

<b>Jalalabad</b> Chance of Rain 13°C 6°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Snow 1°C -3°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Chance of Rain 8°C 6°C	<b>Mazar</b> Chance of Rain 7°C 2°C	<b>Herat</b> Chance of Rain 7°C 1°C	<b>Bamayan</b> Snow 1°C -8°C	<b>Kabul</b> Snow 0°C -3°C
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# AAF Shelling in Uruzgan Leaves 14 Civilians Wounded

TARINKOT - Fourteen civilians, including women and children, have been wounded in Afghan Air Force (AAF) shelling in the Chori district of central Uruzgan province, a local representative claimed on Sunday.

Noor Mohammad Haqmal, deputy head of the provincial council, acknowledged civilians had been wounded in AAF bombing.

He said he visited the injured people at the hospital and asked security forces to make sure the safety of civilian population during operations.

Civil Hospital director Dr. Aminullah Tokhi said four injured people evacuated to the hospital from Chori district on Saturday. He said the injured were women and children who suffered wounds in air-



strike. After initial treatment they were delivered to Kandahar for proper treatment, he added. The incident he said occurred in Akhtar village of the district on Saturday.

District Police Chief Aka acknowledged 14 civilians have been wounded but declined to accept that civilian casualties resulted in AAF shelling. He told Pajhwok Afghan News

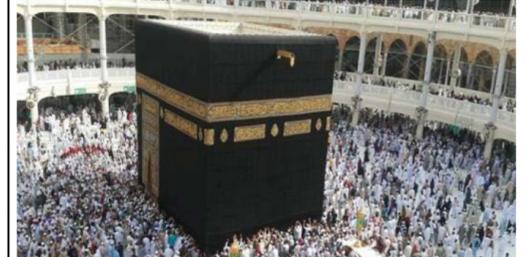
some homes situated in the line of fire and sometimes unintentionally a mortar or bullet landed on their homes. Abdal Malik, who evacuated his injured family members to hospital, said their house came under shelling as AAF was bombing the Taliban positions in the area at around 2:00pm. He said the Taliban hid themselves in the village and fired at security forces, adding the insurgents used civilians as shield during fire fight.

Gen. Ghulam Hazrat Kakar, an Afghan National Army (ANA) commander, rejected the claim and said they did not conduct airstrikes in Chori district.

Defence ministry spokesman Gen. Dawlat Waziri was unaware of the incident.

Taliban also have not commented about the security forces airstrikes in Uruzgan. (Pajhwok)

## 30,000 Afghans to Perform Next Year's Hajj



KABUL - Once again 30,000 Afghans would perform next year's hajj pilgrimage instead of 24,000 in Saudi Arabia, an official said Sunday.

In the past too, 30,000 Afghan pilgrims would perform the hajj, but their number was reduced to 24,000 due to new constructions at the Haram Sharif, Islam's holiest site in Makkah.

Dayeul Haq Abid, financial manager at the Ministry of Hajj and Islamic Affairs (MOHIA), told Pajhwok Afghan News the constructions in the Haram Sharif had been completed and the capacity for pilgrims increased.

He said Saudi Arabia had promised Afghanistan issuing visas to 30,000 Afghan pilgrims next year. Abid said an Afghan delegation would travel to Saudi Arabia next month to demand the increase in visas to Afghans.

Abid hoped Saudi Arabia would agree to their demand. The registration process for ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Salt Mine Tender Delay Costs Millions

KABUL - TOLONews findings reveal that a national revenue loss of at least \$400,000 has transpired due to a prolonged bidding process for Ghorian Salt Mine extraction in Herat province.

The documents obtained by TOLONews show that the bidding process for a company to run the mine has been ongoing since last year.

Among the applicants, one claimed they have been noted as suitable for the contract but the contract has not been awarded to them due to 'bureaucracy' in public office.

According to officials, a large number of salt factories have been forced to stop work since last year and more than



2,000 people have lost their jobs due to the delay in the salt mine contract.

"Mr. President [Ashraf Ghani] should tell us what should we do as the mine contract was put out for a bidding process twice last year and we still cannot take the contract. We have lost all our capital," said Nasir Ahmad, head of a company that applied for the tender.

Meanwhile, according to the contract, the company that wins the tender should extract at least 25,000 tons of salt from the mine annually. This amount would be worth an ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Germany Must Prepare for Turbulent Times under Trump

BERLIN - Germany must brace itself for turbulent times under U.S. President Donald Trump, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said on Sunday, adding that free trade and transatlantic cooperation to fight extremism and terrorism were key for Berlin.

Steinmeier, who in August said Trump was a "Hassprediger" or "hate preacher", wrote in the mass-circulation Bild newspaper that some members of the new U.S. administration understand the importance of allies like



Germany.

"I know, we must prepare ourselves for turbulent times, unpredictability and uncertainty," Steinmeier said. "But I am convinced that we will find in Washington attentive listeners, who know that even big countries need partners in this world."

Trump unsettled German leaders with remarks such as that Britain will not be the last ... (More on P4)...(9)

## NDS Personnel Capture 16 Taliban in Kandahar

KABUL CITY - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel have captured 16 Taliban militants, including three notorious commanders in southern Kandahar province, a statement from the Spy-Network said on Sunday.

The three groups of the Taliban headed by Maulvi Sayed Mohammad, Mullah Raz Mohammad and Mullah Mirza Mohammad had been arrested on the outskirts of Kandahar City, the provincial capital.

According to the statement the captured individuals ... (More on P4)...(10)

## 41 Militants Killed, 25 Injured in Afghanistan in Past 24 Hrs: MoD



KABUL - At least 41 militants were killed and 25 others injured after Afghan army, police and intelligence agency personnel launched wide-scale operations against insurgents' hideouts within the past 24 hours, said a statement of Ministry of Defense (MoD) Sunday.

"During the past 24 hours, Afghan National Defense and Security Forces conducted joint offensive operations in order to protect lives and properties of people, also defeating the insurgents in different parts of the country that as a result, 41 insurgents killed and 25 others wounded," the ministry said in a statement.

The joint forces also discovered and confiscated rounds of light and heavy ammunition ... (More on P4)...(11)

## How We can Recognize Malnutrition in Children and How to Defeat It?

By Dr Mitra Dehyar

A child will suffer from malnutrition when he/she does not receive enough, energetic food or maybe the food is not absorbed to the body or there is the loss of nutrients due to any disease.

Children under five years are more prone to malnutrition because they have rapid growth in this age and they need more energetic food. Also children under five due to low immunity system will become sick often. Malnutrition in turn can facilitate for other disease.

Beside that malnourished mothers will give low birth weight and these LBW babies are more prone to malnutrition. Malnutrition is not just a disease but a child with malnutrition is prone to infectious disease such as Diarrhea, Pneumonia, Anemia and other disease such as Liver diseases and Bacterial diseases. Children with malnutrition have low immunity system than adults for this reason they become ill more frequently.

Other complication of malnutrition is difficulty with learning lessons these kind of Children are secluded and depressed and have no interest to play with other Children. So what is the solution? How to feed ... (More on P4)...(13)

## Shahzad Breaks Virat Kohli Record with Four 50s in one Tournament



KABUL - The Afghan opening batsman and wicket Mohammad Shahzad has broken the record of India's Virat Kohli by scoring four 50s in one international tournament.

Shahzad also made history by scoring two 50s in two different international matches on the same day and became the first ever player in the world to have the record.

According to reports, Kohli was previously the record of scoring maximum three 50s in a single tournament. However, ... (More on P4)...(12)

اعلان برای تدارک امور غیر مشورتی  
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- د افغانستان برشنا شرکت قصد دارد تا از بودجه عواید خویش وجوه را برای پرداخت این قرارداد اختصاص بدهد.
- د افغانستان برشنا شرکت از تمام داوطلبان دارای اهلیت واجد شرایط دعوت بعمل می آورد تا آفرهای سربسته خویش را برای این داوطلبی به ریاست محترم تدارکات د افغانستان برشنا شرکت - مدیریت قرارداد ها ارائه نماید. معیاد تحویل و تکمیل امور غیر مشورتی بیست و چهار ماه بعد از صدور مکتوب آغاز کار میباشد.
- داوطلبی از طریق روش داوطلبی باز داخلی طبق قانون تدارکات عامه 1395 و تعدیلات مورخ 1395/4/26 و متحدالمالها، برای تمام داوطلبان واجد شرایط طوریکه در رهنمود ها تعریف شده اس باز خواهد بود.
- داوطلبان واجد شرایط علاقمند میتوانند معلومات بیشتر و شرطنامه را از آمريت تهیه و تدارکات مدیریت قرارداد ها دفتر مرکزی د افغانستان برشنا شرکت به آدرس داده شده در ذیل از شنبه الی چهار شنبه از ساعت 9 الی 3 بعد از ظهر بدست بیاورند.
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- مجموعه مکمل شرطنامه به زبان انگلیسی توسط داوطلبان علاقمند ذریعه درخواست تحریری همراه با کاپی جواز کار خویش به آدرس داده شده در ذیل بدست آورده میشوند.
- آفرها باید به عنوانی آدرس داده شده در ذیل قبل از ختم معیاد معینه تحویل داده شوند. فرستادن آفر از طریق انترنت قابل قبول نمیشاند، آفر های دیور رسیده رد خواهند شد. آفرها در حضور داشت نماینده گان دواطلبان که میخواهند شخصاً حاضر باشند گشوده خواهد شد.
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