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Daily Outlook Weather Forecast

Abdul Jabbar Qahraman

Working on Intelligence Plans to Combat Militants

LASHKARGAH - President's special representative for Helmand security Abdul Jabbar Qahraman on Thursday said the ongoing insecurity in the southern province had intelligence dimension that needed to be tackled with intelligence plans. Qahraman, a lower house member from Helmand, has been appointed as President Ashraf Ghani's special envoy for security matters of Helmand through a presidential decree. Qahraman told a news conference here that militants had access to a small number of resources but they had advanced rapidly. He said the militants benefitted from intelligence



and coordination plans to fight militants because we can improve the security situation using intelligence

techniques within meager resources," he added. He said they would also remove the gap between the government and the people by engaging tribal elders and influential individuals. "I have shared all the problems of Helmand with the president and relevant organs, they have given me the right to resolve them," Qahraman added, saying they had no problem carrying out air and ground operations that would continue until the rebels were eliminated. He said some security personnel earlier forced ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Afghan Women Demand Role in Peace Process

KABUL - As efforts gather pace to renew peace talks with the Taliban, Afghan women still haunted by the insurgents' brutal rule say they are being left out of the process, and fear that an accommodation with the militants could lead to the loss of hard-won rights. Ending a 15-year war that has

claimed tens of thousands of lives is seen by many as a more urgent priority than preserving and expanding women's rights in a deeply conservative country. But rights advocates point to data showing that peace efforts are far more likely to succeed when women are ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Social Justice Movement Announcement of Election Schedule Illegal

KABUL - The Social Justice Movement (SJM) on Thursday termed the Independent Election Commission (IEC)'s date announcement for the parliamentary and district council elections as "illegal and unjustifiable."

The civil society group said the announcement had hurt people's trust over the unity government regarding reforms in the country's electoral system and holding new elections by fresh election commissioners ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

'West Should Provide Jobs to Curb Extremism in Afghanistan'

JAIPUR - Western military intervention in Afghanistan has left it "far poorer and deplorable" and the onus now lay with the west to create jobs in the country to stem the movement of youths towards extremist groups, according to British journalist Christina Lamb. "People of Afghanistan need jobs and security and the two things are closely linked. The country has a very young population, most of whom are under the age of 30 years, and these people have nothing to do. You go to any Afghan village it's full of people hanging around," Lamb said.



Earlier participating in a discussion on her new book titled "Farewell Kabul: From Afghanistan to a More Dangerous World," the author drew from her three-decades experience of ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

review its strategy based on discussions with all stakeholders and different communities. "We are supportive of face-to-face peace talks with the Taliban, but

Anwarul Haq Ahady

Peace Strategy Ineffective, Needs Thorough Review

KABUL - The Afghanistan's New National Front (ANFN) on Thursday called the peace process complicated, claiming the government's strategy for reconciliation had been ineffective. ANFN head Anwarul Haq Ahady said the government believed Pakistan held the key to peace in Afghanistan, or that Pakistan had failed to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table.

In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, the ex-minister asked the government to

a framework is needed to include independent individuals who support the government," he suggested. The peace process should not be ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

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Regional Infrastructure Development Fund - RIDF

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Prequalification

Design and Construction - Irrigation Project in Northern Afghanistan

Irrigation Project in Takhar

For the purpose of improving the agricultural production and securing the livelihood of the local population, a construction project in the irrigation sector is planned for execution in Bangi District, Takhar Province, Afghanistan:

- TKH-I-2014-01 - Rehabilitation of Gurg Canal Irrigation System in Bangi District

Main items of the project are design and construction of Gurg canal intake, spillway, stonemasonry wall, gabion wall and 3 wash passes. The intake will be constructed in Bangi River.

The project is co-financed by the German Development Bank KfW, in the scope of the German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan, and will be implemented through the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

Afghan contractors and international contractors with a base in Afghanistan with experience as General Contractors in the design and construction irrigation projects - preferably in Northern Afghanistan - are herewith invited to apply for prequalification for above project. International contractors are explicitly encouraged to form Joint Ventures with national/local contractors.

Tendering will be undertaken according to KfW-Development Bank's "Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and associated Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries" (May 2007, last updated in September 2013), which can be downloaded at <https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergabe-E.pdf>.

Interested contractors shall request the prequalification documents by e-mail from info@ridf-af.org clearly stating "Rehabilitation of Gurg Canal Irrigation System in Bangi District" in the subject line. The request for the prequalification documents must contain the full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone and e-mail.

Contractors fulfilling these requirements will be sent the prequalification documents via e-mail.

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The deadline for submittal of the completed prequalification documents is 21 February 2016.



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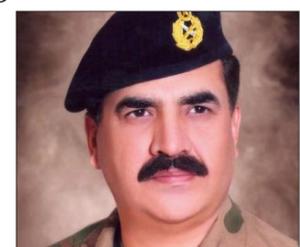
Bacha Khan Varsity Attack Kabul Rejects Islamabad Claim

KABUL - Afghanistan on Friday rejected Pakistani Army's claim that terrorist attack on Bacha Khan University was orchestrated from Afghan territory. Afghanistan has never supported terrorists or provided them with safe havens on its soil, a statement

from the Presidential Palace said. Earlier, Lt.Gen. Asim Bajwa, director-general of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), claimed that attack on Bacha Khan University in Charsada was planned in and handled from Afghanistan, saying that ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Gen. Raheel Sharif Pakistani Taliban Controlled University Attack from Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani army chief, Gen. Raheel Sharif, on Thursday told Afghan leaders and commander of the foreign forces that the attack on a university was controlled by a Pakistani Taliban leader from the Afghan side of the border. The attack on the university in the northwestern Charsadda district on Wednesday killed 21 students, teachers and security guards. A Taliban commander Omar Mansoor had claimed responsibility for the attack. The security forces had killed all the four attackers in a three-hour encounter. The military spokesman had ear-



lier stated that one of the attackers had received calls from an Afghan mobile number during the attack. Security officials insist the Pakistani Taliban have fled to Afghanistan as the result of the military operations and now ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Turkey Urged to Help Kandahar Fruits Reach Europe



KANDAHAR CITY - Traders in southern Kandahar province on Thursday urged the Turkish ambassador in Afghanistan to facilitate their dried and fresh fruits in reaching Europe markets through Turkey. The Turkish envoy, Ali Sait Akin, was invited to a gather-

ing organised by the Kandahar Chamber of Commerce in Kandahar City, the provincial capital. Besides members of the trader's body, dozens of dried and fresh fruits' traders also attended the gathering. Kandahar chamber of commerce ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Azerbaijani Peacekeepers Return Home from Afghanistan

BAKU - A group of 42 Azerbaijani soldiers serving on the NATO-led "Resolute Support" mission launched in Afghanistan in January 2015 have returned to Baku on a rotating basis, the Defense Ministry said on Thursday. 94 servicemen, 2 medical officers and 2 sappers of Azerbaijani armed forces are currently involved in a peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan. Azerbaijani armed forces started their peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan on November 20, 2002. (APA)

19 Killed in Military Operations in Afghanistan within Day: Official

KABUL - About 16 Taliban insurgents and three Afghan soldiers have been killed in fresh military operations in the countryside, said the country's Defense Ministry on Friday. Some 14 militants were also wounded and four others detained during the raids conducted by Afghan army, police and intelligence agency personnel within the last 24 hours, the ministry said in a statement. "Four insurgents' commanders were among the killed during operations conducted in Kunar, Logar, Uruzgan, Kunduz and Kandahar provinces of the country's 34 provinces," the statement added. The security forces also recovered and defused several roadside bombs and landmines, according to the statement. In a separate development, security forces found five trucks carrying humanitarian items earlier seized by Taliban militants in the country's eastern province of Paktia on Thursday. "The convoy, belonging to an international aid organization, was carrying food supplies to Pakistani refugees in Zurmat district, Paktia ...*(More on P4)...(18)*