

Quote of the Day

The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of ourselves.

William Hazlitt

Constitution

Judges, Attorneys, and Officers of the Armed Forces and Police, and members of the National Security, cannot be members of political parties during their terms of office.

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President Ashraf Ghani

No one Should Gamble Afghanistan will Collapse



"The governments should learn one fundamental lesson; instability of a government in one region causes in-

stability in the entire region and the world," he said.

The president said Afghan women had suffered the most in the ongoing war in the country.

He said the Afghans were of the opinion that the war had been imposed on them. "The war is imposed on us and we don't want peace from a weak position."

"I assure you that whenever we reach a peace agreement, Afghan women's presence in the government will be made sure," the president pledged.

Also on Tuesday, the president named the first female Supreme Court justice in Afghanistan's ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

Senators Want Foreign Forces Stop Arbitrary Operations



KABUL - Meshrano Jirga or upper house of the parliament on Tuesday expressed grave concern over security situation of the country and asked foreign forces to stop arbitrary actions.

In a general session of the house, senators said that foreign forces came to Afghanistan for their own interests, not for the

interests of Afghans.

Gulalai Akbari, a member of the house from Badakhshan province, said insecurity was on the rise and militants were getting more power by passing each day.

She criticized security departments of negligence in improving security in border areas and said:

"The ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday said the war had been imposed on the Afghans and Afghanistan would not collapse as a country. "No one should gamble that God forbid Afghanistan will collapse," Ghani told a United Nations' function on women and peace in Kabul.

The president said the Afghans had lived for 5,000 years, protecting their soil and they would give sacrifice for another 5,000 years to protect their country and soil.

Ghani urged regional powers to come to some sort of regional consensus on how to stabilize Afghanistan. "We are giving sacrifice and there is



EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Local publication for call for proposals

Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace Peace-building Partnership Annual Action Programme 2014

"Support to in-country civil society actors in conflict prevention, peace-building, crisis preparedness"

Reference: ICSP/2015/137308

The Delegation of the European Union to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has launched a call for proposals under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace. The overall amount of this call for proposals is 2 300 000 EUR. These funds will support activities addressing the following specific objectives:

- 1) Support the implementation of the Afghanistan's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security
- 2) Encourage a culture of peace at the local level
- 3) Support the establishment of a protection mechanism

The full Guidelines for Applicants are available online for consultation at the Delegation of the European Union to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Web: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/grants_tenders/grants/index_en.htm.

The deadline for submission of concept notes is 14/08/2015 23:59 hours local time.

Nicholas Haysom

Forgetting Afghanistan Would be Disastrous

KABUL - The UN Secretary-General's Special Representative and head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan Nicholas Haysom said Tuesday that the international community must not take its "eye off the ball" when it comes to Afghanistan - adding it would be "disastrous" if the country was forgotten about amid more pressing global issues.

Haysom, who was speaking to the UN News Center, warned that the country was facing numerous challenges that will take time to sort out. He said that although there has



been progress in meeting the country's challenges in the economic, security and political fields, ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

AGO Warns of Legal Action against Kabul Bank Defaulters

KABUL - The Attorney General's Office (AGO) warned on Tuesday it will take legal action against Kabul Bank debt defaulters who fail to repay their loans.

At a press conference in Kabul, AGO spokesman Basir Azizi said they had received the list



of defaulters from the Kabul Bank's clearance department - which collapsed in 2010 after over \$900 million USD was stolen in a banking scandal.

Azizi warned that if the defaulters failed to repay their loans, ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

Teachers End Month-Long Strike after Assurances

KABUL - The Ministry of Education has said on Tuesday the one month-long teachers' strike came to an end today after assurances by authorities to look into their legitimate demands.

In a statement, the ministry said the strike by a number ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

Suicide Car Bomb Rocks Kabul, NATO Vehicle Targeted



KABUL - A suicide car bomb rocked the busy 3rd Macro-ryan market near the Qazi Plaza in Kabul on Tuesday, killing at least one civilian, in what was the city's third explosion of the day. The suicide bombing reportedly targeted a NATO-led Resolute Support (RS) mission vehicle near a US compound at about 1.20pm. In

a statement issued by RS it said all personnel were safe and accounted for.

However the Ministry of Interior confirmed at least one person was killed and 22 injured in the blast took place about 200 meters from the Supreme Court building, which is also close to a school and a mosque. ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

Budget Constraints Tie MoIC's Hands: Minister

KABUL - Following UNESCO's warning to Daesh and other militant groups against attacking heritage sites, Minister of Information and Culture, Abdul Bari Jahani on Tuesday said his ministry is unable to restore historic sites that militants destroy as the ministry only gets 0.2 percent of the country's total annual national budget.

Afghanistan's annual budget for 2015 is 436.1 billion Afghani.

Mapping out his 100-day plan, Bari noted that from his budget, 20 percent is allocated to cultural activities while the remainder goes to

paying salaries.

"As most of our historic sites need reconstruction, we need to rebuild 15 to 20 sites annually but due to lack of budget, only a few of them are being rebuilt," Bari said.

His statements came a day after UNESCO announced the destruction by Daesh of antiquities and heritage sites in conflict zones could amount to war crimes. The UNESCO World Heritage Committee in a meeting in Bonn, Germany, on Monday adopted a resolution condemning "intentional attacks against buildings ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

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