

Afghans Rounded up in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

KABUL - More than 135 Afghan citizens have been detained during search operations in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a media report said on Tuesday. Peshawar police conducted search and strike operations in different parts of the city, arresting 253 suspects, The Express Tribune reported. As many as 522 houses and 249 hotels were searched. Seventy-eight Afghans were detained in Peshawar and 59 others in different districts for not having legal residency documents. Several Afghans were rounded up ... (More on P4)...(1)

Cabinet Officially Introduced to WJ

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani officially introduced the National Unity Government's cabinet members to the Wolesi Jirga (WJ) or Lower House of Parliament for a confidence vote on Tuesday. While speaking at Parliament, Ghani said that he did his best to elect a cabinet worthy of the MPs acceptance, but stressed that they "have the right to accept or reject any or all of the nominees," adding that the cabinet is accountable to the people and the Wolesi Jirga. The list of nominees presented by the president and chief executive has seen a few changes since the initial announcement... (More on P4)...(2)



Governors for Several Provinces Being Interviewed

KABUL - The process of interviewing governors for different provinces has been set in motion, a senior government official said on Tuesday. In the first phase, governors would be appointed for Kandahar, Helmand, Ghazni, Fara, Maidan Wardak, Zabol, Kunar and Nuristan provinces. Requesting not to be named, the official told Pajhwok Afghan News President Ashraf Ghani was interviewing a number of gubernatorial candidates. Asif Nang, Hayatullah Hayat, Eng. Malang, ... (More on P4)...(3)

Panel for Implementing UN Proposals on Rights Meets



KABUL - The Inter-Institutional Coordination Committee (IICC) on Monday held its maiden meeting in Kabul to discuss the implementation of UN's recommendations on human rights. Last year, the Council of Ministers approved the UN recommendations on human rights protection in Afghanistan and agreed to form a committee to properly implement the proposals. Syed Yusuf Halim, acting Justice Minister, said the committee had been formed to ensure that the UN recommendations... (More on P4)...(4)

Number of Mentally Ill UK Troops Soar Amid Iraq, Afghanistan Wars

The number of the British troops suffering from mental illnesses increased by almost a third amid wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, The Telegraph reports.



MOSCOW - The number of soldiers and officers suffering from mental disorders, including stress disorder and depression, grew from 3,927 in 2011 to 5,076 in 2013, The Telegraph reported Tuesday, citing Defense Ministry figures. The figure for 2014 is likely to rise again, according to statistics from the first half of the year, according to the newspaper. ... (More on P4)...(8)

Iranian FM, Karzai Discuss Bilateral Ties, Regional Developments



KABUL - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and former President Hamid Karzai in a meeting in Kabul on Tuesday discussed bilateral ties and regional developments. During the meeting in the Afghan capital today, Zarif and Karzai underlined the need for the further broadenings of mutual cooperation. The two sides also discussed the latest regional and international developments. The Iranian foreign minister is on a one-day visit to Afghanistan to submit President Hassan Rouhani's letter of invitation to his Afghan counterpart Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. Zarif met the ... (More on P4)...(9)

Pakistan Army Commander Visits Kabul

KABUL - A senior Pakistan Army commander is scheduled to visit Afghanistan today (Wednesday) for talks with his Afghan counterpart in southern Kandahar province. In a move toward greater cooperation between the neighbours, the Pakistan Army said the trip was aimed to enhance military to the military relationship. Lt. Gen. Nasir Khan Janjua, the Southern command chief, would meet the commander of southwestern Kandahar province, the Inter-Services Public Relations said. Over the weekend, Pakistan and Afghanistan opened a series of meetings to improve border coordination and deepening military-to-military ties, Peshawar Corps Commander Lt Gen Hidayatur Rehman travelled visited eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday. "Matters related to border security came under discussion. Ways and ... (More on P4)...(6)

Zarif Submits Rouhani's Invitation Letter to Ghani



KABUL - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in a meeting with President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani in Kabul on Tuesday submitted the Iranian president's official letter of invitation to him to visit Iran. During the meeting in the Afghan capital today, Zarif and Ghani explored avenues for bolstering and reinvigorating ... (More on P4)...(5)

Vote of Confidence Set for Sunday: Wolesi Jirga

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga would grant a vote of confidence to cabinet nominees and departmental heads on Sunday after listening to their future plans for three days, the deputy secretary announced on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, the unity government introduced 27 cabinet nominees, including three



women, to the lower house for a vote of confidence. The cabinet was introduced a little less than four months after the ... (More on P4)...(7)

Security Leaders Tout Stronger Stance against Insurgents



KABUL - Addressing a special gathering in Kabul on the eve of security transition's completion, security officials speaking at the Marshal Fahim Military Academy on Monday praised the government's strong stance against insurgents and reaffirmed commitment to thwarting the machinations of regional nations and their collaborators inside Afghanistan. New graduates at Marshal Fahim Military Academy, the primary audience of the ceremony, vowed to sacrifice themselves for the sake of protecting Afghanistan's territorial integrity and national sovereignty. "The whole nation ... (More on P4)...(10)

Fake Licence-Printing Centre Arrested

KABUL - Intelligence personnel have discovered a fake licence printing centre for weapons transfer and held its owner, the spy service said on Tuesday. Separately, police detained 14 people in connection with criminal activities, a statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said. One the detainees, Aimal, was identified as the main character in publication of bogus licences for weapons transfers in the name the Ministry of Interior. Aimal was held from a hideout in the fourth municipality district of Kabul while printing five fake licences. ... (More on P4)...(11)

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