

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

# Dual Citizenship Cancellation of 3 Ministers-Designate Confirmed

KABUL - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) states that documents confirming the cancellation of dual citizenship of three National Unity Government nominees is confirmed.

Sirajulhaq Siraj, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told Khaama Press in an interview that they have received paperwork which confirms dual citizenship of Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi, Noorulhaq Ulumi and Salahuddin Rabani is cancelled in the countries from where they had received it.

He said that the received documents have been forwarded to the Parliament House for their consideration.

Previous reports published indicate that



Noorulhaq Ulumi had a dual citizenship from Holland and Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi and Salahuddin Rabani had dual citizenship of England.

According to these reports they were among the seven National Unity Government (NUG) cabinet nominees whose nomination documents were returned to the Presidential palace for acquiring replacements for them.

Noorulhaq for Interior Ministry, Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi for Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (MoLSAMD) and Salahuddin Rabani is nominated for Foreign Ministry.

The other four NUG cabinet nominees whose ... (More on P4)...(1)

## Parliamentary Election with Same System to Create Crises: IEC Officials



KABUL - Stressing the need for urgent reforms in the electoral system, the Independent Election Commission (IEC) officials believe the Parliamentary elections if held

with the same electoral structure will possibly lead the country towards crises.

IEC commissioner Sa-reer Ahmad Barmak said on Saturday that ... (More on P4)...(2)

## MoTT is to make Opportunity for Youth and Woman: Karimi



KABUL - Borna Karimi, the nominated minister for the Ministry of Telecommunication and Technology (MOTT) in an exclusive interview with Markazi Press on Saturday said that Afghanistan on IT-based

affairs can compete the regional countries if the government provides updated IT education.

IT is a newly-born technology and the youths can play active role in, Borna said. ... (More on P4)...(4)

## Parliamentary Panel Queries Balkhi's Documents



KABUL - A parliamentary panel has found educational documents of the refugee and repatriation minister-designate questionable, a lawmaker said on Saturday.

President Ashraf Ghani introduced 24 cabinet nominees and heads of two independent departments to lower house for a vote of confidence.

A seven-member panel of the lower house, including representatives of international affairs, education and central inspection commissions, to verify the documents.

Panel member Jafar Mehdawi said despite not having a 12th ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Hakimi to Fix the Economy & Balance Budget



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani's pick for the finance minister on Saturday said the economy was in tatters and, if endorsed, he would fix the country's troubled budget.

Ghani introduced 24 cabinet nominees and heads of two independent departments to lower house for a vote of trust.

Explaining his programmes to lawmakers, ex-ambassador Eklil Hakimi promised to bring financial stability to the country.

His priorities would ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Salahi Pledges Better Management of Water



KABUL - The energy and water minister-designate on Saturday said he would manage Afghanistan's water resource and enhance focus on electrification schemes.

Eng. Abdur Rahman Salahi, explaining his future plans to the Wolesi Jirga, vowed to construct up to 20 power dams, implement 2,000 irrigation and 200 river embankment projects over the next five years.

If granted a trust vote, Salahi would address the issue of Afghanistan's unharnessed river water flowing to neighbor ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Terror Safe Havens in Pakistan Unacceptable: Obama

KABUL - Ahead of his much-hyped state visit to India, US President has said insurgent sanctuaries in Pakistan, America's ally in the war on terror, were intolerable.

In an interview with India Today, he said: "I have made it clear that even as the US works with Pakistan to meet the threat of terrorism, safe havens within Paki-



stan are not acceptable." Scheduled to begin his three-day visit to India

on Sunday, Obama said the US had been relentless in its fight against

terror. "We have deepened our cooperation against terrorism..."

Hailing India as a true global partner, the US president said people across the world had been horrified by the devastating attack on a Peshawar school, where more than 130 children were killed on December 16.

Obama, who will be the chief ... (More on P4)...(3)

## DAB Governor-Designate Ordered out of Assembly



KABUL - The Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) governor-designate was ordered out of Wolesi Jirga after some lawmakers came to blows

over the dual nationality issue on Saturday. For the third day, some ministers-designate and nominees for independent ... (More on P4)...(5)

## Afghan Leaders Praise Saudi Monarch's Support for Peace

KABUL - The Afghan government and political leaders on Saturday expressed deep shock over the death of Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz. Suffering from pneumonia and breathing problems, the Saudi King died on Friday aged 90. He was replaced by Crown Prince Salman.

President Ashraf Ghani voiced his profound grief over Abdullah's demise, hailing him as a



great leader of the Muslim world, according to a statement from the Presidential Palace.

The Afghans would long remember the late king as a staunch supporter of their jihad against the

Soviets, Ghani said, acknowledging Abdullah's backing of the peace process in Afghanistan.

Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullah paid glowing tributes to the monarch for his efforts to stabilise Saudi Arabia and unite the Muslims.

Under his rule, Saudi Arabia generously extended assistance to ... (More on P4)...(6)

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