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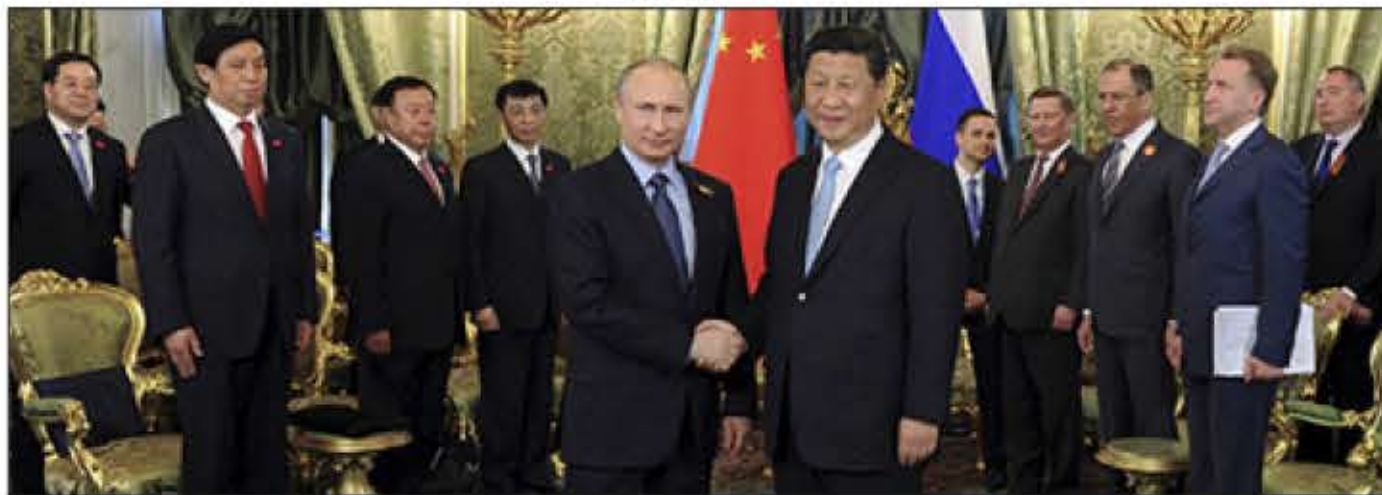
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'XI, Putin Set to Discuss IS Threat in Afghanistan'

BEIJING - Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping along with other world leaders are set to discuss emerging Islamic State (IS) threat in Afghanistan during Eurasian security summit to be held in Russia this week, media reports on Monday.

Xi travels to the Russian city of Ufa for a summit scheduled for Thursday and Friday of leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), which groups China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Media reports it will be preceded by a meeting of leaders of the BRICS group of emerging economies -- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Cheng



Guoping told journalists. "...spillover effect of the Islamic State terrorist activities, Afghanistan now faces a grim security situation. SCO leaders will talk further about how to respond to the security situation there." ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

Ministry Draft of Mining Law to be Ready by Year-End



KABUL - The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum on Monday informed draft reform of mining law for better utilizing Afghanistan's natural resources would be prepared and sent to parliament for approval. Mohyaddin Noori, spokesman of the Ministry of Mines, told journalists in Kabul the draft law was being prepared to give legal basis for

mining, technical reforms and capacity building for human resources. The draft would be sent to parliament by end of the year, he noted, adding with the approval of the bill better facilities for using of the country's mineral resources would be provided. Noori added the ministry was also working on six other regulations and work ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

SCO Should Pay Special Attention to Situation in Afghanistan: Atambayev

BISHKEK - The member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) must pay special attention to developments in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan's President Almazbek Atambayev has told TASS. According to Atambayev, Afghanistan's role in the system of regional security is "unquestionable." "The

processes taking place around this country are playing a key role in the geopolitical system of international relations, and the developments in the country have a direct impact on security and geopolitical balance of power in the region," Atambayev said. "We are interested in the ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday evaluated administrative and technical affairs of the electronic national identity cards process and asked the committees concerned to present solutions to challenges and hurdles impeding the project. A statement from the Presidential Palace said the president presided over a meeting to assess the electronic ID cards process.

President Reviews ID Cards Distribution Process



The committees evaluated the ID cards process technical and administrative areas and presented views and proposals about the existing opportunities and challenges. The meeting discussed the ID cards test launch plan, its schedule and possible locations of distribution centres. The statement said the president directed the committees to work on legal ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

Govt. Property Allegedly Sold in Makkah

KABUL - A huge building known as Rabat-e-Afghani and the property of Afghan government in Makkah, the holiest city in Saudi Arabia, has reportedly been sold by a former high-ranking official in Afghan government. But the Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs contradicted the claim by saying that the area had been merged following extension of Masjid-ul-Haram.

Rabat-e-Afghani was a specific area owned by Afghan government for years where Afghan pilgrims used to stay. It was also known as Haji Khana or Karwan Sarai-i-Sulimani.

However, just recently reports emanated that during the rule of Ustad Burhanuddin Rabbani, dispute erupted among some officials over the ownership of Rabat-e-Afghani building. Later, the ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Abdullah Promises Justice to Jalrez Victims

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday promised to bring to justice all those officials who neglected forces' call for support during the deadly battle in Jalrez district in central Maidan Wardak province. Speaking at a meeting of Council of Ministers, Abdullah acknowl-

edged the negligence by the security officials in the Jalrez carnage that left nearly 30 Afghan Local Police (ALP) force members dead with their ...*(More on P4)...*(5)



Modi Holds Talks with Uzbek President; Terror, Afghanistan Discussed

TASHKENT - On his first visit to Central Asian countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday held talks with Uzbek President Islam Karimov on key

bilateral and regional issues including the situation in Afghanistan as the two countries inked three pacts to boost cooperation between ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

Ata Mohd Noor Proposes 11 Nominees for the Ministry of Defense

KABUL - The acting governor of northern Balkh province and chief executive of Jamiat-e-Islami party Ata Mohammad

Noor has proposed eleven nominees for the Ministry of Defense. The proposal ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

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