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Senate Warns of not Recognising Wolesi Jirga

KABUL - Some Meshrano Jirga or Senate members on Tuesday called for early announcement of parliamentary elections date, otherwise they would not approve any draft legalising the incumbent lower house. Article 83 of the Constitution states: "The constitutionally-mandated tenure of the house of people shall terminate after the disclosure of the results of the election, on the 1st of Saratan (22 June), and the new parliament shall commence work." Earlier, President Ashraf



Ghani had said the Wolesi Jirga would continue until parliamentary elections dates were set in a month. A statement from the Presidential Palace had cited technical, security, financial and other problems that led to the delay in holding the Wolesi Jirga elections. The statement said it had been decided that the incumbent Wolesi Jirga would continue keeping in view the current problems and challenges. Senator Afzal Shanul urged leaders of the unity government ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Ghani Urged to Denounce Remarks of Army Chief



WASHINGTON - US-based Human Rights Watch on Tuesday urged President Ashraf Ghani to denounce remarks by the chief of the army offering soldiers protection from punishment for war crimes. Ghani, who is commander-in-chief of the Afghan armed forces, should reconmit the country's security forces to respect the laws of war and put commanders on notice that suggesting otherwise will subject them to disciplinary measures, the human rights body said. "President Ghani should state clearly that abiding by the laws of war is a legal requirement, not a policy option," said Phe-lim Kine, deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch. He said that "commanders who reject the laws of war not only unnecessarily risk the lives of civilians and their own troops, ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Heritage Sites Protection Tops Ministry's Action Plan



KABUL - Surveying, rehabilitating and protecting historic sites around the Mes Ainak copper mine and other heritage sites of the country, reforms in the newspaper industry, news websites and planning international exhibitions would be major goals of the Information and Cultural Ministry's 100-day action plan, the minister said on Tuesday. Abdul Bari Jahani said a tourism development board would be established, a national youth strategy developed and an information centre and tourism funds monetary committee established under the plan. Unveiling his ministry's plan, Jahani said the plan had been divided in five main sections and the important one was rehabilitation of historic sites around the Mes Ainak mine in central Logar province. He said the monuments

around the copper mine reflected the golden Buddhist era and their protection was important for the extraction of copper. As many as 2,000 historic relics had so far been shifted to the Kabul museum from the Ainak copper mine site and another about 1,000 objects were still in the site. The minister said planning exhibitions to showcase the Tilla Tapa (golden hill) treasury, signing the Bakhtar treasury exhibition contracts with the US and collection of more than 100 monuments with the help of Japan for the Tilla Tapa treasury exhibition would be included in the ministry's future activities. He said during the coming 100 days, the Ministry of Information would increase its contacts with media organizations to improve government's relations with the media. According to Jahani, there ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Tajikistan to Strengthen Control on its Border with Afghanistan



DUSHANBE - Tajik President Emomali Rahmon ordered to strengthen control of the Tajik-Afghan border at the Tuesday's meeting of the government in Dushanbe. According to the presidential press service, Rahmon also ordered relevant ministries and agencies to take adequate measures to ensure timely harvesting and creation of food stocks for winter period. During the meeting, the participants endorsed the plan of activities of the government for the second half of 2015 and the national blood donation program designed for 2015-2019. The participants discussed and endorsed the draft laws on inspection of activities of economic entities and licens-

ing system. The draft law on inspection of activities of economic entities notes that inspection of activities of large enterprises should not take more than 10 days, inspection of medium-sized enterprises should not take more than 5 days, and inspection of small enterprises should not take more than 2 days. The participants also considered and approved the concept of free legal aid in Tajikistan, the strategic plan of modernization of financial system of the health sector designed for 2015-2018, the plan of the measures on implementation of energy projects designed for 2015-2020, and the rules of the intake of students under the presidential quota. *(Monitoring Desk)*

UNODC Calls for National Mobilization against Narcotics

KABUL - The United Nations International Day against Illicit drugs is celebrated each year on 26 June with the aim of raising awareness of the harm illicit drug use causes society and of encouraging governments and civil society to engage in campaigns against drug cultivation, processing, trafficking and use. A statement from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Tuesday said that the day was marked with enthusiastic celebrations in Kabul and the provincial centres of Kandahar, Herat, Balkh, Nangarhar and Badakhshan. The events in the provincial centres were attended by over



5,000 people and were jointly planned and implemented by UNODC and the Ministry of Counter Narcotics of ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Heavy Clashes Ongoing in Takhar

TALEQAN - Heavy clashes are ongoing between Afghan security forces and Taliban insurgents in northern Takhar province, local officials said on Tuesday. Clashes were sparked in Khwaja Ghar district of the province after military forces launched a clearing operation in the area, district governor, Mohammad Omar Omar said. "So far ten villages have been cleared of insurgents and the military forces are moving forward to Dasht-e-Archi ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

CBA Announces Plans to Inject \$850mln into Market

KABUL - The Central Bank of Afghanistan (CBA) on Monday announced plans to inject \$850 million into the local market in order to stabilize the national currency and ensure the Afghan banking sector continues to function properly. Officials said the funds for the capital injection would come from the international community. The decision emerged out of a High Council session of the Central Bank, which included the approval of bank administrators' working agenda for the next 100 days.



"In the next quarter we are going to issue \$850 million USD to the market. The decision came in line with the needs of the market and to avoid problems," CBA acting governor Khan Afzal

Hudawal said on Monday. "And also because of the supply, the country's reserves will not be decreased," he added, highlighting the advantage of having foreign ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

2 Dead, 51 Injured in Lashkargah Suicide Attack

LASHKARGAH - A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into the police station, leaving two persons,



including a woman, dead and 51 others wounded in Lashkargah, the provincial capital of southern Helmand province on Tuesday morning, an official said. Brig. Gen. Nabi Jan Mulakhail, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that "a suicide bomber smashed his car into the back wall of the police station to pave way for two other militants to enter the facility."

However, their plan was foiled because the facility was well-fortified and the blast could not bring down the wall. He said that police shot dead the other suicide attacker. Two civilians were and 15 others suffered injuries, Mulakhail noted. Omar Zwak, governor spokesman, said the blast left at least 51 persons injured including two policemen who were shifted to two hospitals. Dozens of children and women were slightly wounded inside their homes. Few pedestrians and shopkeepers close to the area got injured, Khpalwak said, adding a woman was among the dead. Rehmatullah, an eye witness, ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

ISIL Kicks out Taliban, Captures Vast Territory in Afghanistan



KABUL - As part of its rapid land grab, the self-proclaimed Islamic State terrorist group has, for the first time, made significant inroads into Afghanistan, wresting control of a sizeable chunk of Nangarhar province away from the Taliban. Earlier this month, a band of mysterious fighters pushed through Taliban-controlled territory in eastern Afghanistan. According to witnesses speaking to Reuters, hundreds of insurgents rode through Nangarhar province, burning Taliban opium fields as they went. This new band of insurgents fought under the banner of the self-proclaimed Islamic State terror group. "They (IS loyalists) came in on many white pickup trucks mounted with big machine guns and fought the Taliban," said Haji Abdul Jan, a tribal leader from Achin district. "The Taliban could not resist and fled." The IS fighters have acted quickly, already seizing territory ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

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Power Cables to Major Eastern Cities Cut Down Again

JALALABAD - Unknown gunmen had once again severed power cables in the Ozbin area of Sarobi district, depriving residents of eastern Nangarhar and Laghman provinces of electricity.

Nangarhar electricity department head Molub Rahman Momand told Pajhwok Afghan News he was on his way to Sarobi district and that the cables had been cut off as a result of an armed clash between two groups. It was for the second time in few days that the lines had been broken. Earlier, Ozbin residents said they would allow the broken lines to be repaired if they were extended electricity. After a series of jirgas and rounds of negotiations, the residents allowed officials to repair the lines. Momand, who is accompanied by engineers and technicians on his way to Sarobi, said they would repair the broken lines if reached the site without any problem. But another official, who declined to be identified, said the gunmen had also blown up a power pylon this time. He said repairing lines was easy, but installing the pylon would take some time. The blackout has landed Jalalabad residents in great trouble. Faqir Syed, a resident, told Pajhwok Afghan News it was a great injustice with the people to cut off electricity lines in this hot weather and fasting month. He said if insurgents or mafia groups were involved in the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*