

Jalalabad Partly Cloudy 17°C 5°C	Ghazni Clear 3°C -10°C	Kandahar Clear 11°C -2°C	Mazar Partly Cloudy 4°C 0°C	Herat Clear 5°C -4°C	Bamayan Clear -3°C -14°C	Kabul Partly Cloudy 4°C -8°C
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US Embassy Hosts Blood in Support of ANBSTS

KABUL - The US Embassy Kabul hosted a blood drive in support of the Afghan National Blood Safety and Transfusion Service (ANBSTS), a statement from the US Embassy said. The blood would be distributed to hospitals in Kabul and to provincial medical treatment facilities, the statement added. Afghan hospitals rely on blood donations for trauma victims and for patients undergoing other life-saving medical treatments. The US Embassy holds two blood drives each year to benefit the local community. This year, ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

KP Govt. to Expel Nearly 300 Afghan Clerics

PESHAWAR - The Home and Tribal Affairs Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday ordered all commissioners and DIGs to expel Afghan clerics from the province and submit a report over the implementation within seven days. A Home Department source said that there were 294 Afghan Pesh Imams (prayer leaders) in the province and their documentation had been sent to relevant commissioners as part of the National Action Plan. The KP ...*(More on P4)...*(9)



IS Group Strength Reaches 400 in Farah



FARAH CITY - The strength of gunmen claiming allegiance to the Islamic State (IS) group increased from 80 to 400 persons over the past one and a half months in the Khak-i-Safed district of western Farah province, the district chief said on Tuesday. Abdul Khaliq Noorzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the "Daesh group" had established a training camp in Mazar Kala area, where they had hoisted black flags. Local officials say the group is running another training camp in the district's Jar-i-Shirkhshah area. ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Kabul Team in Nangarhar to Probe Graft, Insecurity

JALALABAD - A powerful delegation from Kabul on Tuesday arrived in eastern Nangarhar province to investigate administrative corruption and identify factors contributing to insecurity. Led by Interior Minister Noorul Haq Ulumi, the delegation met local officials and residents at a gathering in Jalal-



abad, the provincial capital. President Ghani directed the delegation two weeks ago during a video conference with provincial governors of eastern provinces to investigate problems in these provinces and find solution to them. Wolesi Jirga member from Nangarhar Haji Hazrat Ali told the ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

Aftab Ahmad Sherpao Historic Opportunity for Kabul and Islamabad



ISLAMABAD - Stressing the need for improved relations between Kabul and Islamabad, Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao, an influential Pakistani politician, has urged both the countries not to miss the "historic opportunity" being created in the past few months. In an exclusive interview with ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Haji Ghulam Bilour Islamabad Compelled to Cooperate with Kabul



KABUL - Prominent Pakistan's Awami National Party (ANP) leader Haji Ghulam Bilour says he is optimistic about Afghanistan's reconciliation process and that Islamabad has been left with no option but to cooperate with Kabul. Bilour, a former ANP vice-president and former federal railways minister, is in Kabul as part of a delegation to attend a seminar. "Now the time has come for the peoples of Afghanistan ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

UNAMA Welcomes NUG Commitment to Eliminate Detainees' Torture

KABUL - Reporting a 14 percent decrease in ill-treatment and torture of detainees compared to its previous observation period, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) welcomed the Afghan government's commitment to improve interro-

gation mechanisms in the country's detention facilities. In its third report covering 2013-14 released on Wednesday, UNAMA stated that despite a decrease in the events, conflict-related detainees were still being tortured and treated badly in the government detention ...*(More on P4)...*(12)



All Except Salang Highway Open to Traffic: Mangal

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Works said all roads, except the Salang Highway, were open to vehicular traffic across the country and urged drivers to avoid travelling on snow-bound roads. Acting Public Works Minister Noor Gul Mangal told reporters in Kabul the Salang ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

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