



With People Support, 114 Districts Get Food Banks

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KABUL - The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) on Sunday said more than 4,000 food banks have been set up in 114 districts across the country with people's support. A statement from the ministry to Pajhwok Afghan News said these food banks distributed more than 1,400 metric tons of food to 12,705 families across the country during

the last two years. Prof. Mujib Rahman Karimi, rural rehabilitation and development minister, said his ministry conducted 12,727 campaign meetings with local people for strengthening cooperation and overcoming hunger and the process helped create 4,142 food banks. He said people voluntarily allocated 46 acres of land to

these food banks, knowing their importance, and all harvests from the land were shifted to the food banks. Karimi said the people had also donated around a million US dollar to the banks. Each food bank in nine provinces received a donation of \$1,000 which was intended to reduce poverty and assist aid programs for affected people, he said. (Pajhwok)

Kandahar Mayor Says 622m Afs Set Aside for Development



KANDAHAR - The acting mayor on Sunday announced setting aside 622 million afghanis in the new year's budget mostly for development activities in the capital of southern Kandahar province. Mohammad Nasim Razai told a press conference at the

governor's house that the municipality had planned 25 projects in Kandahar city in the new solar year, which begins March 21. He said the projects, which include roads, parks, public toilets and others, would cost most of the 622 million afghanis budget. He said roads in the fifth and seventh security districts of Kandahar City as well as the Mir Bazaar road and the bypass road would be constructed in the new year at a cost of 121 million afghanis, funded by the World Bank. The mayor said work on the road projects would be launched within two months, acknowledging that commuters and heavy vehicles faced hardships travelling on the bypass... (More on P4)... (7)



Girls' School Torched in Farah

FARAH CITY - Statistics by Farah education department show that at least 1,000 girls were enrolled in the school. Farah officials said unknown men set fire to a girls' school on Sunday night in the center of Farah province. Mohammad Sadiq Halimi, deputy head of the department of education in Farah said that nearly 1,000 girls were enrolled in the school. According to Halimi, so far the perpetrators have been not identified. "Unfortunately, the Shaid Banafsha girl's school which is located in the center of... (More on P4)... (8)

Seven Killed in Herat Traffic Accident



KABUL - At least seven people were killed in a traffic accident in western Herat province of Afghanistan, a local official said on Monday.

The provincial spokesman Jilani Farhad said the incident happened on Monday morning in Herat - Torghundi highway in Herat. According to the official, the incident took place when a vehicle collided with a truck. All seven passengers of the vehicle were killed in the incident, he added. Accidents are common in Afghanistan's highways where roads are often in a poor state. Most of the traffic accidents are basically because of the carelessness, high-speed driving, insufficiency of traffic signs, and bad condition of the roads. (ATN)

Afghan Who Stabbed Refugee Aid Worker to Death in Germany is Cleared after Court Hears it Was Self-Defence

BERLIN - An Afghan who stabbed a refugee aid worker to death in Germany has walked free from court after judges ruled he had acted in self-defence. The 18-year-old defendant, named as Seyed M., was accused of manslaughter after 20-year-old Jose M. died in a park in Ochtrup, north-west Germany, last May in a row about a girl. Prosecutors at the court in Münster had demanded a three-year jail sentence but judges ruled Seyed had been defending himself, Bild reported. The court heard Jose had put the Afghan in a headlock and punched him in the face, and that Seyed had initially tried to defend himself more 'mildly' with a glass bottle. The row was



said to have erupted last year after refugee worker Jose told Seyed to stop harassing a female friend. The prosecution claimed Seyed M had 'fallen in love' with a girl, but that she had rejected him. The two confronted each other in a park in the early hours of May 22, with Seyed allegedly bringing a 5.5-inch

bread knife. He was accused of hitting Jose on the head with a beer bottle and then stabbing him six times, piercing his heart and fatally wounding him. But the court heard Jose had first punched the Afghan in the face, and judges concluded Seyed had acted in self-defence. Judges said Jose had put the younger... (More on P4)... (5)

AWCC Launches 'Cheraghe Khana' Solar Powered Lighting Services

KABUL - Afghan Wireless Communication Company (AWCC) has launched "Cheraghe Khana" services will provide solar powered lighting solutions to Afghans who don't have access to grid based on electric power.

Cheraghe Khana - "The Gift of Light", is an affordable solar home system which easy to pay, easy to install and easy to use. The system is supported by AWCC Mobile Money services. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the system

on Sunday, Mohammad Gul Khulmi, the Acting Minister of Water and Energy said that he is delighted to participate at the inauguration event of AWCC-initiated solar powered lighting services under the title of Cheraghe Khana. The Cheraghe Khana project which is launched with d.light has the potential to make a significant contribution to Afghanistan's economy. Isa Qudrat, the Deputy Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development said that project should be extended to other potential production sections in the country. ... (More on P4)... (6)



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, (herein after referred as purchaser) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Procurement and Installation of Hardware for National Internet Exchange of Afghanistan (NIXA) 2**

Contract Package No: MCIT/98/ICB/G-19 Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law.

A complete set of Bidding Document in English may be obtained by interested bidders by downloading the same from the website www.mcit.gov.af and NPA website www.npa.gov.af. In case of problem in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact to, Mohammad Jon Khan Watt, Ministry of Communication and IT Procurement Department, 14th Floor,

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CC: Moh.seddiqi@gmail.com,

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before **10:00 Hrs. (local time) [February 22, 2019]** Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend in person.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security amount (Bank Guarantee) in USD or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency **{ \$ 7,000 Seven Thousand USD }**.