

Jalalabad	Clear	Ghazni	Clear	Kandahar	Clear	Mazar	Clear	Herat	Clear	Bamayan	Clear	Kabul	Clear
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81 Attorneys Killed in 14 Years in Afghanistan: Official

KABUL - As many as 81 attorneys have been killed during the past 14 years in Afghanistan and no one in connection with their murders could be detained, the Attorney General's Office (AGO) said on Saturday. AGO spokesman Basir Azizi told Pajhwok Afghan News during an interview that elements who were afraid of the rule of law targeted judicial officials. "Attorneys are threatened more than other officials. We lost attorneys after being threatened in provinces. They are not spared even in Kabul," he said. He said the main challenge attorneys faced was insecurity and the Ministry of Interior should take measures in this regard. "We

understand that insecurities exist all over the country, but effective security measures to protect attorneys have not been taken. We demand security and intelligence organs, especially police and the interior ministry take strong measures for protection of the prosecutors," he said. Attorneys in 15 districts, most of them in southern provinces, could not perform their duty due to bad security situation which had created problems for local residents who used to travel to provincial capitals and even Kabul to resolve legal issues, Azizi said. He said his department had 5200 staff and they included 2500 attorneys. But Interior Ministry's deputy spokesman Najib Danish said terrorists not only targeted attorneys but all people. ...*(More on P4)...(8)*



1st Female Attorney Starts Work in Ghor Court



FEROZKOH - For the first time, a female attorney has been appointed at the provincial prosecutor's office in western Ghor province to deal with violence against women cases, it was learnt on Sunday.

Nagina Ghor, a Sharia Law graduate, was recently appointed as attorney for violence against women.

"When I was attending school, I noticed that violence against women was paid little attention. So I decided to study Sharia Law and work for providing women access to justice," Ghor said.

She said a woman could better understand and address problems of other women as compared to men.

The appointment of female attorney in Ghor was warmly welcomed by women activists in the province.

Farida Naseri, women's affairs manager at the provincial human rights commission office, said it was for the first time in Ghor history that a woman was appointed as attorney.

"We appreciate the appointment as a good move because there was no attorney in the violence against women section of Ghor attorney's office, a female attorney increases our hopes that cases of violence against women would be addressed properly in future," she said. She added now women could share and explain their cases openly to the attorney. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

50 Taliban Eliminated in Badakhshan Airstrikes



FAIZABAD - Fifty Taliban fighters, including some notorious commanders, have been killed and a dozen others wounded in airstrikes in the Arghistan district of northeastern Badakhshan province, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Sunday. The Afghan Air Force (AAF) targeted Taliban hideouts in different areas of the troubled district, inflicting the casualties on the insurgents, a brief statement from MoD said. Brig. Gen. Janat Gul Karokhel, commander of the 20th Pamir Corps second unit, told Pajhwok Afghan News key Taliban figures Maulvi Attiqullah Zubair, Basit and Ibrahim were among the dead.

He said the militants had been pushed back from the district centre and the operation would continue until the town was secured. *(Pajhwok)*

Security Forces Re-Take Outpost in Wardak



WARDAK - Security forces re-took the control of an outpost in Wardak province that was fallen to Taliban two days ago, local officials said on Sunday. Abdul Rahman Mangal, a spokesman for Wardak governor said the security forces launched a military operation in Jalrez district and re-took the outpost that collapsed to insurgents on Friday night. The officials said that 15 Taliban militants were killed and injured in Jalrez clashes over the past two days, adding that three security forces were injured in the battle. Mangal did not provide further details about the operation. *(Tolonews)*

Afghanistan Capable to Produce 14 Tons of Saffron Annually

KABUL - The Afghan ministry of agriculture and livestock breeding says that according to a new policy, efforts are underway to enhance the rate of Saffron production in five years to 14 tons per year. In an interview with The Kabul Times reporter, the spokesman of that ministry Lutfullah Rashed said at present, the saffron production level is 3.5 tons per year which is unprecedented. Afghanistan has a total capacity of 70 tons saffron production per



year that would earn US \$200m per year. Afghanistan saffron enjoys good universal quality and reputation and since three

years, it has gained the first position in the world. Researches have shown that saffron contains different vitamins essentials for body growth, minerals and fats which are used extensively in medicines. Saffron is usually used for treatment of nervous, digestive and respiratory and other diseases. Herat is a susceptible province in Afghanistan for cultivation of saffron but the MoAL said that its trying to generalize saffron production in thirty ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Bereaved Families Call on Govt to Ensure Citizens' Safety, End War

KABUL - Families of the victims of Thursday's Taliban attack have called on the government to ensure the safety of its citizens, they do not want more bloodshed. The families said on Sunday they are tired of war and they don't want to see the continued killing of the sons of Afghanistan. While the youth of this country were shedding their blood to ensure the security of the country, politicians remain unable to end the war, they said.

The mother of a soldier killed on Thursday said her son, Mohammad Nazir, was married only one and a half years ago. He was hoping to see his son. She said her son joined the police force four months ago.

"My son told me that he had prepared clothes for the Eid. I asked him not to go anywhere during Eid days and not to make me angry.



Now he will not come back. What will his wife do without him? Who she will wait for?" mother of the soldier said.

Mohammad Nazir, the soldier's brother, said: "He joined the police because he wanted to, but now he was martyred. We are proud that he lost his life defending the country. He was martyred in Ramazan, which is a sacred month." Edris, a soldier who drove one of the buses that transported the recruits to Kabul, said he saw tens of his colleagues were stained with blood. "I was in the second bus when the explosion occurred. I stopped the vehicle and suddenly there was another blast in the bus behind us. I took my gun and saw Mohammad Amin on the ground. He was martyred," Edris said. Mohammad Amin's mother is ill. His wife does not talk to anyone. *(Tolonews)*

Pak Govt. Prepares Plan to Bring Displaced NWA Families Back Home

PESHAWAR - The Pakistani government has started preparations to bring Back to their home around 7,000 families who had migrated to Afghanistan when the military operation Zarb-e-Azb was launched in North Waziristan Agency in June 2014. Kamran Ahmad Afridi, political agent of North Waziristan, told The News that efforts are being made to start the return process of the displaced Pakistani families from Afghanistan in the last week of July or first week of August.

"Initially, the plan was to start bringing them home from July 20, but it was delayed so that the computerised national identity cards (CNICs) of these residents of North Waziristan could be first verified by Nadra," he said. He put at 30,000 to 40,000 the total number of Pakistanis from North Waziristan presently living in Afghanistan. He said about 30 percent of them were living in camps and 40 percent with their relatives while the remaining ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Afghanistan to Face Scotland in ODI Series on Monday



KABUL - Afghanistan and Scotland cricket teams will contest two One Day International (ODIs) fixtures, which will take place at The Grange in Edinburgh on Monday 4 and Wednesday 6 of July.

According to a statement issued by Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), the Afghan National Cricket Team produced a number of impressive performances at the ICC World T20 earlier this year - which included overcoming Scotland in a tight encounter in Nagpur - as they progressed to

the second round of the competition, beating the competitions eventual winners, West Indies. The ACB announced the squad for the Scotland and Ireland tours last month.

According to the ACB, the team includes Mohammad Shahzad, Asghar Stanikzai, Shapoor Zadran, Noor Ali Zadran, Mohammad Nabi, Rahmat Shah, Samiullah Shinwari, Rashid Khan, Yamin Ahmadzai, Gulbadin Naib, Dawlat Zadran, Hamid Hassan, Mirwais Ashraf, ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Taliban Split, Weakened After Double Blow: Gen. Raziq

KANADAHAR - The insurgent Taliban has been weakened after the deaths of its founder Mullah Mohammad Omar and former leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour, says General Abdul Raziq, police chief of Kandahar province. As a result of their leaders' demise, the Taliban has split into factions, he said. Raziq added that while Taliban is faced with rifts within their leadership ranks, the same applied to the National Unity Government (NUG). "Taliban is faced with internal rifts, as is then case with the NUG leaders. They [Taliban] have been divided into factions and are caught up in trying to

overcome their differences. This has weakened the rebel group," he told TOLONews. Raziq urged Taliban to quit the insurgency and join the peace process.

With reference to Eid, the police chief vowed to ensure tight security for Kandahar during the period.

"We have taken serious measures for the Eid days. We call on Kandahar residents to cooperate with security forces to ensure better security in the province," he



stated. Meanwhile, Kandahar residents also called on the warring sides to announce a ceasefire during Eid days.

"The security forces have taken serious measures over the past week. We call on police and other security force members to come up with ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Massive Taliban Attack Repulsed in Wardak: Official

KABUL - Afghan security forces repulsed a massive insurgent attack on their posts in the Jalrez district of central Maidan Wardak province, an official said on Saturday.

Hundreds of Taliban gunmen stormed security posts in Khwaja Sahib area of the district on Friday morning, triggering a gunbattle that forced the rebels to retreat and flee, the governor's spokesman, Abdul Rahman Mangal, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said insurgents from other districts and neighbouring Ghazni and Zabul provinces had joined their comrades in Wardak in the attack.

The attackers initially made some progress but were defeated as a result of a joint operation by security forces, he said, adding the rebels also fled from an area in Khwaja Sahib which they had previously captured.

He said the operation was still ongoing and the insurgents were being chased and targeted. About Taliban casualties, he said the yesterday clashes left Taliban district chief for Jalrez, Zahidullah, a group leader and seven others dead and as many others wounded.

He said three security personnel were also injured, but exact information about casualties in Saturday's clashes was immediately available.

A government official in Jalrez district told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of insurgents attacked local police posts near the Khwaja Sahib base at about ...*(More on P4)...(14)*