positive direction.

A statement from the Presidential Palace said that Ghani held video calls with Afghanistan's ambassadors in



Iran, Pakistan, China, India, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani and the ministry's political advisor Hikmat Karzai were present on the occasion. During the course of his talks, the president said that time was ripped for broadening ties with neighboring countries. He ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

Ghazni Adviser Was IS Spokesman for Afghanistan: Sources



KABUL - Sources related to the National Directorate of Security (NDS) say that adviser to the acting governor of Ghazni province who was arrested a while back by NDS has accepted during investigation that he was spokesman of Islamic States (IS) in Afghanistan.

According to the sources Abdul Qadir Wahidi who was adviser to the acting governor of Ghazni Province was arrested by NDS in Deh Afghanan area of Kabul Province about two month before.

Sources further say that Abdul Qadir Wahidi was nick named Abu Ibrahim Khurasani.

In the meantime, Musa Khan Akbarzada, acting governor of Ghazni Province reject reports if Wahidi had relationship with IS or was bearing ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

685 Burning, Self-Immolation Incidents this Year

KABUL - At least 685 burning and self-immolation incidents have been registered in Isteqlal Hospital in capital Kabul this year, with 55 of them lost their lives, officials said Saturday.

Seven of the incidents were of self-immolation where a man and six women had died as a result of serious injuries.

Last year, more than 700 per-



sons were admitted to hospitals for burn injuries and self-immolation incidents out of which 95 of them succumbed to their injuries. ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

President Ghani

Feb. 15 a Memorable Day in Contemporary History

KABUL - On the eve of February 15— being commemorated as Afghanistan victory day expelling former USSR soldiers from the country, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has said that the day is memorable in the contemporary ...*(More on P4)...(7)*



The Destiny of Afghanistan Unknown: Ibrahimi



KABUL - Speaking at the 26th anniversary of the soviet troop's exit from Afghanistan in Kabul on Sunday, Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga Abdul Rautof Ibrahimi stressed that the current situation of Afghanistan is worrisome.

"The people are living in the unknown," Ibrahimi said. "The space between the government and the

people must be removed. Serious steps must be taken."

His criticism comes at a time where 31 provinces are still under the control of acting governors. In the past 140 days since the formation of the National Unity Government only 30 percent of the cabinet has been completed.

A number of civil society activists empha ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

No one can Misuse Mujahideen: Rabbani



KABUL - Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani on Sunday said the role of mujahideen should not be overlooked and that no one could negatively use jihadi forces.

Rabbani was addressing a gathering marking a national holiday to celebrate the Afghan Mujahideen's military victory over the Red Army, at the

Loya Jirga tent in Kabul.

The minister said the jihad of the Afghanistan's people against the former Soviet Union not only resulted in independence of their country but also hastened the union's demise and allowed democracy to prosper here.

The gathering was at ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

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