

<b>Jalalabad</b> Partly Cloudy 14°C 3°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Clear -1°C -14°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Clear 13°C -3°C	<b>Mazar</b> Chance of Rain 5°C 0°C	<b>Herat</b> Clear 10°C -1°C	<b>Bamayan</b> Partly Cloudy -3°C -11°C	<b>Kabul</b> Partly Cloudy 4°C -8°C
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**Wave of Judicial Assassinations Prompts Fears, Calls for Action**



KABUL - Successive assassinations of Afghan judicial officials over the past few weeks have fed fears about deteriorating security and the Kabul government's inability to protect even high-ranking public servants based in the capital. On Monday, a group of unknown armed men shot dead a judge of the Kabul Primary Court while he was driving to his office. In late December, unidentified armed men also shot and killed the head of the Supreme Court Secretariat near his house in Kabul.

The Association of Afghan Lawyers, along with other members of the legal community, have expressed major concerns about the safety of judicial and legal authorities, suggesting that security threats would undermine the integrity of their work. "If a judge doesn't feel safe, it will be difficult for him to conduct a transparent legal session," Afghanistan Lawyers Association Deputy Abdul Subhan Misbah said on Tuesday.

Ezzatullah, 36, was a rising judge and the father of eight children before he was mercilessly murdered on his way to work Monday. His family has called on government to arrest the perpetrators and ensure justice is served. "They killed my father and now I ask the government to arrest the killers and hand them over to justice," a son of the slain judge named Bashir Ahmad said.

Kabul Police officials have claimed that man suspected of playing a role in the killing has been detained and questioned. Reportedly, the man already confessed to the crime. It remains unclear if the man, along with any ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

**Taliban Confirm Visit, Rule out Beijing's Mediation**



KABUL - Taliban on Tuesday confirmed that their delegation had visited China for the re-

sumption of peace overtures but rejected reports about Beijing's role as mediator.

Last month, media reported that a two-member delegation of Afghan Taliban had visited Chi-

**US Has Promised to Help Arrest, Kill Fazlullah: Pakistan**

KABUL - Pakistan says the US has assured it of helping capturing or killing Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Mullah Fazlullah. In case of his arrest, the militant leader will be handed over to Pakistan. Pakistan's Deputy De-



fence Minister Maj. Gen. Alam Khattak cited the US commitment while briefing members of the Meshrano Jirga Defence Commission in Islamabad late on Monday. Media reports said senior US officials had assured ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

**"Marg" Group Formed Against Taliban and ISIS**



KABUL - A new group calling themselves "Marg" or "Death" announced its existence in northern Afghanistan. Dozens of members of "Marg" group yesterday went to the provincial council of northern Balkh province and announce their readiness to fight Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) and Taliban in Afghanistan. Although the group did not carry a flag which has been normal if any group comes ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

**Afghan Troops Desperate for Air Support**

*A member of the Afghan Air Force crew performs a system check on a helicopter before flight at the military airport in Kabul.*

KABUL - Afghanistan's armed forces are so short of combat-ready aircraft that, late last year, they began fitting machine guns and rockets to Russian-made Mi-17 transport helicopters, dubbed "flying tractors", to bolster their air power. With new planes capable of engaging Taliban insurgents delayed by over two years, and Nato air missions backing up troops on the ground now at a minimum, the fledgling Afghan Air Force is scrambling to provide even basic support. That is a worry for 350,000 police, soldiers and other security personnel fighting ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

**13 Suspects Detained over Alleged Link with IS Militants**

KABUL - At least 13 suspected militants have been arrested over having alleged connections with the Islamic State (IS) fighters in central Parwan province, said a provincial security source on condition of anonymity. The suspects were detained Monday night in Bagram district when a special team of security forces were sent from the capital Kabul to conduct the raid, the source said, adding the detainees have been shifted to Kabul. "The intelligence reports and information shared with the security forces ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

**64pc of Afghans against Ministers with Dual Nationality**

KABUL - Sixty-four percent of the 400 Afghans interviewed by Pajhwok Afghan News (PAN) are opposed to the appointment of ministers with dual nationality. Thirty-three percent of the respondents in Kabul and different provinces believe second citizenship should not be the sole reason for the rejection of cabinet nominees.



All those interviewed by PAN were over 18 years of age, including 42 % females. More than 105 days after its inauguration, the unity government finally announced a long-awaited list of ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

**Livelihood Programme Funds Spent on Other Projects**

KABUL - The Sar-i-Pul council members on Tuesday alleged \$7 million funds allocated for alternative livelihood programmes had been spent on other development projects. Six years ago, Sar-i-Pul was declared a poppy-free province and the counter-narcotics ministry allocated \$1 million annually to the province for cultivating alternative crops. Asadullah Khurram, provincial council member, said deserving farmers



did not receive even a single penny from the fund. "Local officials promised to give cash to residents and farmers but the pledge was not honoured. This has forced some to return to poppy cultivation." Hanidullah Hamid, director of the counter-narcotics departments, told Pajhwok Afghan News the money should have been spent on projects ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

**German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan Regional Infrastructure Development Fund - RIDF**  
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**Prequalification**

**Design and Construction – Flood Protection in Northern Afghanistan**

**Flood Protection Project in Badakhshan**

For the purpose of improving the agricultural production and securing the livelihood of the local population, a construction project in the flood protection sector is planned for execution at four locations in Faizabad District, Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan:

- BDK-F-2014-01 - Construction of 1.8 km Protection Walls in Faizabad District

Main items of the project are design and construction of flood protection walls along the Kokcha River bank using gabion, stonemasonry and reinforced and plain cement concrete construction.

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 flood protection works – 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, 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](mailto:info@ridf-af.org) clearly stating "Construction of 1.8 km Flood Protection Walls in Faizabad 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 28 February 2015.