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Daily Outlook Weather Forecast

Support Sought for Closing Afghan Refugee Chapter

KABUL - The international community has been urged to support efforts for bringing Afghanistan's protracted refugee chapter to a close and putting an end to future displacement within and beyond the country. Representatives of Pakistan, Afghanistan and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) on Tuesday underlined their commitment to empower Afghan refugees and to proactively work towards their voluntary repatriation and sustainable reintegration. All parties reaffirmed their commitment to the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) which remains the regional frame-



work for implementing lasting solutions for the 1.5 million registered refugees in Pakistan. On Tuesday, the UNCR hosted the Tripartite Commission meeting in Murree, attended by Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister of Refugees Sayed Hossein Alimi Balkhi, UNHCR's Representatives Indrika Ratwatte and Ms. Maya Ameratunga. The parties signed the extension of the existing Tripartite Agreement till December 31, 2016 between the governments of Pakistan, Afghanistan and ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Logar Mayor Seeks Funds for Pul-I-Alam Development

PUL-I-ALAM - The acting mayor for central Logar province has blamed his predecessors for ignoring development needs of Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, saying the municipality budget is spent on unnecessary tasks. Sayed Agha Sadat, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, acknowledged the facilities and civic amenities needed by the people had not been provided. He complained of inadequate funds even for elemental projects. Logar residents ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Armenian Peacekeepers off to Germany to Prepare for Afghanistan Mission

YEREVAN, Armenia - A group of Armenian peacekeepers left for Germany on Wednesday to prepare for a mission in Afghanistan, Press Service of the Armenian Ministry of Defense reported. Before the departure the group was greeted by commander of the peacekeeping brigade, Major-General Arthur Simonyan. He urged the servicemen to fulfill the mission with dignity and remain committed to the traditions established in RA Armed Forces. Armenia has been participating in the NATO mission in Afghanistan since 2010. The Armenian servicemen carry out their mission under the command of the German Armed Forces. *(Agencies)*

Scores of Countries Back Afghanistan's Economic Scheme for 'Brussels Summit'

KABUL- Ambassadors from twenty regional countries and delegations from international organization have put their weights behind economic scheme of the Afghan government for Brussels Summit. They announced their support in a joint session on Wednesday, held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Foreign Minister, Salahuddin Rabbani, told session that ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Helmand Gathering Voices Support for Security Forces

LASHKARGAH - A gathering involving tribal elders, religious scholars, influential figures and common people on Wednesday appealed to the masses to put their weight behind the government and security forces in bringing peace and stability. Religious scholar Maulvi Zainullah told the audience that peace and stability could not be brought through military means, which he said effective for a temporary time. He said if ulema preached the true message of Islam and military personnel adopted Islamic teachings, the security situation would improve a lot. He said local residents should understand their rights and militants must stop serving outsiders and join the reconciliation ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Taliban Takes Control of Large Swathe of Qala-E-Zal



KUNDUZ CITY - Taliban insurgents have reportedly taken control of most parts of Qala-e-Zal district of northern Kunduz province after an almost three-day battle with security forces, local officials said on Wednesday. Scores of families fled the district after dozens of Taliban insurgents attacked Qala-e-Zal early Monday and started clashing with

KP Can't Bear Burden of Refugees any More: Khatak

KOHAT - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister (CM) Pervez Khattak said on Tuesday that they had set a deadline of Dec 2016 for the repatriation of Afghan refugees and hoped that the federal government would make

all preparations in this regard without delay. Talking to media persons here, he said that KP could not bear the burden of 1.8 million refugees any more whose stay was being extended since 2009. The chief minister and speaker Asad Qaiser had come to Kohat on a short visit to offer fateha for the departed soul of former district president of PTI Humayun Chacha who passed away a few days ago. The CM was also ac ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Over 300 Crime Suspects Detained in Kabul: Police

KABUL - Kabul police on Wednesday claimed crimes had reduced in the central capital, where 321 crime suspects were arrested during the past 20 days. Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, the 101 Azmae Zone police commander,



told Pajhwok Afghan News the suspects had been arrested from dif ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

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