

## Quote of the Day

The shock of unemployment becomes a pathology in its own right.

Robert Farrar

# NUG Leaders Urge Full Enactment of Afghan Constitution

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah Thursday called on all Afghans to comply with the provisions of the nation's constitution.

The two officials had been speaking at a ceremony in Kabul to mark the 13th anniversary of the ratification of the Afghan constitution.

"It is important that institutions in Afghanistan including the judicial and executive institutions and all other civilian institutions should not be subjected to politics and deals. Every Afghan citizen must be provided the right to have a share in the institutions on the basis of merit and transparent standards, but not through special doors. The nation is united, therefore institutions should be professional and



nation-oriented" said Ghani. Ghani also discussed the ongoing crisis currently facing Afghans and pledged to

resolve issues in accordance with the laws of Afghanistan. According to Ghani, his administration inherited major

problems from the previous government, but vowed to resolve them with the help of the people.

"We had victories and setbacks, what we inherited was a longstanding crisis, but also conflict generating situations, we are committed to tackle the crisis but by complying with the law," said Ghani.

In addition, Abdullah spoke on the implementation of the political agreement signed between the two officials during the establishment of the National Unity Government (NUG) He said according to the NUG's political accord, some amendments need to be considered in the constitution.

Also addressing guests, parliament speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahimi said that certain people had accrued wealth and power by violating the laws.

"Unfortunately the culture of ... (More on P4)...(1)

## Ghani Calls for Viable Economic Development Plans

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has called for evolving an effective plan for the country's economic development and connecting Heart with Sher Khan Port in Kunduz province.

Ghani made the remarks during a meeting with tribal elders and influential figures of northeastern Kunduz province on Wednesday evening, a statement from his office said

on Thursday.

The elders from Kunduz shared their problems including security, education, agriculture, healthcare and nomads' issues with the president, the statement added.

The elders suggested reforms in the Kunduz government and provision of essential facilities for private sector investors. Ghani sought cooperation ... (More on P4)...(2)

## Afghan Forces Vow No Break in Fighting During Winter

WASHINGTON - Instead of a slowdown in fighting during Afghanistan's harsh winter, government security forces say they will press their operations against the Taliban and Islamic State group despite heavy snow and bitter cold.

"Taliban and other terrorist groups will not be allowed to claim territory over the next few months," Mohammad

Radmanesh, a deputy spokesperson for the Afghan defense ministry, told reporters in Kabul this week.

Winter in mountainous Afghanistan, with extremely cold temperatures and deep snow, generally makes military offensives difficult and a reduced level of fighting during the winter is customary. In past ... (More on P4)...(3)

## Clerics Terrorists, Insurgents Misinterpreting Islam



KABUL - "No one feels safe in our beloved country, the country is bathed in blood and we need peace now," said religious scholar Samiullah Raihan.

While the scale of violence in Afghanistan continues to reach new heights, Afghan clerics, political activists and parliamentarians said at a seminar on Thursday that insurgents do not have a

complete understanding of religion and they are tarnishing the image of Islam and Muslims.

"No one feels safe in our beloved country, the country is bathed in blood and we need peace now," said religious scholar Samiullah Raihan.

They said that Islam teaches the culture of patience, peace and tolerance, ... (More on P4)...(4)

## Stop Meddling in Afghanistan, Pakistan Govt Asked

KABUL - State-sponsored terrorism allegations are increasingly leveled against Pakistan by the global community and neighbours, the Pakhtun nationalist Awami National Party (ANP said on Thursday.

In a statement issued by the party, ANP Spokesman Zahid Khan lambasted some Pakistani leaders for pitting Muslims against one another under the pretext of jihad and to please the US.

"Dictators dragged Pakistan into the ... (More on P4)...(5)

## Daesh Trains Missing Indian Youth in Nangarhar Terror Camps: NIA

KABUL - The Indian National Investigation Agency (NIA) has claimed 22 missing Indian nationals might have joined the Islamic State (IS) group in Afghanistan, a media report said on Thursday.

The 22 youth from Indian southern province of Kerala, who disappeared a few months ago, may have been in Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar province and joined the IS militants organisation, according to India Today.

The investigation agency said the missing Indian reached Nangarhar via Dubai or Abu Dhabi.

Around 1,000 to 3,000 recruits being brought from different countries have been provided training by the IS in the terror camp situated on the outskirts of Jalalabad, the provincial capital, the agency said.

Earlier the NIA said more than 30 ... (More on P4)...(6)

## US Troops Smart, Strong in Battling Terror: Obama

WASHINGTON - The United States has now stationed a limited number of troops in Afghanistan because it must never again allow the country to be used as a terrorist safe haven, President Barack Obama said.

"Today, our forces serve there on a more limited mission -- because we must never again allow Afghanistan to be used for a safe haven in attacks against our nation," Obama said in his farewell address to the US armed services.

"Because of you, we surged in Afghanistan, trained Afghan forces to defend their country, while bringing home most of our troops," he said, praising the American service members for their contribution in Afghanistan.

"It's because of you -- particularly our remarkable Special Forces



-- that the core Al-Qaeda leadership that attacked us on 9/11 has been decimated. Countless terrorist leaders, including Osama bin Laden, are gone. From South Asia to Africa, we have forged partnerships to go after terrorists that threaten us," he said. "Because of you, we are leading a global coalition against ISIL. These terrorists have lost about half of their territory. They are ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Unity Govt. Manages to Move Forward, Kept Hope Alive: Kerry

WASHINGTON - US Secretary of State John Kerry has said the Afghan Unity Government kept hope alive in Afghanistan, despite facing difficulties and challenges.

"We played a pivotal role in forging a national unity government in Afghanistan that, while still facing challenges, has kept alive the chance for future progress," Kerry told reporters during his final press conference as Secretary of State on Thursday.

Kerry had played an instrumental role in the formation of the unity government led by President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Dr Abdullah Abdullah.



"We all know how difficult that could have been when an election had serious problems, and the country was poised to perhaps see the government fall apart and maybe even enter into civil war," he noted.

"And yet we helped to broker and pull together the parties into a unity government that still today is managing to move ... (More on P4)...(8)

## 250 Female Police Cadets Complete Training in Turkey



KABUL - As many as 250 female police cadets from Afghanistan completed a four-month training programme at a school in the Sivas province of Turkey on Thursday, a news report said.

On Sept. 2, the female police cadets joined Sivas Police Vocational School for training, including courses on law, handling and firing weapons, directing traffic, crime scene investigation and combating terrorism.

Daily Saba reported the women had been receiving training in

Turkey under a cooperation agreement signed between the two countries in 2011. Turkey has already trained about 3,000 Afghan cadets, over 1,000 of them women.

Afghan Deputy Interior Minister Taj Mohammad Jahed, speaking at the graduation ceremony, commended contribution from Turkey to Afghanistan's development efforts. "In the last 15 years, Turkey assumed an important role to help Afghanistan stand on its feet." (Pajhwok)

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