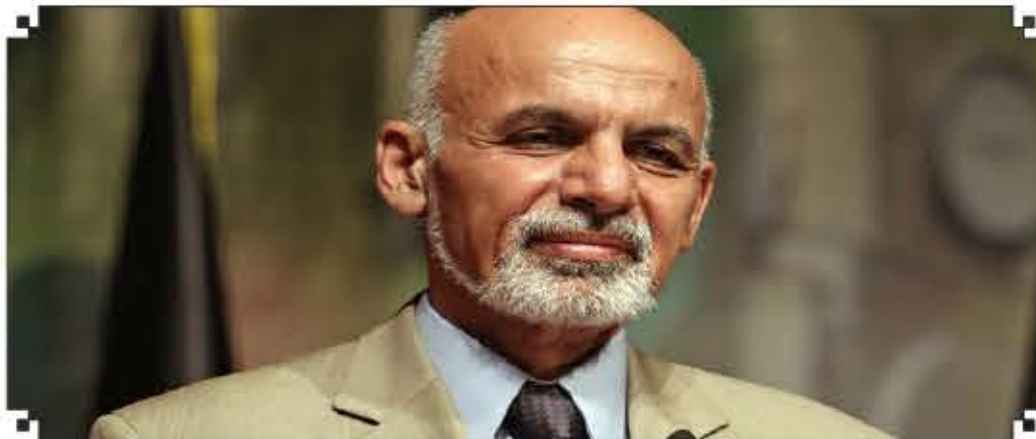


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Kabul Bank Scandal Hurt Banking System: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday said the Kabul Bank scandal would always be condemned in Afghanistan history for damaging the country's banking system. While introducing the new Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) head Khalil Sediq, the president said Afghanistan had a bright banking history and Abdul Majid Zabuli was the founder of Afghanistan banking system in the 20th century. He said Afghanistan had made big business deals with



European, Asian and American banks under Zabuli leadership. The Afghanistan banking system had been unique in terms of transparency, understanding and economic improvement, but the Kabul Bank case damaged the sys-

tem, the president added. The Kabul Bank scandal would always remain a dark spot, he said, adding that the banking system should improve the country's economy and provide loans to investors and should not be used to loot people and the government. However, Ghani said the Kabul Bank case was approaching a solution and the money lost being recovered. Kabul Bank, once the country's largest private-sector lender, plunged into deep financial... (More on P4)... (7)

Certain Elements Try to Sabotage Afghan Peace Process: Pak Army

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistani military officials have said certain elements are looking to sabotage the Afghan reconciliation process amid optimism to put an end in ongoing violence in Afghanistan following the recent talks between the Afghan officials and Taliban representatives in Pakistan. Without disclosing further information regarding the elements trying to sabotage the Afghan peace process, the Pakistani military officials said the elements fear that peace process between the Afghan government and Taliban could undermine



their interests. Maj Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa, director general of the Inter-Services Public Relations, told The Express Tribune "There are many detractors of the Afghan peace process. Peace in Afghanistan is in Pakistan's interest and the Afghan government has the same interest. So, those people should be identified who... (More on P4)... (8)

Efforts on to Protect Civilians in Achin District

JALALABAD - Officials on Monday said security posts were being increased to prevent civilians from being harmed during clashes between the Taliban and Islamic State groups in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province. Recent clashes between the two groups have reportedly left at least eight civilians dead and a large number of families displaced in the Mamond area of the district. Police spokesman Col. Hazrat... (More on P4)... (9)

Civilian Deaths to Be Avenged: Abdullah

KABUL - Strongly condemning civilian deaths in recent terrorist attacks, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday said those killing innocent people should wait for their own death as well. The CEO said the national unity government would not remain silent against terrorist groups in the country. A day earlier, 27 civilians and six security personnel were killed and 23 others wounded in a suicide bombing in southeastern Khost province. Another 10 civilians were killed in a roadside bomb in central Kapisa prov-



ince. A statement from the CEO office said such attacks by the enemies of Afghanistan were not acceptable by any means. "I strongly condemn these attacks. Such actions of the Taliban show they are dictated by their foreign handlers to kill Afghans and achieve their ominous goals," the statement quoted Abdullah as saying. He said the national... (More on P4)... (10)

Security Forces Suffered Casualties in Faryab Fighting: MPs

KABUL - Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament members from northern Faryab province on Monday said heavy fighting was ongoing in six districts of the province in which security forces suffered heavy casualties in Almar district. Fawzia Raufi, lawmaker from Faryab, told the lower house: "There is intense fighting in six districts of Faryab and last night four security posts in Almar district fallen to Taliban due to lack of weapons and ammunitions." She claimed 60 police personnel from these posts have been beheaded by Taliban. The bodies of these forces were still lying on the ground,



she added. She claimed apart from local Taliban more than 400 Uzbek fighters were also actively attacking security forces. According to Raufi, without air support and reinforcement, several districts would fall until tomorrow. Dr. Naqibullah Faiq, another member of parliament, in a telephone conversation from Faryab told Pajhwok Afghan News, during the last 48 hours 16 community forces have been detained by insurgents and 25 more along with policemen have been killed and wounded. Without urgent aid, he warned, more than 400 of these forces were in danger of losing their lives. The president had sent two helicopters to Faryab after he... (More on P4)... (11)

Offensive Underway Against IS in Nangarhar

KABUL - A military operation has been launched against armed militants with focus on the Daesh group in eastern Nangarhar province, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said on Monday. MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqi told a press briefing in Kabul the operation had been started especially against the Islamic State group. He said at least 12 militants, including a shadow district, were killed in a drone strike on Sunday evening in the Bati Kot district... (More on P4)... (12)

Accord Inked with Turkmenistan on Electricity Voltage

HERAT CITY - The power utility, Afghanistan Breshna Shirkat (ABS), has signed a \$17 million worth agreement with Turkmenistan on increasing voltage of electricity being imported from the central Asian state. Mohammad Asif Rahimi, the governor of western Herat province, told reporters here that work on the \$17 million project would begin soon to increase voltage and end the frequent outages in Herat. He said of the total cost \$10 million would be spent on establishing a grid station and the remaining \$7 million on



rehabilitation of the electricity supply lines from Turkmenistan. The agreement is inked at a time when residents of Herat and other provinces suffer from low voltage and frequent outages during summer and winter. Massoud Mohammadi, a resident of Herat City, told Pajhwok Afghan News the project would help remove electricity related issues. The governor also said the Integrated Food and Energy Development (IFED) had pledged \$20 million for development of agriculture products and jobs creation in Herat. He informed another organization working for development of agriculture would execute a \$20 million project in Herat after Eidul Fitr. (Pajhwok)

MPs Want Child Rapists Arrested, Punished Soon

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament on Monday asked security officials to arrest individuals involved in raping a three-year-old child in capital Kabul. A couple of days back, a three-year-old boy was found dead after being gang-raped in the limits of the 8th municipal district. Nazifa Zaki, a lawmaker from Kabul, condemned the incident as in-human and un-Islamic act and demanded immediate arrest of the perpetrators. Maulvi Abdul Rahman... (More on P4)... (13)

DABS Engineer Fixes Two-Year Problem At Tarakhil Plant



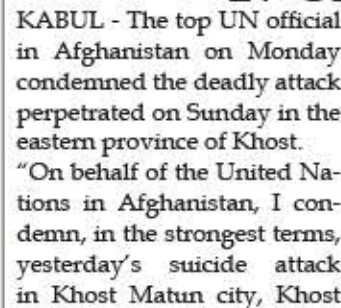
KABUL - For two years, the problem at Tarakhil Power Plant baffled engineers and international consultants. However, Afghan engineer Ehsan Khaibar has figured out how to bring the plant's master engine controls back online. Khaibar, an electrical engineer, works at the Afghan national power utility, Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS). Khaibar's solution potentially saved the US government more than \$850,000 and put

Scores of Taliban Fighters Eliminated in Faryab Operations



KABUL/MAIMANA - At least 34 Taliban, including two group leaders and trainers of suicide bombers, have killed in operations in north-western Faryab province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) says on Monday. The group commanders Rahmatullah and Abdullah and 28 other Taliban were perished during clearing operation in the Sherin Tagab district. The Heavily-armed insurgents used torture tactics and force people to pay Usher and Zakat in Astana Babai locality, a statement from the spy network said. Ali and Atta Murad, the train-

UN Envoy Condemns Deadly Suicide Attack That Killed 27 Civilians



KABUL - The top UN official in Afghanistan on Monday condemned the deadly attack perpetrated on Sunday in the eastern province of Khost. "On behalf of the United Nations in Afghanistan, I condemn, in the strongest terms, yesterday's suicide attack in Khost Matun city, Khost province that killed 27 civilians and injured at least 10 others", said Nicholas Haysom, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in the country, expressing his deep condolences to the families of the victims. Yesterday evening, right before the Iftar - the meal when Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset -, a suicide bomber detonated a vehicle packed with explosives at an Afghan security forces checkpoint located near a bazaar. "A suicide attack near a community bazaar can never be justified. Those responsible



for this indiscriminate attack must be held accountable," added Mr. Haysom. Among those killed were three women and 12 children, points out the statement issued by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), which Mr. Haysom heads. Six members of the Afghan security forces also lost their lives in the attack. The UN Envoy reiterated UNAMA's repeated calls for the immediate ban of weapons which kill indiscriminately and to cease attacks in civilian-populated areas... (More on P4)... (15)

Karzai Condemns Recent Terror Attacks



KABUL - Ex-President Hamid Karzai on Monday strongly denounced recent terrorist attacks in Khost, Kunduz, Kapisa and other provinces that led to killing of tens of people. Hamid Karzia termed that attacks as inhuman and said that perpetrators of the attacks were enemies of the people of Afghanistan. Karzai stressed that all the warring sides should avoid attacks and military operations during peace negotiations. Hamid Karzai extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for quick recovery of the wounded. A suicide car bombing in Khost province left around 33 people dead and wounded 23 others. (AFP)

House Rent Increases As Number of IDPs Go Up in Jalalabad



JALALABAD - A dramatic increase in rent on houses is experienced in Jalalabad city amid the rise in the number of Internally Displace People (IDPs) due to the ongoing clashes between Taliban and Daesh militant groups in Nangarhar province. Hundreds of families have already left their homes in Achin, Bati Kot, Kot and a few other districts that are witnessing conflicts between the two insurgent groups or security operations against them. According to the provincial administration, most of these displaced families have arrived in Jalalabad city. Some of these IDPs have arranged other means for living but most of them are renting houses in the city and pay bulk amounts of AFGs. The rents on these houses have... (More on P4)... (16)