

Quote of the Day

Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it.
Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

Trump Officially Wins Republican Presidential Nomination

CLEVELAND, the United States - Donald Trump was officially named as the Republican presidential nominee on Tuesday after having rebuffed attempts from anti-Trump delegates to change party rules at the beginning of the 2016 Republican National Convention. U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan officially announced Trump's nomination after a state-by-state vote on Tuesday night. "The chair announces that Donald J. Trump, having received a majority of these votes, entitled to be cast at this convention, has been selected as the Republican Party nominee for president of the



United States," Ryan said. The real estate mogul from New York clinched the nomination as party delegates from the country's 50 states, five territories and Washington, D.C. cast their votes. Trump's son Donald Trump Jr. announced New York's delegation votes, allowing his father to secure 1,237 delegate votes he needed to become the Republican presidential nominee and contest the presidential election in November. "It is my honor to be able to throw Donald Trump over the top in the delegate count ... (More on P4)...(1)

Ghor Govt. Stays Unconcerned As Violence Against Women Soars

FIROZKOH - The Women Affairs Department of western Ghor province on Wednesday claimed 95 percent of women there had no access to justice, acknowledging that negligence of the government was contributing to violence against females. Women Affairs Director Masooma Anwari, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, said even a single man involved in violence against women had not been arrested in the past few years. She added Ghor witnessed a large number of cases of violence against women including stoning, shooting, murder, burning and whipping. She cited the stoning of a girl named Rukhshana and brazen shooting of Aziz Gul in broad daylight. Rukhshana, 19, was stoned to death in compliance with a kangaroo court's orders and the unmarried man she had eloped with ... (More on P4)...(2)

MPs to Grill Ministers over Under-Pending after Summer Recess

KABUL - Lawmakers on Wednesday said ministers whose ministries under-spent development budget during the ongoing fiscal year would be summoned and grilled. Last night, President Ashraf Ghani during a meeting with lawmakers asked them to observe the performance of ministers about spending development funds. The president had also said ministries who failed to spend more than 80 percent of their development budget should not ask for funds in future. Irfanullah Irfan, the Wolesi



Jirga or lower house deputy secretary, told reporters here that the house after returning from the summer break would seek explanation from ministers who failed to utilise uplift funds. Amir Khan Yar, the lower house ... (More on P4)...(3)

Municipality's Construction Permit System Simplified

KABUL - The World Bank has helped the Kabul Municipality develop a more efficient construction permit system that has significantly cut red tape and processing times, boosting private investment in the city's construction sector. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the initiative designed to spur much-needed construction in the capital. It has helped ... (More on P4)...(4)

Pakistan Eyeing Water-Sharing Treaty with Afghanistan

PESHAWAR - Following credible reports about Afghanistan's plans to build dams on Kabul River, Pakistan has voiced its willingness to sign a water treaty with the neighbour, a media report said on Wednesday. In Islamabad, the Ministry of Water and Power (MoWP) a series of many brainstorming sessions on the issue. Some of Pakistan's ambassadors took up the issue with the ... (More on P4)...(5)

Ulema Stress Strong Govt Campaign Against Narcotics

KABUL - Religious scholars attending a gathering in Kabul on Wednesday asked the government to deal with external and internal factors behind drug cultivation and smuggling in Afghanistan. The gathering was held in

connection with "Unity Week against Narcotics" that was launched on Sunday. Advisor to the Ministry of Hajj, Auqaf and Religious Affairs, Maulvi Karamatullah Munib, told the gather-

ing his remarks: "If we are producing narcotics, who are processing them into heroin and other drugs? Without any doubt, it is the job of international mafia." He said mafias and smug ... (More on P4)...(6)

Investing in Teen Girls for A More Just, Stable World

KABUL - The ministry of economy (MoE) and the United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) on Wednesday marked World Population Day by highlighting the situation of teenage girls and the importance of em-

powering them to participate in the development of their society. The theme of World Population Day 2016 "Investing in Teenage Girls" is aimed at promoting a world that is more just, stable and

peaceful. Accordig to the deputy minister of economy, Mohammad Ismail Rahimi: "Afghanistan for sure has seen significant improvements in regards to girls' education and their ... (More on P4)...(7)

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