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# Thousands Rally in Capital Against French Magazine

KABUL - Thousands of people, including religious scholars, protested in Kabul on Friday against the publication of blasphemous cartoons by a French magazine. Following the publication of the caricatures, armed men attacked the magazine Charlie Hebdo on Jan 8, killing 12 people, including the editor-in-chief and prominent cartoonists. In its latest edition, the satirical weekly republished the cartoon of an Arab man with tears in his eyes, holding a "Je Suis Charlie" sign under the headline "All is forgiven".



After Juma (Friday) prayers, thousands of Afghans took to the streets, denouncing the sacrilegious act and demanding punishment to the perpetrators. They assembled in front of Zarnigar Park, shouting "death to the enemies of Islam, death to France and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is our leader". Religious scholar Abdul Salam Abid told participants that Paris had declared war on the Muslims around the globe by allowing the publication of the cartoons. "We remain committed, heart ... (More on P4)...(11)

## Neighboring Countries Conquer Afghanistan's



KABUL - According to a number of experts and investors, Afghanistan is known for its large production of cement and iron, yet the government, in the past 13 years, has not reinforced the two sectors that would have brought billions ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Another Senior Pakistani Army General Visits Afghanistan



KABUL - Another senior Pakistani Army General visited Afghanistan on Thursday amid frequent visits by Pakistani security officials following a deadly school attack in December last year. At least 141 people mostly school children were killed after a group of Pakistani Taliban militants launched coordinated attack on Peshawar school. According to reports, Pakistan Army Commander Southern Lt General Nasir Khan Janjua met with his Afghan counterpart and discussed matters of mutual interest. Pakistan's Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said the military leaders discussed the Pakistan-Afghanistan security situation. ISPR also added that ... (More on P4)...(14)

## KMTC Provides NATO Standard Training to Graduates: Patyalai

KABUL - The Kabul Military Training Center (KMTC) is Afghanistan's largest training centers where graduates at the center are provided military training in accordance to NATO standards, commander of KMTC Gen. Aminullah Patyalai said on Thursday. Training lasts three months for all recruits pursuing a military education at KMTC. They are taught strategies and tactics of the battlefield and nighttime raids. The training is compulsory for every new Afghan National Army (ANA) recruit. "The training provided is in accordance to NATO system where students are taught how to conduct operations during the day and night," Gen. Patyalai told TOLONews. Commander Abdul Jabbar Akbari added that students are also taught how to react in emergency situations. Students from across Afghanistan are being trained at KMTC to learn how to face threats posed on ... (More on P4)...(15)

## 20 Armed Helicopters Being Added to AAF Fleet



KABUL - About 20 armed utility helicopters will be added to the nascent Afghan Air Force (AAF), a London-based aviation news site reported on Thursday. The aircraft will be delivered after being weaponised for close air support, an official told Flightglobal.com. Five training variants are already in AAF service. Expected to begin by end of 2015, the US-funded deliveries will be completed. A dozen MD 530Fs are on order for AAF. Maj. Gen. Abdul Wahab Wardak, commander of the service, said AAF also operates Mil Mi-17 and Mi-35 rotorcraft. By the end of the current year, AAF is also expecting the delivery of 20 Embraer A29 Super Tucano light support aircraft, currently located in Georgia. (Pajhwok)

## Languages as Medium to Enhance Sino-Afghan Relations: Che

KABUL - "The Preparation and compiling of the Pashtu-Chinese dictionary has taken 36-years for me and I am hopeful that learning languages and boosting cultural relations will further enhance Sino-Afghan relations," Che Hongcai, a Chinese professor, told Xinhua on Thursday. Professor Che, 79, who learned Pashto language at Kabul University in 1959, returned to China after graduating and joined the China Radio

International (CRI), where he worked as a Pashto translator and subsequently began preparing the compilation of the first-ever comprehensive Pashto-Chinese dictionary, with the objective of helping people of both countries to become more familiar with each other and to increase cultural interactions. "I began my work on the Pashto-Chinese dictionary in 1978 and finished the work in 2014," the venerable professor said, adding the book contains 2 million



words including 50,000 Pashto words and expressions. Having been teaching Pashto language in the Communication University of China since 2000, the ... (More on P4)...(13)

## Ghani Looks to Strengthen Trade Ties with Turkmenistan

KABUL - With the implementation of a handful of new major economic cooperation and development initiatives between Afghanistan and Turkmenistan, the northern neighbor is expected to become one of Afghanistan's biggest trade partners. Following President Ashraf Ghani's recent trip to Turkmenistan, leaders in Kabul and Ashgabat have now agreed to major projects involving trading natural gas, building a railway network and border terminals for their respective energy markets. Ghani has said the value of trade between the two countries will double in the next year. "At the moment, Afghanistan has turned into a bridge, our trade and transit



can create many opportunities; energy and electricity and natural gas will be sent to Afghanistan and to other countries through Afghanistan," President Ghani said on Thursday. "The extension of our relationship is not only a victory for us but also for the countries in the region." Meanwhile, economic analysts have applauded the efforts to develop trade and economic relations with Central Asian nations like Turkmenistan. "These programs are in the interest of Afghanistan, and if implemented, the day won't be far when Afghanistan turns into a transit and business center for the region," analyst Muhammad Qurban Haqjoo told TOLONews. "Everything is here, we must utilize the opportunities ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Ghani Appoints Asif Nang as Farah Governor

KABUL - According to a presidential decree Mohammad Asif Nang has been appointed the Governor of Farah province. Previously, Nang has worked as the Deputy Minister of Education and was the ministry's acting minister. In a separate presidential decree, President Ashraf Ghani appointed Hekmat Khalil Karzai, cousin of former President Hamid Karzai, as the Deputy Min-



ister of Foreign Affairs. According to reports, Karzai was serving in the position of deputy minister informally in replacement of Ershad Ahmadi who resigned from his seat. (Tolonews)

## No Place for ISIS Terrorist Group: Karzai

KABUL - The former Afghan President Hamid Karzai has said that the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has no place and supporters among the Afghans. In an interview with the BBC Farsi, Karzai blamed the foreign intelligence agencies for spreading propaganda regarding the growing presence of ISIS militants in parts of Afghanistan. Karzai said the foreigners are looking to enforce new phase of instability and misery in Afghanistan by encouraging the militants to raise the ISIS flags in a bid to spread the group's ideology in Afghanistan. ... (More on P4)...(17)



## 828 Afghan Families Deported from Azad Kashmir

KABUL - More than 825 Afghan families have been deported from different cities of the Pakistan-controlled zone of Kashmir, an Islamabad-based news agency reported on Thursday. "An operation for the deportation of unlawful foreigners across Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) is in full swing and thousands of families have voluntarily moved from there," the report said. A hundred families of illegal foreigners had moved from Mirpur sub-division, the Associated Press of Pakistan said, adding another 197 houses left Thothal, 140 Mangla, 155 Afzalpur, 97 New City and 128 other areas. Led by magistrates with police, authorities conducted raids at residential sites of in Mirpur district and other parts of AJK. The illegal settlers are mostly Afghan refugees. In all, 828 Afghan families have been expelled. (Pajhwok)

## Protestors in Kabul Call for Sacking of Ghazni Governor

KABUL - Dozens of civil society activists and culturists on Friday staged a protest in Kabul against growing insecurity in the country, particularly in southern Ghazni province. Stressing the need for better security of civilians and their properties, the protestors called for the sacking of the officials concerned, including the Ghazni governor. A civil society activist, Hadi Daryabi who issued a seven-point declaration, told Pajhwok Afghan News they were rallying for peace and an end to "pro-Taliban politics". He also opposed the government's description of human killers as armed opponents, seeking concrete action against the enemies of the innocent people. Daryabi urged the Afghan National Army (ANA) to launch a clearing operation across Ghazni and purge all its districts of Taliban and Islamic State fighters. He accused the governor of Ghazni and other local officials of involvement in corruption and aiding the militants to promote their personal interests. He added that the government of national unity, with the votes of the people there and the leaders of the government, the armed opposition and political dissident brother not addressed because the enemies have always been involved in the killing of civilians and the innocent. He added that, if the government ... (More on P4)...(18)