

Jalalabad	Clear	Ghazni	Clear	Kandahar	Clear	Mazar	Clear	Herat	Clear	Bamayan	Clear	Kabul	Clear
	17°C 2°C		9°C -5°C		15°C -3°C		12°C 2°C		13°C -1°C		-4°C -13°C		12°C -4°C

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Police Claim Thwarting Terror Plot in Zabul

QALAT - Security officials in southern Zabul on Tuesday claimed foiling a major terrorist plot in Shah Joi district. Deputy police chief, Col. Ghulam Jilani Farahi, told Pajhwok Afghan News an explosives-laden rickshaw was seized in the afternoon in the district bazaar. He said the rebels wanted to detonate the explosives in the main bazaar, where hundreds of civilian could have been killed or wounded. Separately, police captured an insurgent in wounded condition in the Manda locality of Shahr-i-Safa district during a clearing operation. Elsewhere, two policemen were ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

Taliban Being Used as a Tool in Helmand Fighting: Official

LASHKARGAH - Deputy Governor of southern Helmand province Mohammad Jan Rasoul Yar on Tuesday said Taliban were being used as a tool in the ongoing conflict in the province. The purpose behind the current battle was economic gains as foreign intelligence agencies did not want the development of the province, Yar said while addressing 215th Maiwand Corps members. The deputy governor noted Afghan security forces were capable of deterring all kinds of threats without support from foreign troops. He said international mafia groups and foreign spy agencies supported terrorism and



cultivation of poppies in Helmand. He called upon Taliban to renounce violence backed by foreigners and join the peace process in the supreme interest

of Afghanistan. He remarked no problem could be resolved through the use of force. Maj. Gen. Abdullah, an official of the Defence Ministry, said ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Traders Turn Optimistic after Cabinet Nominees Announced

KABUL - A number of Afghan traders and businessmen have expressed optimism about the economic situation after the government announced the list of much-awaited cabinet nominees, a delay which, according to citizens, had doubled the unemployment rate.

Talking of a dramatic increase in trade transactions, the Kabul-based Afghan businessmen said on Tuesday that large trade dealings resumed immediately after the minister-designates announced by the National Unity Government (NUG)....*(More on P4)...*(13)

Karzai Hopeful Peshawar Attack will Force Pakistan to Combat Terror Seriously



KABUL - The former Afghan President Hamid Karzai has said he is hopeful that Islamabad would be forced to be more serious about

combating terrorism following a deadly attack by Taliban militants on a school in Peshawar city. In an interview with the ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Islamabad Oks Funds for Torkham-Jalalabad Carriageway

KABUL - The Pakistan government has approved the construction of an additional carriageway (ACW) from the Torkham border town to Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province. A media report said on Tuesday the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) accorded approval to the re-rationalised cost of Rs7343.540 million of the 73.67-km

carriageways. Funds for this project will be provided from the \$500 million pledged by the Pakistan government for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan. Pakistan started construction work on the second lane six years ago, but failed to complete the project. Most small and big bridges have been damaged. Patients, commuters and drivers have been de-



manding an end to the delaying tactics. Muhammad Hussain, a Jalalabad resident, says the road is often blocked by ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

AAF Special Brigade "777" Leads Night Raids Successfully

KABUL - As the air support is now upon the shoulders of Afghan troops after the end of NATO combat mission in Afghanistan, the 777th special brigade of Afghan Air Force (AAF) emphasizes that it is successfully conducting the night raids and that without any causality to the forces so far.

Gen. Abdul Fahim Ramin, the commander of 777, said the operations were being conducted jointly with the Police, Commando and NDS Special Forces. "We have had no casualty so far," Gen. Ramin said. "Because initially we formulate ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

UN Mission in Afghanistan Hails Nomination of New Unity Cabinet

UNITED NATIONS - The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) on Monday welcomed the nomination of ministers and senior officials as "an important milestone in

implementing the agreement for a National Unity Government," Farhan Haq, the deputy UN spokesman, told reporters here. The ...*(More on P4)...*(15)



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