

Quote of the Day

Poverty is the mother of crime.

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Afghans Have Little Faith in NUG's Economic, Security Policies

KABUL - A new survey carried out by the Center for Strategic and Regional Studies (CSRS) has found that the majority of people in Afghanistan are skeptical about government's policies on economy, security and corruption. The (CSRS) poll shows that distrust among Afghans continues over the government's anti-graft strategy and foreign policy track. The poll notes that almost 90 percent of Afghans have said that they believe government is facing serious challenges. On the basis of the poll, the majority of Afghans have become increasingly more skeptical about peace efforts.

The CSRS has covered a range of issues in Afghanistan over the past fifteen years with the main focus on the peace process, foreign policy, corruption, refugees, Internally Displaced



Persons (IDPs), economy, security and criminal cases. According to CSRC, the National Unity Government (NUG) under President Ashraf Ghani and his Chief Executive

Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah has failed to address these issues. "Governance has a lot of deficiencies and nothing was done to improve it," said CSRS

chairman Abdul Baqi Amin. The report states that almost 70 percent of Afghans have said government is not firmly committed to fighting corruption in the ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

Former MoPH Official Accused of Embezzlement

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on Tuesday announced it had uncovered a case of embezzlement involving hundreds of thousands of dollars in the ministry's Drug Demand Reduction department.

According to the ministry, former head of the department, Ahmad Fawad Osmani, transferred hundreds of thousands of dollars to his personal account over the past eight years. MoPH spokesman Kanishka Turkistani said in this time, Osmani awarded contracts to his own company. Turkistani said Osmani is also suspected of misusing his authorities and having ghost staff members in the department. "He had signed all the contracts illegally with a company which was owned by him. Therefore, all the expenses and money ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

US, Pakistan Back Afghan-Led Reconciliation Drive



PESHAWAR - Top American and Pakistani military commanders have reaffirmed their support for an Afghan-led peace and reconciliation process, Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa and US Central Command chief General Joseph Votel pledged support for Afghan peace efforts at a meeting in Rawalpindi. "Blame games are detrimental to enduring peace," said Bajwa while referring to anti-Pakistan rhetoric after recent terrorists attacks in Afghani-

stan. According to the Pakistani army's media wing, Gen. Bajwa said Pakistan had conducted operations against terrorists of all "hue and colour" and there were no safe havens in Pakistan that were used against Afghanistan. The army chief reiterated his commitment to fully cooperating with the US-led Resolute Support Mission in the neighbouring country. He also stressed the need for border security and intelligence-sharing mechanisms with ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

Afghan Troops Kick off Operation in Remote District

ASADABAD - The Afghan security forces on Tuesday launched a wide-scale operation in a remote district, the latest in a campaign against insurgency and its supply lines, according to a military statement.

"A joint military operation codenamed Tofan-62 was launched ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

EU Co-Hosts Forum to Combat Anti-Muslim Discrimination

KABUL - The European Union Delegation to the United Nations, together with the Permanent Missions of Canada, the United States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), is co-host a forum on combating anti-Muslim discrimination in New York.

EU Special Representative for Human Rights Stavros Lambrinidis is attending the

day-long event at the UN Headquarters. The rise of anti-Muslim discrimination and hatred will be discussed from the perspective of governmental, non-governmental and private sector representatives.

Recommendations for effective responses addressing this challenge in the future would be floated, a statement from the EU said. "We see a general

rise in anti-Muslim hatred and discrimination not only in Europe, but also in many other parts of the world," EU Special representative to Afghanistan said.

Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin said all forms of religious discrimination were unacceptable and the EU stayed dedicated to counter the trend. Europe is a multi-ethnic and ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

Refugees Poured \$7 Billion to Afghanistan by Returning Home in Past 1 Year

KABUL - The Afghan refugees have poured around \$7 billion in the country by repatriating from the host countries in the past one year, the officials said Tuesday.

Syed Hussain Alimi Balkhi, the Minister of Refugees and Repatriation, informed regarding the latest developments regarding the repatriation of the Afghan refugees by appearing in a gathering in Kabul today.

He said the year 2016 witnessed a massive return of the refugees, mainly from the neighboring countries. Minister Balkhi further added that the year 2016 was historical in past ...*(More on P4)...(6)*



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