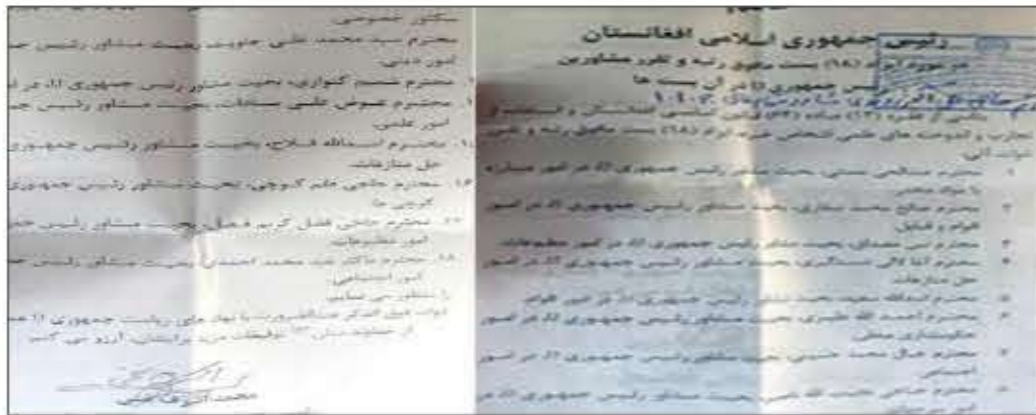


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President Ghani Appoints 19 New Advisors

KABUL - Under a special decree, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has appointed 19 new advisors on different positions, a statement by the Presidential Palace says on Tuesday. According to the statement, 19 persons were appointed as president's advisors under the article of 64th of the constitution in different positions.



Abdul Hai Niamati was appointed as advisor counter-narcotics, Saleh Mohammad Safari borders and tribal af-

fairs, Nabi Misdaq and Haji Fazal Karim media affairs, Agha Lalai Dastgiri and Mo-

hammad Ali Sadat disputes' solution cases, Asadullah Sayed tribal affairs, Ah-

mad Ahmad social affairs and Haji Najibullah Nasar border affairs. Other advisors included Ali Ahmad Jawand, advisor to president on private sector, Sayed Mohammad Ali Javed on religious affairs, Shanim Katawzai on youth affairs and Haji Alam Gul Kochai on nomads affairs. According to another presidential decree, Mr. Eng. Abdul Qayyum Khan as advisor to information and telecommunication. (Pajhwok)

President Joins Prayers for Durable Peace in Country



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has joined final part of Quran recitation ceremony and prayed for durable peace, stability and prosperity in the country, a statement from the Presidential Palace says on Tuesday. The president, it said regularly took part in Tarawih prayers in the p. After the end of the Tarawih payers, the participants prayed for lasting peace and prosperity in Afghanistan. Head of the Grand Ulama Council (GUC), ministers, members of parliament, members of High Peace Council (HPC) and other officials were present on the occasion. (Pajhwok)

Civil Society Groups Investigating Jalrez Incident

KABUL - Civil society groups are sending a joint delegation to central Maidan Wardak province tomorrow for investigation into the Jalrez incident. Local official say 24 Afghan Local Police personnel were killed and their posts captured by armed insurgents during attacks in the Jalrez district earlier this month. The security posts have



been recaptured and a team appointed by the president has launched its investigation into the carnage. Local officials say several attackers were also killed during the clashes. To investigate the incident, the Milli Sabaat (stability), the Afghan Milli Ghorzang civil society groups and the Samoon political party have appointed a joint seven-member delegation. In a joint statement, the groups said besides ALP personnel, civilians had also suffered casualties in the Jalrez attacks which should be investigated... (More on P4)...(8)

'Pak, Afghan will Root Out Terrorism Through Joint Efforts'

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Tuesday condemned the suicide attack at a military base in eastern Afghanistan in which at least 33 people were killed, and expressed confidence that through coordinated measures the two countries would root out menace of terrorism from the region. "Our deepest sympathies and condolences go to the families of the victims. Pakistan reiterates its condemnation of terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations. Such acts are deplorable and cannot be tolerated under any circumstances," the Pakistani Foreign Office said in a statement.



It said that terrorism is the common enemy that has afflicted the whole region. "We are confident that through coordinated measures Pakistan and Afghanistan would root out this menace from our countries and the region," it said. At least 33 people, which

included 27 civilians and six Afghan security personnel, were killed on July 12 in a suicide car bomb attack near a military base in Afghanistan's eastern province of Khost, where Afghan and foreign soldiers are stationed.(More on P4)...(7)

Security Tightened in Kabul Ahead of Eid



KABUL - The Kabul police chief on Tuesday said extraordinary security measures had been put in place in and around capital Kabul to ensure that the Eidul Fitr celebrations passed off peacefully. Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, told journalists strict security measures had been adopted in coordination with

the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the National Directorate of Security (NDS). "Security forces are working day and night to thwart any untoward incident during the religious festival. People need not to worry about security and they should enjoy Eid," he added. However, he said people's cooperation with security forces was necessary

and should contact police in special circumstances. The police chief warned they would deal sternly with saboteurs and those out to sabotage peace. "I urge all the families not to allow their children to use firecrackers because it would worry people as well as create problems for police," he added. (Pajhwok)

Noor Slams Govt. As Taliban Deadly Attacks Continue

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The acting governor of northern Balkh province of Afghanistan, Ata Mohammad Noor, slammed the government for remaining reckless as deadly Taliban attacks continue across the country. Noor issued a statement following a deadly suicide attack in Khost province and explosion in a mosque in Pule-Khumri city this evening which left dozens injured including senior local government officials. He warned that situation will become out of control soon if the current situation con-



tinues and called on security institutions to take immediate actions to improve the security of the country. Noor criticized the government for remaining reckless and said the security of the

people is more important than formal meetings and demonstrative actions. This comes as the Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the group launched its summer offensive earlier this year and launched numerous attacks across the country including capital Kabul. At least 33 people were killed and several others were injured after a suicide bomber detonated a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) near a check post of the Afghan security forces... (More on P4)...(9)

Crime Rate in Kabul Down By 37 Percent

KABUL - Kabul Police Chief on Tuesday claimed that crimes have decreased by 37 percent, as comparing to the past. Abdul Rahman Rahemi said that it was expected that crime rate will rise due to widespread unemployment across the country, but it has dropped as comparing to the past. Rahemi didn't mention exact figures, but said only 11 cases of kidnappings have occurred over the past four months and they have arrested perpetrators of all the cases. He said that the police in co-operation with other security organizations have taken all necessary measures to beef up security during Eid-ul-Fitr. "Eve teasers and others who are annoying people during Eid will be detained," he added. While talking about achievements of Kabul police in the past two weeks, Rahemi said that they have arrested 250 suspected criminals charged with different crimes, including murder, robbery, kidnapping, drug trafficking, and weapon smuggling and so on. He said that they have handed over some of the detained people to judicial organizations. Briefing reporters about achievements of Kabul police in fight against terrorism, Rahemi said that they have recovered 28 different kinds of weapons from a residential house in Alikhel village of Kabul. He added that police have arrested four people in connection with the weapons. (AFP)

Ministry Plans New Industrial Parks to Boost Fruit Exports



KABUL - Minister of Agriculture Assadullah Zamir on Monday announced plans to build a series of industrial parks that will facilitate the processing, packing and distribution of fresh and dried fruits for Afghan producers and traders. "The ministry looks forward to establishing new industrial parks where fresh and dry fruits will be processed and packed in a standardized manner," Minister Zamir said. "These parks are the only options that could boost

fruit products and our exports abroad," he added. Representatives of the industry, like Nijabat Haidari, the head of the Fresh Fruits Association, have embraced the plan, saying that it will help both farmers and members of the business community. But still some doubts regarding the Ministry of Agriculture's reliability remain. "Establishment of the parks will help growers increase their exports," Haidari said. "But the important thing for the ... (More on P4)...(10)

Slow-Paced Work on Kabul-Jalalabad Highway Irks Governor



JALALABAD - The governor of eastern Nangarhar province criticized the slow-paced work on second Jalalabad-Torkham road and Jalalabad-Kabul highway and directed relevant construction companies to complete the asphalt project as soon as possible. According to the Ministry of Public Works, the second Kabul-Jalalabad road which is extended through different route has 150 kilometers length and would cost \$160 million to complete. The project is sponsored by the World Bank (WB). Around 60 kilometers of the road was

completed so far. Nangarhar governor's spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdoulzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi and public order director, local security and civil officials visited the road on Monday. The governor asked reasons behind delay of construction work from engineers and public order commanders, he said. The contracted reconstruction company officials said that insecurity was the main reason that halted their work on the road that was begun around six months ago... (More on P4)...(11)

HEI Deny Joining ISIS (Daesh) Group

JALALABAD - The Hezb-e-Islami (HEI) party led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar has denied reports suggesting the party has joined affiliates of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) group. Haroon Zarghoon, a spokesman for Hezb-e-Islami, denied that the party released a statement last week alleging Hekmatyar had thrown his support behind the ultra-hardline jihadist movement also known as ISIS.



"It was not true. None of us had issued any such statement in support of ISIS in Afghanistan against the Afghan Taliban," Zarghoon quoted by Reuters said. This comes as a statement was released from the address of Hezb-e-Islami urging the group's followers to support the ISIS affiliates in the event tensions further escalated between the Taliban militants and affiliates of the ISIS group who were for-

mer members of the Taliban group. The statement also added that the Hezb-e-Islami has an intense enmity with the Taliban group and communists along with Shura-e-Nizar. No further elaboration was given regarding the communists, however Hezb-e-Islami's remarks regarding Shura-e-Nizar were apparently a gesture towards the leaders of Jamiat Islami party. Hezb-e-Islami is leading an anti-government militant group in Afghanistan and has been blacklisted by US Department of State... (More on P4)...(12)

48 Insurgents Killed in Military Operations



KABUL - 48 insurgents have been -killed in newest military operations in ten provinces, Ministry of Interior announced on Tuesday. A statement issued by the Ministry of Interior states that the operations were carried out in Maidan Wardak, Pakhtiya, Bamyan, Takhar, Faryab, Nangarhar, Kandahar, Helmand Zabul and Oruzgan provinces. According to the statement, 48 rebels were killed and 66 others wounded during

these operations. 10 militants were also detained in the operations jointly conducted by Afghan National Police, Afghan National Army and personnel from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency. The press release further states that security forces also seized a number of heavy and light weapons during these operations but it does not contain a specific number of them. (KP)