

Quote of the Day

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.
Moshe Dayan (1915 - 1981)

CEO Dr. Abdullah Abdullah

NUG Inherited Corrupt System

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah once again strongly blasted the past government, saying the National Unity Government (NUG) inherited a "corrupt system and deceptive politics."

"Afghans must realize that what happened during the past 14 years," Abdullah said during his trip to northeastern Badakhshan.

Referring to speculations by former government officials about the collapse of the unity government, Abdullah warned if the government was overthrown, Daesh and Taliban would be its successors.

"The government during the past 14 years neglected the tragedies and problems of Afghanistan with laughter and humorous and now they are awaiting the collapse of government," Abdullah

said at a gathering of Badakhshan elders. Abdullah, who has been visiting restive provinces these days, maintained that the unity government was however accountable for its performance over the past nine months. "We are in National Unity Government just for the good of country, not to seek privileges," Abdullah said, which was believed to illustrate his discontentment to government's performance.

Referring to a deteriorating economic situation, Abdullah said the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan was one of the major factors behind unemployment. In addition, he emphasized on a lasting peace in Afghanistan but warned the government would not remain silent on killings of civilians.

"If terrorists are brutally killing civilians, we will use our all strength against them," Abdullah warned. (Tolnews)



Direct Talks with Taliban Biggest Achievement in 14 Years: Ghani

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Karzai Intends to Bring Down NUG

KABUL - The former Afghan President Hamid Karzai intends to bring down the National Unity Government (NUG) led by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, a senior Western diplomat quoted in report by Guardian said adding that Karzai has been trying for months to undercut Ghani's government, with the intention of bringing it down. The diplomat whose identity

was not disclosed in the report further added that an interim government would likely take over should Karzai succeeds to bring down President Ghani's government.

Karzai would step forward to fill the vacuum as the self-styled father of the nation, the diplomat said, adding that President Ghani is aware of Karzai's intentions but is keen... (More on p4)...(2)

'Women Should Stop Their Men from Going to the War'

KANDAHAR CITY - Women have the ability to stop their male family members from going to the war if their awareness is increased, peace negotiators in southern Kandahar province believe.

Jamila Yousafi, the provincial peace committee secretary, told this to a ... (More on p4)...(4)

UN Links Financial Aid to Electoral Reforms

KABUL - The UN special representative for Afghanistan has linked donor countries financial support to Afghanistan's electoral inclusive electoral reforms.

Nicholas Haysom raised the issue on the sidelines of a meeting with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah here in Kabul.



A statement from the CEO's office said the dignitaries also discussed security situations of the north following CEO's visit to the provinces. Haysom urged government to introduce reforms in laws and electoral bodies and that without inclusive reforms the donor countries would... (More on p4)...(5)

Japan Envoy, Local Officials Visit Nangarhar

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