

Ghani to Invite Tajik President to Visit Kabul

BISHKIK - President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai said that he will invite Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon to visit Kabul, said the press service of Afghan President after the videoconference conducted by Ahmadzai and Afghan ambassadors to Iran, Pakistan, China, India, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. The sides discussed the prospects of cooperation with Afghanistan's neighbors. Ahmadzai said that promising direction of foreign policy in Afghanistan is to strengthen cooperation with neighboring countries. He stressed that Afghanistan is not a threat to other countries. Ahmadzai urged Foreign Ministry to take measures to improve the country's image in the international arena. (AKIpress)

TSK Hands over Camp Doğan to ANSF

KABUL - The Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) have handed over Camp Doğan to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), marking its departure from the base it has been using in Kabul since 2002. Turkish Maj. Gen. Mehmet Cahit Bakır and Gen. Azizuddin Ayar, a representative of the Afghanistan Defense Ministry, as well as other Afghan officials, attended the ceremony. "We are handing over this camp to our Afghan brothers. But we will also continue to serve in the future as in the past," Bakır said during the ceremony, adding the camp has been ... (More on P4)...(5)

Dr. Abdullah

Values of Jihad will Never be Violated

KABUL - The first Ministers Council of the new cabinet was held on Monday where Chief Executive of the National Unity Government Abdullah Abdullah emphasized that the values of jihad will not be undermined by personal motives. Abdullah said that the status of the mujahideen who served the country is preserved and no one will forget



the sacrifices they made for the future of the country. "Jihad values are the everlasting values of the people of Afghanistan, which were gained by rendering heavy sacrifices," he said. "This would not be violated under any circumstance, including egoism." His comments come a day after Abdul Rab Rassoul ... (More on P4)...(1)

Ghani Meets US Congressmen, Talks to Jordan's King



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday met US congressmen and discussed with them the international support for Afghan forces and issues concerning counterterrorism and the peace effort. Headed by Joe Willson, the American delegation expressed optimism about the future of Afghanistan and lauded President Ghani's efforts at ... (More on P4)...(2)

Selab New Draft Reinstates PCs Oversight Role



KABUL - Provincial council members on Monday said they had reached an agreement with the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) on their oversight role.

On Jan 28, the lower house of parliament amended a provision of the law on provincial councils, barring the elected bodies from evaluating the performance of provincial departments. Ghazni PC head and member of the provincial councils' coordination commission, Khaliqdad Akbari told a press conference in Kabul their commission had reached an agreement with the IDLG over the oversight role of provincial councils. "We and the IDLG have accepted 99 percent of the agreement, and the one percent which belongs to other ... (More on P4)...(6)

China Committed to Path of Peaceful Development: Xijun

KABUL - Chinese Ambassador to Afghanistan Deng Xijun said here Sunday that China is committed to the path of peaceful development and building socialism with Chinese characteristics. Deng made the remarks in the introduction ceremony of a book containing Chinese President Xi Jinping's remarks on governance. The ambassador said the



book, "Xi Jinping: The Governance of China", has 18 chapters comprised of 79 articles highlighting Xi's speeches, answers to questions, ... (More on P4)...(3)

"TAPI- A Pipeline of Opportunities": Saba



KABUL - Afghan Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Dr. Daud Saba, regarded the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline as a pipeline of opportunities that will bring Afghanistan, Pakistan and India closer. Dr. Saba assured that the representatives of both Pakistan and ... (More on P4)...(4)

Abdullah Concerned about Refugees in Pakistan

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday said the unity government was concerned about the situation of Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. Presiding over the maiden meeting of the new cabinet, the CEO said: "Problems facing Afghan refugees in Pakistan have become serious that demands our attention." He said the refugees were living under tough conditions in the neighbouring country and a delegation would be sent to Pakistan after its approval from President Ashraf Ghani to talk to Pakistani authorities in this regard. ... (More on P4)...(7)

Iran Ready to Replace Poppy Cultivation in Afghanistan

TEHRAN - Interior Minister and Secretary General of Drug Control Headquarters (DCH) Abdorrahman Rahmani Fazli said Iran is ready to help Afghanistan to replace poppy cultivation with alternative crops. Speaking to reporters on Monday on the sidelines of a meeting of anti-drugs officials of regional countries, Rahmani Fazli said Iran has the potentials to replace poppy cultivation in Afghanistan but it requires ... (More on P4)...(8)



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