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Kabul Children's Hospital Faces Overcrowding



KABUL - Officials at Indra Gandhi Children's Hospital in Kabul have reported a jump in cases of pneumonia, asthma and inflammatory bowel disease in recent weeks, causing the hospital to become overcrowded in recent weeks.

At the moment, there are three-to-four child patients for each bed at the Ghandi Children's Hospital; with 350 beds total, and on any given day, some 500 kids hospitalized. "Due to the rush of patients, we are forced to use single beds for two and even three patients at a time," said Muhammad Basheer Quraishi, the Deputy Director of Indra Gandhi.

The Indra Gandhi Children's Hospital is a government operated facility dedicated to healthcare for children in Kabul. However, it also sees patients from other parts of the country as well, because it is considered one of the best hospitals, especially for children's care, in the country. "Approximately 90 percent of patients who are brought here are cured, while others die," Indra Ghandi Dr. Noor Muhammad told TOLONews.

The emergency room of the hospital is a chaotic, crowded place with far few doctors for the number of patients waiting with ailments. The adverse conditions due to the sudden climb in patients, which some doctors ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Decision on Final Version of 3-Way Railroad this Year



KABUL - The Tajikistan transport minister said on Monday a final version of the much-delayed

Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Turkmenistan railway route would be finalised in the current year.

Hayrullo Asozoda told reporters in Dushanbe the final version of the railway route would be

determined after Tajikistan reached an agreement with Turkmenistan. ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Cancellation of Rabbani's British Nationality Confirmed

KABUL - A joint commission of the Wolesi Jirga on Monday approved cancellation of second nationality by Salahuddin Rabbani, whose nomination for foreign minister had earlier been rejected by the lower house.

One of the seven cabinet picks rejected by the house for having dual nationality, Rabbani is the second nominee who has surrendered his foreign citizenship to be accepted as minister-designate.



International Affairs Commission head Abdul Qadir Zazai told Pajhwok Afghan News the panel evaluating transcripts of ministers-designate, had approved Rabbani's doc-

uments after he gave up his British nationality. Zazai said the documents of Rabbani would be referred to a general session of the assembly to ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Cold Threatens Lives of Displaced Families

KABUL - As harsh waves of winter winds grow colder, the lives of internally displaced families are at stake. Majority of the displaced are families who sought refuge from war in the capital Kabul, but found themselves finding a hard time surviving the cold.

These families only challenge is not the weather, but their financial state. They are in a position where they cannot afford their basic necessities of life such as firewood and gas to survive the harsh winter. "We collect plastic and ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Serious Measures Taken to Prevent Cross Border Activities: Police Chief

ASADABAD - Abdul Habib Sayedkhili, police chief of eastern Kunar province says that serious measures have been taken to prevent movement of Taliban along the border with Pakistan.



Sayedkhili told Khaama Press on Monday that they have also taken measures to prevent communications between Afghan and Pakistani Taliban.

He said that they are also talking to Pakistani forces across the border to do their part to keep the border secured. He ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Paktia Govt. Trying to Rationalise Dowry Amount

GARDEZ - The women's affairs director for south-eastern Paktia province says she plans to reduce the amount of dowry with the help of agreements between commu-

nities. During an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Nasrin Oryakhel called high amounts of dowry a huge problem. But people are ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Hundreds of Acres of State Land Grabbed



BAMYAN CITY - Officials and residents of central Bamyan province allege an influential man, Haji Ayan, has grabbed hundreds of acres of

state-owned land along with other local strongmen. Eng. Khadim Husain Fitrat, the mayor of Bamyan City, told Pajhwok ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

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