

Jalalabad Chance of Rain 12°C 3°C	Ghazni Snow 2°C -4°C	Kandahar Chance of Rain 7°C 2°C	Mazar Cloudy 6°C 1°C	Herat Snow 3°C -4°C	Bamayan Cloudy °C -8°C	Kabul Ice Pellets 3°C -2°C
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Zarif Highlights Restoring Peace, Stability in Afghanistan

Zarif emphasized need for restoring peace, stability, and national unity in Afghanistan, expressing pleasure with establishment of the Afghan national unity government.

KABUL - Zarif who was speaking in joint press conference with the Executive Head of the National Unity Government of Afghanistan Abdullah Abdullah, appreciated the Afghan nation and government for their warm welcome for him and said that it was a nice day in Afghanistan as the members of the National Unity Government was introduced to the Parliament for vote of confidence. Zarif arrived in Afghanistan on Tuesday morning for meeting with high ranking officials of Iran's eastern neighbor. He said that the Afghan leaders are wise people and their positive move towards unity is welcomed to all the friends of their



nation. 'Iran has always favored the establishment of peace and security in Afghanistan, played a positive role in that direction, and considered the Afghan development and stability its own,' stressed the Iranian top diplomat. Before his meeting with Abdullah Abdullah, Zarif had met and conferred with the Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and delivered President Hassan Rouhani's invitation to the Afghan president to pay a visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran. During his day-long visit of Afghanistan, ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

5 Mayoral Candidates Shortlisted for Herat



HERAT - Five applicants have been shortlisted for the position of Herat mayor and the list would be presented soon to President Ashraf Ghani, the provincial council head said on Tuesday. Kamran Alizai told Pajhwok Afghan News 41 applicants had submitted applications to the provincial council for the post. "Last night the applicants ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Saikal Withdraws Nomination



KABUL - Nominee for the Ministry of Water and Energy Mahmoud Saikal tells TOLONews that he has withdrawn his nomination just hours before President Ashraf Ghani introduces his cabinet to the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of the Parliament) on Tuesday. Saikal made his decision Tuesday morning and expressed his conclusion with Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah. Saikal ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Parwan Population of Drug Addicts on the Rise

CHARIKAR - Easy access to drugs has been a main reason behind a rise in the number of addicts in central Parwan province, resident complained on Tuesday. Based on official figures, at least 10,000 individuals are addicted to narcotics in the province and the number is rising at an alarming rate. Some addicts at the Parwan Rehabilitation Centre alleged medical treatment had been futile for some of them because drugs were easily available everywhere. Abdul Wahid, 34, seeking rehabilitation at the centre, told Pajhwok Afghan News he had been using heroin for the last eight years. He was previously a ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Logar Attorneys Caught Red-Handed Taking Bribes

PUL-I-ALAM - Two district attorneys have been detained on charges of taking bribes in central Logar province on Tuesday, a reliable source said. The source confided to Pajhwok Afghan News on condition of anonymity that the attorneys were caught red-handed while receiving thousands of dollars in bribes. He said: "The two attorneys, tasked with investigating a criminal case, are currently under investigation." Gubernatorial spokesman Din Mohammad Darwesh confirmed the arrests, but stopped short of giving further details. Approached for comments, Logar Appellant ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Dozens of Street Children Rally for Rights in Kabul

KABUL - Tens of streets children in Kabul staged a protest on Tuesday, demanding the protection of their rights including education. In the morning, the children started their protest from Sara-i-Ghazni area to the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights (AIHR) office. Dozens of shoe-shiners, car cleaners, gum sellers and scavengers asked the government to provide them work opportunities.



A 12 years old protestor, Habibullah who cleans cars on streets, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "We are tired of walking on roads and want the government to help us." The boy said he was the only breadwinner for his family, urging the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Flood Victims Allege Authorities Embezzled Aid

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Baghlan province on Tuesday accused local officials of pocketing much of the aid meant for district of northern ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

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