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Delayed Anti-Corruption Center Frustrates Oversight Office

KABUL - Sayed Ghulam Hussain Fakhri, chairman of High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption said Thursday that the government seems to be reluctant to start the work of the recently established anti-corruption justice center. But, Afghanistan's Attorney General Office (AGO) has said that staff recruitment for the anti-corruption justice center is in the final stages. The center will be operational as soon as the recruitment process is completed. "The recruitment of attorneys and other officials for the center has started and will be completed within a week, where after it will formally start its task," AGO spokesman Basir Azizi said.



Before signing off to NATO Summit in Warsaw, Afghan leaders officially announced the opening of anti-corruption center. Critics say that the government is now silent over the work of the center that was founded to bring corrupt officials to justice. The High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption believes that if anti-corruption justice center started its work with complete independence and without influence from the politicians, there is a hope for a robust action against corruption. "Now it is the time to take practical steps. The government should do more to help the center start its work," Fakhri said. "The center ... (More on P4)...(8)"

No Plans to Revive Peace Talks with Taliban: Afghan Official



KABUL - An official in ARG Presidential Palace has said there are no plans to revive peace talks with the Taliban group as efforts to bring the group have not yielded any positive result. President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani's spokesman Haroon Chakhansuri has told The Associated Press that a four-nation group comprising Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the United States has no plans to meet again after previous rounds of meetings produced no results. Chakhansuri further added "there is no set time" for another meeting of the group. The Afghan government was expecting to ... (More on P4)...(11)

Pakistan Should Target Groups that Attack its Neighbors: US

ISLAMABAD - The United States has called on Pakistan to target all militant groups including those targeting the country's neighbors. Deputy spokesperson for the State Department, Mark Toner, hailed Pakistan's efforts regarding the ongoing military operations in the tribal regions of the country. Admitting the country has suffered greatly from the menace of terrorism, Toner said "We believe that Pakistan is taking steps to address terrorist violence, particularly focused on groups that threaten Pakistanis' - Pakistan's stability." Toner further added "They have made progress shutting down terrorist safe havens. They've restored government control in many parts of Pakistan that have been used as terrorist safe havens for many years. And these are important, and they're meaningful steps for Pakistan to have made. And they've also come at a cost, and that cost is in - certainly in Pakistani lives." ... (More on P4)...(9)

France Attack Unforgiveable: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Friday joined world's leaders in condemning a truck attack on crowds of people celebrating France public holiday in Nice city, in which 84 people were killed and dozens more injured a day earlier. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack that also killed 10 children, when a truck drove into a crowd watching a fireworks display in Nice for Bastille Day. French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said among the injured 18 people were in critical condition. President Francois Hollande said he would call a defence



council meeting Friday that brings together defence, interior and other key ministers, before heading to Nice. Guns and other weapons were found in the truck. The government said the driver of the truck was shot dead after barreling down the palm-lined Promenade des

Anglais, sending hundreds fleeing in terror and leaving the area strewn with bodies. Authorities said they found identity papers belonging to a 31-year-old French-Tunisian citizen in the truck. A photograph showed the front of the truck riddled with bullet holes and badly damaged, with burst tyres. The holiday typically ends with spectacular fireworks over the Eiffel Tower in Paris, as well as cities around the country. A statement from the Afghan president's media office quoted President Ghani as condemning the attack "in the strongest possible words." Ghani ... (More on P4)...(10)

Human Rights Organizations Denounce Child Labor in Afghanistan

KABUL - Kabul - Several human rights organizations have today asked the Afghan government to ensure greater protection of children, following the dissemination of a study on child labor in the country. The Human Rights Watch report says that a quarter of Afghan children work for a living, but the government does not protect them against injury, death or exploitation. The investigation revealed that children work long hours for very little money or sometimes nothing, usually making bricks, weaving carpets, mining and agriculture. ... (More on P4)...(12)

Baghlan Police Incapable to Fight Against Taliban: Police Chief

KABUL - The police chief for northern Baghlan province on Thursday said they could not effectively fight against Taliban militants for lacking needed equipment. Col. Noor Habib Gulbahari expressed his concern about the weak morale of security forces in the province after sustaining heavy losses. He said the police forces lacked the ability to fight against rebels. "The military gear and equipment security forces possess in Baghlan are insufficient for operations and that's why the Afghan forces suffer many casualties," he said. He said security forces were tired of fighting during operations in Barka, Nehrin, Baghlan-



i-Markazi and Dand Ghori districts due to the lack of needed equipment and during these operations, the Afghan forces had been many times besieged, prompting calls for airstrikes. He said the operation to recapture Surkh Kotal area was conducted during the holy month of Ramadan and the offensive

took five days due to the lack of military equipment. But Governor Abdul Sattar Bariz rejected the police chief's assertions, saying the police in Baghlan had the ability to thwart all kinds of threats. He said militants had suffered the most during security ... (More on P4)...(13)

Juvenile Prisoners Resent Delay in Disposal of Cases

GHAZNI CITY - Juvenile detention centre inmates in southern Ghazni province complain they are faced with many problems besides their cases not addressed on time. Based on Afghanistan's laws, children below 18 years of age can be held at the juvenile correction centers. But a number of detainees at the Ghazni juvenile centre are above 19. Dildar Khan, one of the detainees, told Pajhwok Afghan News he had been kept at the centre for the past two years, but his case is yet to be taken up. "Our cases are not addressed in time; the rooms we live in are very small and we have no playground or other facilities," he said, asking the authorities to decide his fate. Another detainee, Allah Dad, 20, has been held at the centre for the past several years, but his case is yet to be disposed of. "Years ago, I was brought to the center. But my case is yet to be processed," he commented. Dad also complained about lack of space and a host of other problems that need to be addressed.

Great Pressure on Insurgents As Washington Toughens Pakistan Policy

KABUL - As Washington piles increased pressure on Pakistan over its controversial role on combating terrorism, political commentators have asked Islamabad to end its support for insurgents so as to avoid international isolation. On Thursday, Afghanistan's Ministry of Defense (MoD) again called on insurgent groups, including the Taliban, to lay down arms and join peace process. He vowed strong reaction if the insurgents persist on continuing the war. "They (the Taliban)



must endorse peace with the government of Afghanistan and return to their country, otherwise they will be eliminated. Pakistan has to do the same as it

is facing isolation," a defence ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said. "The United States regards the Haqqani network as a terrorist organization. One of ... (More on P4)...(16)

Pakistan Constructs Helipad, Installations in Paktika

SHARAN - Civil society activists and Provincial Council (PC) members on Wednesday claimed Pakistani security forces had launched the construction of a helipad and military installations in the Gomal district of southeastern Paktika province. Yaqub Khan Manzoor, Youth Cultural Society (YCS) head in Orgun district, said Pakistani security forces had started work on different facilities. "Construction of the helipad is underway in the Nazam locality of Gomal, 15 kilometres into Afghanistan." He said the Pakistani troops had built a gate and other military structures in Khandak and Warsak areas. He suggested the immediate destruction of the installations built on Afghan soil. Mubin Faqirzada, a provincial council member, confirmed the Pakistani military installation in Khandak Warsak areas. He said a past survey had shown that huge oil and ... (More on P4)...(14)

62 Insurgents, 7 ANA Troops Killed in Past 24 Hours: MoD



KABUL - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Friday said 62 militants and seven security personnel have been killed in various provinces during the past 24 hours during operations. A statement from the ministry said the Afghan defence and security forces conducted offensive operations in Nangarhar, Paktika,

Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Kandahar, Farah, Badakhshan, Takhar and Helmand provinces during the past 24 hours. The operations resulted in the killing of 62 insurgents and injuring of another 27. Two insurgents were captive alive, and statement said. Five commanders were ... (More on P4)...(15)

3 Doctors with Afghan Red Crescent Society Kidnapped in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL - Taliban militants have kidnapped three doctors with the Afghan Red Crescent Society in the Seyyad district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Thursday. The doctors had gone to Aho village of the district

to provide treatment to local residents, the provincial government spokesman, Zabihullah Amani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the Taliban abducted the three doctors from the village to Laghman area on the outskirts of Sar-i-Pul city, the provincial capital. He said the Laghman area was under Taliban control. The kidnapers also took away with them a vehicle belonging to the doctors. Amani said efforts in ... (More on P4)...(17)

Bulgarian PM Says 'what we did in Libya, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan Generates Terrorism

KABUL - Bulgarian Prime Minister Boiko Borissov has expressed his country's condolences after the July 14 terrorist attack in Nice in which 84 people died and 18 were critically injured, while he added that "what we did in Libya, in Syria, in Iraq,

in Afghanistan, generates terrorism, which we bear in our streets, our halls and our cities". "Apparently, many politicians in the world do not want to learn lessons," Borissov said in a post on Facebook on July 15. "When they (terrorists) attack absolutely innocent people and there is a huge number of casualties, when the terrorist acts are becoming more brutal, it is clear that the more the escalation, no better result will be achieved." Borissov said ... (More on P4)...(18)