

<b>Jalalabad</b> Clear 35°C 26°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Clear 32°C 16°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Clear 43°C 24°C	<b>Mazar</b> Clear 39°C 29°C	<b>Herat</b> Partly Cloudy 36°C 21°C	<b>Bamayan</b> Clear 23°C 19°C	<b>Kabul</b> Clear 33°C 19°C
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# Ghani Warns Opposition Against Causing Disunity

KABUL - Those in opposition to the Afghan government who seek a breakdown of the administration will isolate themselves, President Ashraf Ghani recently warned. "Being in opposition to the government, does not mean uprooting an administration or government system. Anyone who has attempted to live isolated from the system or tried to lay a trap for the system, will be isolated and caught in that trap themselves," Ghani said. Responding to Ghani's remarks, Naqibullah Hashemi, a political commentator, said the political agreement between the parties states that a Loya Jirga [Grand Assembly] should be convened within the first two



years of the National Unity Government. "Kabul should either bring reforms to its system or organize a Loya Jirga and take decisions on its future," he said. This comes after the head of the political and international committee of the Council of Protection and Stability in Afghanistan, Mohammad Umer Daudzai, said they are concerned about the fragility of the state. "An agreement-based government can last for one or two years, not forever. The term of the agreement has been completed. Now you [government leaders] should find a solution. If they don't, and do not have ... (More on P4)...(6)

## Troops Celebrate Eid Days on Battleground



JALALABAD - Soldiers fighting Daesh rebels in Kot district in Nangarhar province, say nothing will make them happier than seeing their countrymen spend Eid days in a peaceful and happy environment.

The district is not yet fully cleared of Daesh militants and fear continues in the hearts of residents and children of the district in particular.

"We are here to provide security to the residents on Eid days. When people celebrate their Eid in a secure environment, it means everything to us," said a soldier in Kot.

"We are happy to defend our country, even if we are far from our own families. We will not allow anyone to attack our land," another soldier in Kot district said. Statistics show that besides other terrorist groups, nearly 1,000 Daesh militants are active in Nangarhar province.

Meanwhile security forces in the south have given people the assurance that they will eliminate Daesh in Nangarhar province.

"Daesh militants have been defeated and are retreating. We will follow them until they go defeated back to those who sent them," said Zorawar Zahid, Nangarhar's police chief.

"Daesh militants have not only retreated from Kot district, but we will pursue them in other areas where they have bases. We will also pursue them to Shenwari district and other areas where they have bases and eliminate them" said Salim Khan Kunduzi ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Pakistan won't Allow Anyone to use its Soil Against Afghanistan: Gen. Sharif

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistani Chief of army staff, General Raheel Sharif, has said Pakistan will not allow anyone to use its soil against Afghanistan. Gen. Sharif made the remarks during a visit to Waziristan tribal region on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing for the country's military, said "Gen. Sharif stated that our operations against terrorists of all hue

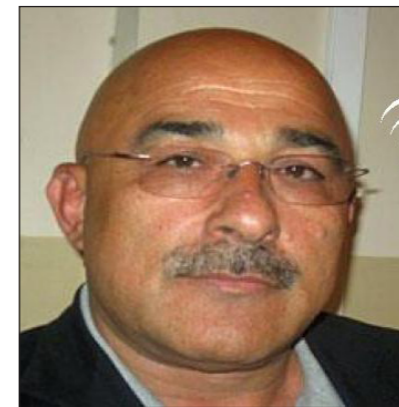
and colour will continue." He said "AS consolidation goes on and operation dividends optimised for Pak-Afghan border region, Pakistan won't allow anyone to use its soil against Afghanistan." Gen. Sharif instructed all commands, intelligence agencies and LEAs to take concrete measure against violators, insisting that "Peace and stability along Pak-Afghan border remains our priority, to-



wards which will commit all our efforts." In the meantime, the Afghan ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Helal Appointed Defence Minister Deputy for Strategic Intelligence Affairs

KABUL CITY - Hilaluddin Helal has been appointed assistant Defence Minister of the strategic intelligence department in the rank of General in line with presidential order, a statement from the Presidential Palace said on Thursday. The Strategic Intelligence post has been newly created in the hierarchy of ministry of defence. Earlier, Helal served as commander in the air force and deputy security in charge in the Ministry of Interior (Moi).



He completed higher education in military and remained a brave military officer in the past. Helal also served as Wolesi Jirga member from Baghlan. (Pajhwok)

## President, CEO to Attend Warsaw Summit

KABUL CITY - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on the head of a high level delegation on Thursday departed for Warsaw, the capital of Poland to attend NATO summit, a statement from Presidential Palace said. President Ghani would address the summit and inform the world leaders about Afghanistan's position of various issues particularly the war on terrorism, the statement said. The president would hold separate meetings with world



leaders on the sideline of the summit and discuss security and other issues. CEO Abdullah, Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani, National Security Advisor Hanif Atmar, Finance Minister Eklil

Hakimi, Defence Minister Abdullah Habib, Counternarcotics Minister Salamat Azimi and other officials accompanied the president on this trip. The summit would

be held on 8th and 9th July in which the NATO member countries would renew its commitment to support Afghan security forces and provide necessary assistance until 2020. (Pajhwok)

## UNESCO Set to Repair Bamyan's Buddha Statues

BAMYAN CITY - Necessary arrangements for the rehabilitation of one of the destroyed Buddha statues have been put in place, with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) expected to launch work on it soon. Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat hoped the rehabilitation of the statue would help revive the cultural heritage of the province and would play an important role in its economic development by attracting more tourists to Bamyan.

That was why the local authorities strived to muster the support of UNESCO and other donors for the rehabilitation of the statue, he said. "Our efforts for the reconstruction of the centuries-old statues are part of the city's cultural master plan." He said the plan was aimed to protect the cultural opulence of the ancient city and avoid the construction of homes at historical sites. He promised allocating land for shops and markets in proper locations to safeguard Bamyan's history and add to its beauty.



Bamyan is one of Afghanistan's historically rich provinces known for the world-renowned Buddha statues carved out thousands of years ago. Band-i-Amir is another beautiful area with a translucent water reservoir. It is the first ever National Park of the country. According to local officials, the number of tourists has declined in recent years due to growing insecurity in Bamyan and ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Presidential Advisor Hussain Anwari Dies At 60

KABUL - A former agriculture minister in Afghanistan's transitional government and current advisor to the president, Hussain Anwari, has passed away at the age of 60 years. A few days ago, Anwari, a former governor of western Herat province, was taken for treatment to India where he breathed his last.



Anwari, an ethnic Tajik of the Qizilbash branch, was born in Shekh Ali District of Parwan Province and was educated as a teacher in Kabul. He was Minister of Social Affairs and Labor from 1992 to 1995. He fought with the Northern Alliance from 1995 to 2001 against the Taliban and became chief military commander of Harakat-i-Islami in Afghanistan during that time. In 2001, he was appointed as the Agri-

culture minister in Afghanistan's transitional government and in June 2005 he was appointed governor of Herat province, where he served until 2009. He was elected to the Wolesi Jirga as a member from Kabul in the 2010 elections. He had previously been elected as an MP from Kabul in the 2005 elections. Anwari supported President Ashraf Ghani during the 2014 presidential election. (Pajhwok)

## Nimroz Custom Revenue up by 50pc in 1st Quarter

ZARANJ - The revenue of the custom department of southwestern Nimroz province has reached nearly three billion afghanis during the first three months of the current solar year, indicating a 50 percent increase. Deputy Director of Customs Abdul Ghani Turabitold Pajhwok Afghan News the revenue had gone up by one billion afghanis during the first quarter of the current year, compared with the corresponding period of last year. He identified the installation of a new system, an all-out campaign against corruption and prevention of capital flight as the main reasons for the revenue hike. The amount collected in the first three months this year worked out at 2.93 billion afghanis, compared with 1.93 billion afghanis during the same period in 2015, he explained. A fuel trader, Haji Sattar, said Iran's Bandar Abbas port was 300 kilometres closer to Zaranj than to Islam Qala. Therefore, he argued, traders used the shorter route to transfer their goods in time. However, he complained about high taxes. "The tax was jacked up on fuel imports several years ago; the customs department charges \$600 on each tonne of fuel, compared with \$150 elsewhere in the world." He asked the government to bring down the tax on fuel imports and thereby incentivize the business. Mohammad Ewaz, another ... (More on P4)...(10)

## Ignored for Years, Gilan Residents Seek Basic Services

GHAZNI CITY - Residents and officials say no development schemes have been implemented in recent years in the Gilan district of southern Ghazni province. During an exclusive interview, the district chief, Abdul Karim Tarakai, told Pajhwok Afghan News the government had paid little attention to education,

health, agriculture and governance issues. "I was appointed as district chief six months ago. I saw there were only three employees on duty while the rest drew salaries without visiting offices," he recalled. Over the past 15 years, Tarakai claimed, inhabitants had not been provid-

ed with any assistance from the government. Consequently, their economic situation is not stable. Without naming anyone, he said: "Assistance to district residents has reached the province, but some elements will distribute it to their blue-... (More on P4)...(11)

## Caritas Switzerland Builds Food Warehouses for Afghans in Tajikistan

DUSHANBE - Issues related to further expansion of bilateral cooperation in reducing disaster risks were in the focus of a meeting of Lieutenant-General Rustam Nazarzoda, Head of the

Committee on Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CES) under the Government of Tajikistan with Mr. Karl Goepfert, Caritas Country Director for Tajikistan that took

place here on July 7, according to the CES. Orif Nozimov, a spokesman for the CES, says, the two discussed issues related to creation of an ... (More on P4)...(12)