

Beijing Ready to Mediate between Afghan Govt., Taliban: Diplomat



BEIJING - China supports a meeting between members of Afghanistan's and Pakistan's governments and representatives of the Islamist Taliban movement, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said on Tuesday. "China is Afghanistan's friendly neighbour and we are closely monitoring developments in that country," Hong said when asked whether it was possible to revive the long-stalled dialogue between the Afghan government and the Taliban with Beijing serving as a mediator. The diplomat expressed hope that Afghanistan will be able to return to peaceful development as soon as possible. ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

Left in the Lurch, Ex-Jihadi Leaders to form Coalition

KABUL - Some former mujahideen commanders, feeling marginalised after the new Council of Ministers was unveiled, plan to form a new coalition, sources told Pajhwok Afghan News on Tuesday. Twenty-five ministers-designate and heads of two independent departments were named on Monday - 106 days after the unity government was sworn in. Based on a presidential decree, the nominees will seek a vote of confidence from MPs. A source close to one of the former mujahideen commanders said they were unhappy with the new cabinet, which was not formed based on merit, professionalism or patriotism. The source confided to Pajhwok Afghan News the president and ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

Trust Vote Process to Begin Next Week: Osmani

KABUL - The list of ministers-designate, their brief biographies and educational documents reached the Wolesi Jirga Secretariat on Tuesday, an official said. Siddique Osmani, the Wolesi Jirga deputy secretary, told reporters the next step would be setting in motion the vote of confidence process. The process is expected start next week. As part of the relevant procedure, biographies and documents of the cabinet nominees will be shared with different commissions of the lower house. Osmani claimed majority of the cabinet members were inexperienced and lacked professionalism. He blasted the president and CEO for



breaking their promises regarding nomination of qualified individuals. He vowed the lower house would not give vote of confidence to inexperienced and non-professional cabinet candidates. In addition, the Wolesi Jirga will reject the nominees with dual nationality. Article 72 of the constitution says that an individual with two nationalities could not become a minister. Qazi Ahmad Hanafi, a lawmaker from western Herat province, said inexperienced cabinet nominees would not get vote of confidence. Meanwhile, Dr. Sardar Mohammad Rahimi, minister-designate of commerce and industries, and Dr. Daud Shah Saba visited the Wolesi Jirga for campaigning. (Pajhwok)

Inexperienced Ministers-Designate; Senate Assails Govt.

KABUL - Some members of the Meshrano Jirga -- or upper house of the parliament -- on Tuesday said the president and CEO had nominated inexperienced and non-professional people with dual nationality as ministers. More than 105 days after its inauguration, the unity government on Monday finally announced a long-awaited list of 27 ministers-designate, National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Afghanistan Bank heads. Among the ministers-des-



ignate, the youngest is 37 years old and the eldest 70 years old. Ages of three nominees are less than 40 years. Nisar Ahmad Haris, a lawmaker from Kabul, said the unity government had been unable to introduce qualified and committed individual as cabinet members in more than three

months. He added some ministers had two or more nationalities while others did not have enough experience. The choice for hajj and religious affairs had been the host of a television talk show, he remarked. Sher Mohammad Akhundzada, a public representative from southern Helmand province, said the authorities had set little store by experience and qualifications while nominating the cabinet. He asked the Wolesi Jirga to ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

UAE Promises Funds for Rehabilitation of Kabul Dams

KABUL - The Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) has promised assist the Afghan government in building hydroelectric dams and revival of forests around Kabul, the Presidential Palace said on Tuesday. On the second day of visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani inked this agreement with officials of ADFD, a state-run development bank. Ghani left Kabul for a two-day official visit to the UAE on Monday immediately after naming his long-awaited Council of Ministers. A ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

Kerry, Aziz Agree on Need for Stability in Afghanistan

KABUL - The United States and Pakistan on Tuesday agreed that peace and stability in Afghanistan was a prerequisite for stability in the region. Pakistan Foreign Affairs Advisor Sartaj Aziz and US Secretary of State John Kerry underlined Afghanistan's stability



at a joint press conference in Islamabad. DawnNews quoted Kerry as hailing Pakistan's resolute steps to counter the menace of terrorism through the National Action Plan and related measures. The visiting secretary said the reality had never been ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

Women to Constitute 9pc of MoI Staff in 2 Years

JALALABAD - Nine percent of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) employees would be female within the next two years, an official said on Tuesday. Addressing a gender seminar at the Nangarhar border police headquarters, Col. Abdul Hameed said the ministry planned to have 6,000 policewomen by the end of 2016. Based on the plan, by 2017, nine percent of MoI staff would be female, he added. Policemen are not allowed to check ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

Paktika, Ghazni Refuges Suspected of Having Kinks to IS



GHAZNI CITY - Some of the 1,050 families that recently migrated from Pakistan and other countries to southern Ghazni and Paktika provinces belong have links with the Islamic State (IS), Afghan officials claimed for the first time. During a joint press conference, governors of Ghazni and Paktika provinces confirmed on Monday the families including their women and children were seen carrying black flags and striking fear into residents' hearts. Ghazni Governor Musa Khan Akbarzada said 200 foreigners were residing in Nawa and Gilan districts. The refugees, carrying black flags, chanted slogans against the Afghan forces, the official added. "Some of them have ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

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Business Center in Delhi Helps Find Trading Partners for Afghan Traders

KABUL - A Business Center established in New Delhi, capital city of India, works to connect Afghan traders with traders in India. The purpose of the Center is to help find market for Afghanistan products. Founded in 2013, the Center has Afghan staff to communicate with Afghanistan-based traders in Pash-tu or Dari. A subsidiary of the Pace Group, the Center was established with support of Horticulture and Agriculture Program and Export Promotion Agency of Afghanistan (EPPA). The Center also sends experts to train and educate farmers in Afghanistan and help them produce quality products. India has imported 452mn tons of fresh and dried fruits from Afghanistan in 2014. Indian Ambassador Amar Sinha recently said the value of trade between Afghanistan ...*(More on P4)...*(8)