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MoF Admits to Failures in Tax Collection as Billions of Afs Remain Missing

KABUL - Legal issues in Afghanistan's tax collection system have created burdensome obstacles to effective income tax collection from small and medium sized businesses, Ministry of Finance (MoF) officials said on Monday.

According to the MoF, three large companies owe roughly 15 billion Afs in back-taxes to the Afghan government. Gul Maqsood Sabit, the head of the MoF's treasury department, has said that a number of heavyweight taxpayers are involved in legal disputes with the ministry. A special commission comprising representatives from the finance ministry,



the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and the Attorney General's Office has been formed to address the disputes. Although 500 large businesses are registered with the Af-

ghan government and are supposed to pay taxes to the MoF, 10 percent of those companies are said to be evading taxes to varying extents.

"We have a number of issues with various companies, including companies in business with the foreign forces," Sabit said on Monday. "Therefore, we are determined to settle the issues through the special commission," he added.

While the finance ministry is pursuing legal action against some of the firms who are refusing to pay taxes due, with others, which may simply lack the capacity to pay

right away, the ministry is facilitating installment-based payment plans, according to Sabit.

Independent economic analysts have confirmed and expanded upon the MoF's assessment of the obstacles facing efficient revenue collection. They say legal issues, as well as inadequate monitoring of companies' activities and the lack of a system for fining those that fail to pay their taxes are primary areas of concern. Of course, commentators have also said that corruption is another big factor hampering proper revenue...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Samkani District on Verge of Falling to Taliban: PC



GARDEZ - A month long fierce fight between Afghan security forces and Taliban might lead to fall of Samkani district in southeastern Paktia province to militants, provincial council member warned on Tuesday.

Taj Mohammad Mangal, provincial council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News hun-

dreds of Taliban had influx into Samkani district which could fall to Taliban.

A fierce gun battle has been underway in Lawarra area, he said, adding that civilians, security forces and Taliban militants suffered scores of casualties but he has no exact figure into casualties. The month-long...*(More on P4)...(12)*

HIA Decision to Back IS Shocks Balkh Activists

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Civil society activists in northern Balkh province on Tuesday said they were deeply concerned about the Gulbadin Hekmatyar-led Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA)'s decision to join forces with the self-styled Islamic State or IS group.

Hekmatyar, a former prime minister, on Sunday asked his followers to support the Taliban if they fought against the communists and the Nazar council, but support the IS if the Taliban fought against them.

Civil society activists associated with various groups on Tuesday held a gathering in Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital, and asked the HIA to clearly declare its stance against the Afghans. Activist Manochhar Ibrahim told Pajhwok Afghan News...*(More on P4)...(15)*

70 Rebels Dead in IS-Taliban Clashes, Drone Strikes

KABUL - At least 60 militants have been killed in US drone strikes while 10 rebels died in clashes between the self-styled Daesh and Taliban in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashrafi, provincial police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the unmanned aircraft fired missiles on hideouts in Achin district, leaving 60 insur-



gents dead on Monday. At least nine fighters of two armed rebels' groups were killed in a fight between Daesh and Taliban in Achin

and Bati Kot districts, he added.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, the governor's spokesman, confirmed...*(More on P4)...(13)*

RSF Asks Afghan Govt. to Ensure Journalists' Protection

KABUL - Reporters Without Borders or Reporters sans frontières (RSF) called on authorities to do everything possible to protect journalists and media outlets in Afghanistan, where threats and attacks by the jihadi group Is-

lamic State have been added to those by the Taliban, creating new information "black holes" in several provinces. Although countries such as the United States, Iran, Norway and Qatar are "normalizing" their relations with

the Taliban and certain Afghan politicians are sitting with them at the negotiating table, the Taliban have been intensifying armed attacks on civilians and openly threatening freedom of...*(More on P4)...(16)*

MoI Daesh A Major Security Threat to Afghanistan



KABUL - Spokesman of Ministry of Interior (MoI) has said that foreign forces' airstrikes in close coordination with

Afghan security forces have proved effective. Sediq Sediqi told a press conference that...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Bamyan Lawmakers End Protest Against Governor

BAMYAN CITY - Protesting lawmakers on Tuesday ended their one month sit-in against the newly elected governor but their supporters attacked the governor house with stones, leaving windowpanes of the governor house smashed. Earlier, the Independent

Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) introduced Taher Zahir as governor for central Bamyan province amid protest by some lawmakers and people. Zahir was appointed as governor by the (IDLG) last month but he delayed resuming...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Only Private Sector Can Solve Kandahar Power Issue

KANDAHAR CITY - Water and Energy Minister Ali Ahmad Osmani on Tuesday said the electricity problem in southern Kandahar province could not be addressed without cooperation from the private sector.

Osmani, who arrived with a delegation in Kandahar City, the provincial capital, said his ministry lacked enough resources to resolve the electricity issue in Kandahar and urged the private sector to play its part in this regard. He was speaking at the provincial council meetings hall where Governor Dr. Humayun Azizi, provincial council members, influential figures and representatives of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) were present...*(More on P4)...(18)*

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN MINISTRY OF RURAL REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Invitation for Bids (IFB) National Solidarity Program Grant No.: TF098458-AF

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING Invitation for Bids (IFB) For

CONSTRUCTION OF MRRD/NSP NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS IN BADGHIS AND MAIDAN WARDAK PROVINCES

IFB No:

Date: 06th July, 2015

MRRD/NSP/III/WR/1106-NCB for Lot # 1
MRRD/NSP/III/WR/1109-NCB for Lot # 2

1. The Community Development Councils of Badghis and Maidan Wardak Provinces represented by the National Solidarity Program of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have received a Grant from the International Development Association toward the cost of the Third Emergency National Solidarity Program, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to payments under the Contract for Construction of MRRD/NSP New Administrative Buildings in Badghis and Maidan Wardak Provinces as follows:

1. Construction Works of MRRD/NSP New Administrative Buildings in Badghis and Maidan Wardak Provinces

2. The National Solidarity Program of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for construction of the above mentioned Project. The construction period is 12 Months for Badghis and Maidan Wardak Provinces.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, May 2004 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Mr. Nabiullah Azimi, Head Procurement Department, National Solidarity Program, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Email: n.azimi@nspafghanistan.org; and Ms. Hassiba Samadi Senior Procurement Officer, Procurement Department Email: h.samadi@nspafghanistan.org and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 07:30 to 04:00 Hrs from Saturday to Wednesday

5. For detailed post qualification verification please refer to Section I- Instructions to Bidders and Section II- Bid Data Sheet of the bidding documents. A margin of preference for eligible national contractors/joint ventures shall not be applied.

6. Qualifications requirements include:

- The minimum required annual volume of construction work for the successful bidder in all of the last five years for Lot # 1 is AFN 19,500,000.00 and for Lot # 2 is AFN 22,500,000.00, but in case of bidding for whole package the annual volume of Construction shall be AFN 42,000,000.00.
- Experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least one works of value for Lot # 1 AFN 9,100,000.00 and for Lot # 2 AFN 10,500,000.00, during the last five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 70 percent complete); but, bidding for the complete package the Bidder must have the experience as a prime Contractor in the Construction of at least one Work of value AFN 19,600,000.00.
- The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of the successful Bidder for Lot # 1 AFN 2,600,000.00 and for Lot # 2 AFN 3,000,000.00 but bidding for the complete package, the required liquid assets would be AFN 5,600,000.00.
- Contract Manager with Five years' experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Manager;

Bidder must provide a C.V for site engineer overall experience in civil, construction and project management (minimum 5 years of project management experience in Building Construction Supervision) for every single Lot.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below or sending an e-mail to the address below, or by downloading from the web site(s) mentioned below. <http://www.nspafghanistan.org>; or from ARDS website www.ards.org.af

8. A pre-bidding conference shall be held on 22nd July, 2015 at 02:00 Hrs Afghanistan Time Conference Hall, Procurement Building Third Floor, National Solidarity Program, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Tashkilat Street, Darulaman Road, Kabul, Afghanistan

Contact Person: Mr. Nabiullah Azimi, Head, Procurement Department,
E-mail ID: n.azimi@nspafghanistan.org; h.samadi@nspafghanistan.org;

9. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 04th August, 2015 at 02:00 Hrs Afghanistan Time. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at the afore-mentioned date and time.

10. All bids shall be accompanied by a, Bid Securing amount of equal to AFN 300,000.00 for lot # 1 Badghis Province and AFN 350,000.00 for lot# 2 Maidan Wardak Province.