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Meshrano Jirga Demands Probe into Baghlan Massacre

KABUL - The Meshrano Jirga or Senate Sunday criticized sending 300 American soldiers to southern Helmand province and demanded investigation into civilian deaths in northern Baghlan province.

The upper house also condemned the killing of deminers in Baghlan and asked the government to arrest the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

On Friday, gunmen pulled 13 Hazara tribesmen from vehicles en-route to central Daikundi province in Talawa-Barfak district of Baghlan and killed them.

Another five Shiite were injured in the attack, for which no group has asserted responsibility for so far.

Senate chairman Fzal Hadi



Mulsimyar told Sunday's general session the attack on Hazara people was aimed at dividing Afghans on sectarian lines.

"We strongly condemn the

Baghlan incident, we share our grief with the victims' families. We want local and central authorities to arrest the murderers and bring them to justice."

He also tasked the house internal security and defence affairs committee to follow government's investigation into the incident.

Other legislators also de-

manded urgent probe into the Baghlan incident, which they called as barbaric. Abdullah Qarlaq, Meshrano Jirga secretary, believed Daesh was involved in the attack.

US troops deployment to Helmand Reports suggest that 300 US military personnel will be deployed to Helmand province in spring to help train Afghan security forces.

Senator Rahmatullah Asakzai from southern Kandahar province, the move would not resolve Helmand's problems but would increase them.

He criticized the US and NATO: "War and military development could not bring peace. Every neighboring country that finances and supports terrorists should be put under ... (More on P4)...(9)

CEO Urged to Prevent Kunar Forest Cutting



KABUL - Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah Sunday said no one would be allowed to exploit forests for timber in eastern Kunar province.

His remarks follow reports that claimed forests were being cut for timber allegedly by families who recently returned from Pakistan.

The return of families, who fled the civil war decades ago, has somehow created problems for local residents, a group of young civil society activists eastern provinces said during a meeting with

Abdullah, a statement from the CEO's office said.

The activists shared problems in eastern provinces with Abdullah and demanded their solution.

They urged the CEO to stop forest cutting in Kunar and prevent timber smuggling as well as take action against land mafia and reclaim land they had usurped.

They criticized the lack of master plan for Nangarhar province and called for permanent solution to the electricity problem in the province ... (More on P4)...(10)

77 Insurgents Killed, Wounded in Operations in 16 Provinces



KABUL - The Afghan National Defense and Security forces launched 23 counter-terrorism joint operations in the past 24 hours to clear some of the areas of insurgents, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement Sunday.

The operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Kapisa, Laghman, Parwan, Logar, Ghazni, Kandahar,

Uruzgan, Helmand, Nimroz, Herat, Sar-e-Pul, Faryab, Badakhshan, Baghlan and Kunduz provinces. As a result 45 armed militants were killed and 32 others were wounded.

Also, during these operations, Afghan National Police discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds of ammunition. (Pajhwok)

Nangarhar Activists Protest over Illegal Logging in Eastern Areas



JALALABAD - A number of Nangarhar civil society activists gathered in Jalalabad city in protest over illegal logging in the eastern zone of the country where they called on the National Unity Government (NUG) to take action against the practice.

The activists accuse local officials and syndicates of being

involved in the illegal logging and smuggling of wood.

"Not only is the Kunar provincial governor and other local officials involved in illegal logging but Kunar's people representatives (MPs) are also involved," said Idres civil society activist.

"Logging of forests is like killing of ... (More on P4)...(13)

US Withdrawal, the Only Hope for Peace in Afghanistan: Scholar



KABUL - The best case scenario for peace in Afghanistan is US withdrawal of forces from the country and multilateral negotiations between main stakeholders to establish a national unity government, according to Professor Dennis Etlar, an American political

analyst who has a decades-long interest in international affairs. Etlar, a professor of Anthropology at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California, made the remarks in an interview with Press TV on Saturday while commenting on a US ... (More on P4)...(14)

Top Leaders of Haqqani Network Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Two senior commanders of the Haqqani terrorist network were killed on Sunday during an operation of the Afghan National Police (ANP) Special Forces.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) in a statement said the two top Haqqani leaders were killed in eastern Nangarhar province.

The statement further added that the operation was conducted in Nasafi village of Lalpur district.

The two senior Haqqani commanders have been identified ... (More on P4)...(11)

Gunmen Open Fire on Cricketer Shapoor Zadran in Kabul

KABUL - Unknown gunmen have opened fire on Afghan cricketer Shapoor Zadran in capital Kabul.

According to reports, the incident took place late on Saturday night in the vicinity of Bagrami area of Kabul.

Reports indicate Zadran has managed to escape the attack unhurt after receiving several bullets in his vehicle. Zadran was reportedly going towards his house together with his brother when they came under attack by unknown gunmen who ... (More on P4)...(12)

24 Nurses, as Many Midwives Graduate in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Twenty-four nurses and as many midwives Sunday given away certificates on completing a two-year training course in eastern Nangarhar province.

Public health director Dr. Najibullah Kamawal said the graduating students had passed entry test to qualify for the two-year programme.

He said the nurses and midwives would discharge duty in remote districts to help decrease child-mother mortality rate. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Gulab Mangal ... (More on P4)...(15)

Kabul One of Asia's Most Polluted Capitals

KABUL - According to NEPA, unpaved roads and the use of low quality fuel are two of the key reasons for the pollution.

Afghanistan's National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) on Sunday warned that the current level of environmental pollution in the capital Kabul is a concern and that this would have serious repercussions on people's health.



According to NEPA, unpaved roads and the use of low quality fuel are two of the key reasons for the pol-

lution. Currently Kabul is ranked as the 7th most polluted capital in Asia. (Tolonews)

Ulema Calls on People to Stand against Daesh

KABUL - A number of clerics from north provinces on Sunday said at a gathering in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of Baghlan province that Afghans must stand united against Daesh.

According to the clerics,

Daesh belongs to Takfiri (non-believer) groups and want to reach their goals by creating discord among the Afghan people.

The Ulema also criticized the inability of security forces to eliminate Daesh in the

country and urged people to stand against the terrorist group.

The religious scholars said Daesh activities are against Islam values and urged security forces to eliminate the group. (Tolonews)

Police Official Gunned Down by Friend in Faryab

MIMANA - A policeman has been shot dead by his friend in northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Sunday.

Provincial police spokesman Abdul Karim Yourash told Pajhwok Afghan News 2nd Lt. Mohammad Tahir was killed by his friend named Ajmal on Saturday night. He said the motive behind the shooting was still unknown and the killer fled the area. An investigation into the incident is currently under way.

A security official, who wished to go unnamed, said Ajmal and Mohammad Tahir had a long friendship. Ajmal was a rickshaw driver in Maimana, the provincial capital. One of the slain policeman's relative said the incident took place while Tahir was guest at his friend's house. (Pajhwok)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The National Procurement Authority (NPA) acting on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, (herein after referred as purchaser) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Procurement of Sound System & Video Conference Equipment for Khyber Hall - MoF** against IFB No. **NPA/MoF/96/ICB/G-1497(REBID)** Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law.

A complete set of **Bidding Document in English** may be obtained by interested bidders by downloading the same from NPA website www.npa.gov.af. In case of any problem in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact to National Procurement Authority (NPA), 5th Floor, Administrative Office of President, Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul Afghanistan.

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before **10:00 Hrs. (local time) on 11th Feb 2017**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend in person.

Pre bid meeting will be held at or before: **9:00 am on 30th Jan 2017**-Ministry of Finance- Pashtonistan Watt Kabul Afghanistan

All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of the amount shall be; **12,000 USD** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

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