

Quote of the Day

You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.
Malcolm X (1925 - 1965)

Constitution

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Article 23

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Obama Calls for Unity against Violent Extremism

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday echoed his Wednesday's call for Muslim communities around the world to resist the notion that the West was at war with Islam in his final speech at the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.

"Muslim communities, including scholars and clerics, therefore have a responsibility to push back, not just on twisted interpretations of Islam, but also on the lie that we are somehow engaged in a clash of civilization, that



America and the West are somehow at war with Islam or seek to suppress Muslims," said Obama.

"The notion that the West is at war with Islam is an ugly lie," said Obama.

Obama's statement echoed the key point of his keynote speech on Wednesday, where he proclaimed that he was not leading a war against Islam. "We are not at war with Islam. We are at war with people who have perverted Islam," he said.

Obama also urged governments ... (More on P4)...(1)

Officials Mark Surge in Refugees' Repatriation from Pakistan



JALALABAD CITY - Officials on Thursday recorded dramatic increase in repatriation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan's Peshawar city and asked the central government should provide the families with needed facilities. Haji Ghulam Haidar Faqiri, director of Nangarhar refugees and repatriation, told Pa ... (More on P4)...(2)

DAB Branch Robbed by Staff in Kandahar

KABUL - A branch of the Central Bank of Afghanistan also known as "Da Afghanistan Bank" (DAB) has been robbed by its staff members in southern Kandahar Province. The staff members of Da Afghanistan Bank branch in Spin Boldak District have escaped to neighboring Pakistan following the robbery ... (More on P4)...(4)

Kerry Sees "Unprecedented Level" of Af-Pak Cooperation

WASHINGTON - In recent months there has been an unprecedented level of cooperation between Kabul and Islamabad, the US Secretary of State, John Kerry, said Thursday as he praised the



efforts of Pak Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, and the Army Chief, General Raheel Sharif, in this regard.

"In the transition taking place in Afghanistan, we are witnessing ... (More on P4)...(5)

Nangarhar Mayor Sacked: IDLG

JALALABAD - The mayor of eastern Nangarhar province has been sacked from his position following president's directives, the Independent Directorate of Local Governance ... (More on P4)...(3)

British Envoy

Elections without Reform Would be a Mistake

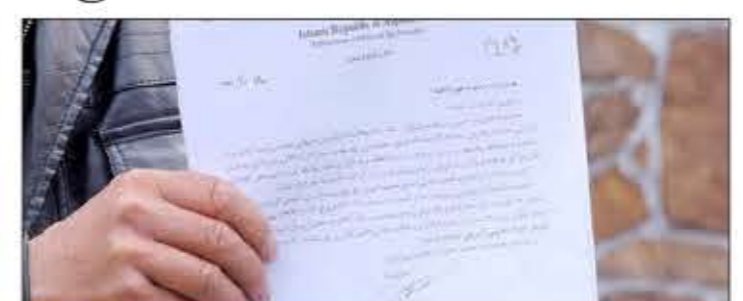
KABUL - Holding parliamentary elections this year without first reforming the nation's electoral system would be a major mistake, British Ambassador to Afghanistan Richard Stagg warned on Thursday.

In an exclusive interview with TOLOnews, Ambassador Stagg said that Afghanistan has experienced three fraudulent elections, and must not repeat the experience for the fourth time. Britain is among ... (More on P4)...(6)



Accusations of Corruption, Negligence against Acting Governors Increase

KABUL - Accusations of corruption and negligence have grown by the day as provinces around the country remain at the mercy of Acting Governors spilled over from the Hamid Karzai administration. Local leaders and independent analysts have said the men at the helm of most of the country's provinces lack



any sense of accountability to ... (More on P4)...(7)

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Ghani Prepares for Peace Talks with Taliban Leadership



KABUL - Talks between senior Afghan government officials and Taliban leadership are expected to be held in the coming weeks, according to government sources in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. In preparation, President Ashraf Ghani has begun meeting with key stakeholders in attempt to ensure all voices are taken into account if negotiations move forward.

Following Pakistani Army Chief Raheel Sharif's visit to Afghanistan earlier this week, senior officials in Islamabad reported that Taliban leadership, including the elusive Mullah Omar, had been approached about the possibility of meeting

with Afghan leaders for reconciliation talks and showed concerted interest in such an opportunity. Meanwhile, western media outlets report that Afghan government officials have said the reconciliation talks are expected to be held within the next three or four weeks. The news brings with it many implications when it comes to the potential for a politically-brokered peace deal between the Afghan government and the Taliban militancy, which have been at war for over a decade. The fact that such potential seems stronger now than ever is no surprise, given that the NATO ... (More on P4)...(8)