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# Ghani, Abdullah Vow Robust Action Against Corruption

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani Thursday said the government is determined to implement the laws against corruption on government officials in an equitable way. Ghani made the remarks during a special ceremony at the presidential palace convened on occasion of the inauguration of Specialized Anti-Corruption Justice Center in Kabul.

"We are prepared to implement the law on all government officials regardless of their position, including myself. Based on our campaign promises, Dr. Abdullah and I will not tolerate corruption," Ghani said. In reference to the creation of Specialized Anti-Corruption Justice Center Ghani said



that the center will help boost capacity against corruption. The law will be implemented evenhandedly on government officials. Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah said corruption has hindered the development and progress of the country. "The center has not been created for political purposes and no one can use it for politics. We do not expect that those who are involved in corruption to come tomorrow and offer certificates to members of the center," Abdullah said. Afghanistan Attorney General Farid Hamidi has said that the center will act firmly against corruption. Those involved in corruption will ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## No Justification for Paghman Suicide Attack: UN



KABUL - The top UN diplomat in Afghanistan has vehemently denounced Thursday's attack in Kabul that targeted police cadets and their instructors, killing 33 and injuring 71 others.

"There is simply no justification for such an attack. I remind all parties to the armed conflict that they are bound to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law at all times. The perpetrators must be held accountable," the secretary-general's special representative said.

"On behalf of the United Nations in Afghanistan, I express our deep condolences to the families of the victims and wish a speedy recovery of the injured," Tadamichi Yamamoto said in a statement from UNAMA. *(Pajhwok)*

## US, NATO, Pakistan Strongly Condemn Kabul Explosions



KABUL - The NATO-led Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan strongly on Friday strongly condemned back to back explosions in capital Kabul on Thursday. "RS strongly condemns the suicide attack in Kabul. The Taliban continue to display a total disregard for human life," a statement by the Resolute Support said. The statement further added "RS express its deepest condolences to the families of those killed and wounded in today's attack."

A press statement from U.S. Embassy in Kabul stated that US strongly condemns Thursday's horrific, multi-part attack on Afghan National Police and civilians in Kabul adding that this cruel and complete disregard for human life during the holy month of ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## HRW to Pakistan: Extend Residency Status for Afghans

KABUL - Human Rights Watch (HRW) on Friday asked the Pakistani government to reduce rights violations against Afghan refugees by extending their legal residency status until December 31, 2017. On June 29, 2016, Islamabad extended registered Afghan refugees' Proof of Residency (PoR) cards for another six months, until the end of 2016. The decision taken by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is yet to be endorsed by his cabinet. In a statement, HRW said the uncertain residency

status of Afghan refugees in Pakistan had encouraged police harassment, threats and extortion, particularly since the December 2014 attack on a Peshawar school. "The Pakistani government's move to extend Afghan refugees' residency until the end of 2016 sends an important signal to police and local officials not to harass or coerce Afghan refugees to leave," said Phelim Kine, deputy Asia director at HRW. "But an extension to the end of 2017 would allow more



time for the situation in Afghanistan to stabilize so that it would be more feasible for them to return in safety and dignity," Kine

added. The six-month extension fell far short of the December 31, 2017 date recommended by the Ministry for ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## UN Praises Pakistan for Hosting Millions of Afghan Refugees

KABUL - The United Nations has praised Islamabad for extending the stay of Afghan refugees in Pakistan. On Wednesday, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif allowed registered Afghan citizens to live in the country for another six months till December 31, 2016.

While hailing the decision, a UN spokesman told reporters in New York said their repatriation to Afghanistan should be governed by international laws.

Stephane Dujarris told reporters on Thursday: "We are thankful to the govern-

ment and people of Pakistan for their generosity in hosting the Afghan refugees for such a long time."

Pakistan hosts the world's second largest refugee population, with more than 1.5 million registered and about a million undocumented Afghan refugees.

As violence escalates in Afghanistan, the number of Afghans voluntarily returning home has declined this year.

Under the international humanitarian law, Dujarris said, the Afghan refugees should be repatriated with dignity. *(Pajhwok)*

## Over 7,000 Afghan Refugees Detained in Pakistan



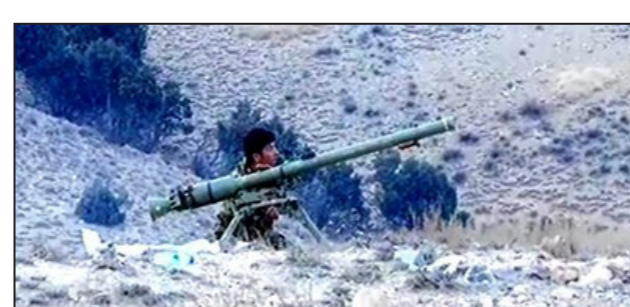
PESHAWAR - More than 7,000 Afghan refugees have been arrested by Pakistani police in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province over the past week, Consulate General of Afghanistan said on Friday. Afghan Consul General Abdullah Waheed Poyan told TOLONews that harassment of Afghan refugees in Pakistan has reached its peak and that they have discussed the issue with Pakistani officials. "Unfortunately, after the

Torkham dispute, harassment of Afghan refugees increased to its highest level; therefore, I and the Afghan ambassador [Omar Zakhilwal] talked about the issue with Pervez Khattak, the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in order to address the problem," Poyan said. He added: "Nearly 10,000 families have promised to voluntarily return to Afghanistan after the Eid al-Fitr." ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Hesarak District on Verge of Falling to Taliban: Sources

JALALABAD - A reliable security source told TOLONews on Friday morning that Hesarak district in Nangarhar is on the verge of falling to the insurgent Taliban. The source said four outposts of national and local police force members had fallen to Taliban on Thursday night, adding that two other outposts collapsed on Wednesday night. According to the source, the clash is now

near the district chief's office. The source added that police force members have criticized the central government for not supporting them in the battle and have said that the district may fall to the militants if they are not helped. Meanwhile, Nangarhar governor spokesman Attaullah Khogayni said that nearly 30 Taliban fighters were killed and 20 others wounded in Hesarak



conflict. According to him, the insurgents were killed in security forces offensive as well as in air attacks carried out by foreign forces. He added that two Afghan security force members were killed and nine others wounded in the battle. *(Tolonews)*

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## State Department Designates AQIS As Terrorist Outfit



WASHINGTON - The United States has designated Al Qaeda in Indian Sub-continent (AQIS) as a terrorist organization and its leader Asim Umar as a global terrorist for their activities in South Asia, including an attack on a naval dockyard in Karachi and killing of bloggers in Bangladesh.

The designation announced by the State Department prohibits Americans from engaging in transactions with AQIS and Umar, besides freezing all of their property and interests in the US. In addition, the consequences of AQIS' designation include a prohibition against ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## US should Adopt Policy of Total Isolation Against Pakistan: Khalilzad



WASHINGTON - A former top American diplomat has said the United States should adopt a policy of total isolation against Pakistan, harshly criticizing the country for supporting the Afghan militant groups.

In an interview with the Times of India, Khalilzad said the step by US should be taken to send a signal that it faces the prospect of becoming a 'second North Korea' if it continues destabilizing Afghanistan by supporting the Taliban and Haqqani network. Khalilzad further added "In the aftermath of the US drone attack killing Taliban leader Mullah Mansour, this is the time to increase the pressure by suspending all assistance to Pakistan - military and civilian - and move towards isolating Pakistan internationally, including not ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Caretakers Undermine Governance And Security, Say Critics

KABUL - The continued use of temporary caretakers in senior government positions, poses serious threats to good governance in the country, critics of the practice have warned.

They called on government to tackle the issue as a matter of urgency. The Independent Directo-

rate of Local Governance (IDLG) said on Thursday that the political interference in the appointment of district chiefs has been a key element behind the use of caretakers. The IDLG undertook to deal with the problem in the near future.

Poor governance has plagued Afghanistan for



some time, despite regular pledges to rectify weaknesses in government. No ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Pakistan Funds Daesh/Taliban Against Afghanistan: Experts

KABUL - Pakistan continues to pursue its hostile policies towards Afghanistan by supporting militant groups in their war efforts against the country, a number of Afghan political commentators said on Thursday. They claimed that Pakistan had now mobilized the Taliban under the



guise of Daesh. Other countries were also coordinating with Pakistan in funding militant groups

such as Daesh. "If there was a will to do it, we would be able to eliminate Daesh in Syria and Afghanistan. I again urge that we develop the determination to defeat the militants," military expert Ajmal Sias said. According to political experts, militants who claim to be Daesh fighters, were ...*(More on P4)...(17)*