

Quote of the Day

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

Mahatma Gandhi

ICOIC

Constitutional Terms Challenged at Least 20 Times

KABUL - The Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of the Constitution (ICOIC) Wednesday said that a number of government institutions have challenged the implementation of constitutional terms at least twenty times over the past ten years. "Either there has been a low capacity, ability or talent. In these cases, many Articles of the Constitution were challenged," said Mohammad Qasim Hashemzai, head of the commission. Deputy Minister of ... (More on P4)...(1)



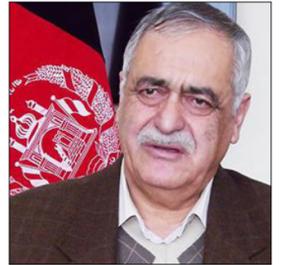
IT Minister Defy Corruption Allegations

KABUL - Minister of Communications and Information Technology Abdul Razaq Wahidi rejected corruption allegations against him, saying he has nothing to hide and will prove his innocence. This comes a day after he was suspended for alleged interference in a corruption probe. He was suspending for the duration of the probe. Wahidi said he was prepared to respond to the allegations, but stressed he has worked transparently. A source close to the presidential palace on Monday said President Ashraf Ghani recently appointed a panel to assess the collection process of the ... (More on P4)...(2)

HOOAC

15 Governors Have Not Registered their Assets

KABUL - The High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption (HOOAC) Wednesday said that at least 15 governors have so far not registered their assets, suggesting the suspension of their rights and privileges should they fail to comply. HOOAC chief Sayed Ghulam Hussain Fakhri Wednesday said that forms had been sent to these governors a year ago, but these 15 governors have so far ignored the request. Meanwhile, The Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) has said these governors have deliberately violated the law by not registering their personal assets. ... (More on P4)...(3)



"We raised the issue with the responsible institutions and hope the problem is resolved very soon," said IDLG spokesman Muneera Yousufzada. The governors who have not registered assets so far reportedly include Paktika governor Ilyas Wahdat, Zabol governor ... (More on P4)...(3)

US Supports Moscow Meeting on Afghanistan

KABUL - The United States has reiterated support for national unity government leaders, stressing the need for an Afghan-led reconciliation process. State Department spokesman John Kirby, addressing a media briefing in Washington on Tuesday, suggested Washington had no objection to a recent trilateral meeting in Moscow on Afghanistan. Last week, Russia, China and Pakistan met on ways of coordinating their efforts for peace in the conflict-torn country. "I'll say what we welcome is any international effort to help Afghanistan become secure and more prosperous." He said the US continued to support an Afghan-led reconciliation process, believing that was the right way to go forward. Washington's support to President



Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah remained steadfast, he said. "Afghanistan as a nation-state has every right and every responsibility, quite frankly, for the betterment of their own people to have, whether it's multilateral or bilateral, discussions with neighbouring nations," Kirby remarked. But the Afghan government, not invited to the discussion, protested ... (More on P4)...(5)

Afghan Forces Battle Insurgents on Multiple Fronts: MoD

KABUL - Ministry of Defense (MoD) Wednesday said that the Afghan National Security Forces continue to battle insurgents on multiple fronts across the country. The security forces have planned 21 military operations to hit insurgents in their strongholds, a defense ministry spokesman Mohammad Radmanish told reporters in Kabul. Paghman, Qarabagh and Surobi districts of Kabul province are among volatile areas in the country where security forces are engaging insurgents. Battles between security forces and Taliban also continued in some ... (More on P4)...(4)

Turkey Extends its NATO Mission in Afghanistan

KABUL - Turkish parliament on Tuesday approved a motion to extend Turkish Armed Forces troops in Afghanistan as part of NATO's support mission, APA reports quoting AA. Parliament empowered the government to continue Turkish troops presence in Afghanistan for two more years under the NATO mission starting on January 6. A legislation put into effect on January 1, 2015 allowed the Turkish government to send troops to Afghanistan to support the NATO-led mission Resolute Support. As the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force ended its 13-year combat mission in Afghanistan at the end of 2014, the mission has evolved into training and advising of the nascent Afghan security forces. Around 12,000 foreign troops from 28 NATO allies and 14 other partner nations agreed to support the ... (More on P4)...(7)

Wolesi Jirga Summons Defence Minister for Next Week



KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Wednesday decided to summon the defense minister next week, with some lawmakers slamming the move as double standards by the lower house. Second Deputy Speaker Niamatullah Ghafari, chairing Tuesday's session, said the decision to summon Lt. Gen. Abdullah Habibi had been taken by leaders of lower house commissions. However, he said he could not explain the reason for summoning the minister because the com-

plaint form was with the Wolesi Jirga speaker, who was absent today. Under Article 92 of the constitution, the lower house, on the proposal of 20 percent of members, will inquire a minister about certain issues. If the explanations given are not satisfactory, the house shall consider the issue of a no-confidence vote. The no-confidence vote against a minister shall be explicit, direct, as well as based on convincing reasons. ... (More on P4)...(6)



NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL

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B6 AMOURED TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

REFERENCE: NRCSO17001

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