

<b>Jalalabad</b> Clear 41°C 29°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Clear 34°C 20°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Clear 44°C 27°C	<b>Mazar</b> Clear 38°C 29°C	<b>Herat</b> Partly Cloudy 39°C 23°C	<b>Bamayan</b> Clear 29°C 14°C	<b>Kabul</b> Clear 35°C 21°C
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# Antiquated System Still in Place in Most Govt Departments

KABUL - Despite the flow of billions of dollars in aid over the past 15 years, most government institutions in Afghanistan are still run in a traditional way that creates corruption chances and delays a formal response to public demands.

Pajhwok Afghan News, for example, researched the systems of the Population Registration Department, Traffic Department and Education Ministry. Many citizens through these government organs in connection with different issues.

The Pajhwok team found adherence to the outdated system and lack of efforts to modernise or reform it have spawned more problems for the people who are made to suffer in different ways. Importantly, this



modus operandi has multiplied chances of graft, procrastination, loss and theft of documents.

Central Population Registration Department (CPRD) is responsible to maintain the record of citizens and approve their nationality. It is one of the departments following an outdated system. Vital information about citizens is kept in files. Copies of these documents are also kept in districts and provincial capitals.

These days, long queues of visitors can be seen in front of CPRD as more and more want to apply for passports. Before getting passports, they have to get approval from CPRD for ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Critics Ask NUG to Deliver on Promises Ahead of Brussels Summit



WARSAW - Aziz Rafae, head of the civil society network Thursday said that leaders of the national unity government are neglecting to deliver on their promises they made to the international community for continued international aid to Afghanistan, warning that if such practices continue, repercussions will not be in the interests of Afghanistan.

"None of the promises were delivered properly, we are seriously concerned about the issue of a possible halt to international aid," he said.

Meanwhile, the presidency has reiterated that the NUG has undertaken the necessary steps to deliver on the promises it has made to the world community ahead of the summit on "Preparations for Brussels Summit are complete at the leadership and technical levels, we will participate at the summit by defining comprehensive plans and as a responsible government," deputy presidential spokesman Shahhussain Murtazawi said.

Brussels Summit is an important platform for continued international support to Afghanistan. The Brussels Summit is likely to focus on three main aspects: Joint cooperation between Afghanistan and the international community to ensure the effectiveness of aid to the Afghan people. Reforms programs by the Afghan government including economic reforms, rule of law, fighting corruption and improving the financial management in the country. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Operations in 10 Provinces Leave 42 Militants Dead

KABUL - Forty-two militants, including Daesh affiliates, have been killed during security forces' operations in 10 provinces since yesterday, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday.

The operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Ghazni, Paktika, Maidan Wardak, Herat, Samangan, Jawzjan, Takhar, Kunduz and Helmand provinces, the MoD said in a statement.

It said the dead included six Islamic State fighters. Several other militants were wounded during the operations and their weapons and ammunition destroyed, the statement said.

The MoD said the Afghan security forces were making efforts round-the-clock to maintain security across the country. No group has come forward to comment on the operations. *(Pajhwok)*

# Taliban Capture Faryab Village after Overpowering Uprising Forces

MAIMANA - Public representatives on Friday said two uprising commanders had surrendered to the Taliban in the Pashtunkot district of northern Faryab province due to negligence by the government and security officials.

Faryab provincial council chief Mohammad Tahir Rahmani told Pajhwok Afghan News nearly 1500 Taliban gunmen attacked uprising forces in Thilan area of the Pashunkot district two days ago.

He said two uprising commanders --- Raz Moham-



mad and Raham Dil --- surrendered to the Taliban after two days of fighting and after running out of bullets.

Rahmani said despite the provincial government's and the provincial council's efforts, officials in Kabul and

the Afghan National Army's first battalion officials did not order airstrikes or other assistance and as a result, the two uprising commanders whose families had been held hostage by the insurgents surrendered.

The public representative said more than 3,000 families lived in Thilan area which he said was considered a strategic area. He warned if the government did not take action to rout Taliban and recapture Thilan area, then Sarhoz and all nearby areas would also be captured by the rebels.

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# CPRD, CICD Being Merged, New Building Inaugurated

KABUL - Interior Minister Taj Mohammad Jahid and Democracy International director Mark Kryzer on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to merge the Central Population Registration Department (CPRD) and the Computerised Identity Card Department (CICD) and to bring about necessary reforms to the Traffic Police Department.

A US-funded building for the CPRD and CICD was also inaugurated by the home minister and was handed over to the authorities for use.

Jahid told reporters here that under the MoU, the Democracy International (DI) would help improve the capacity of traffic police, CPRD and CICD work-



ers and would also cooperate in elimination of corruption with the Interior Ministry. He said funds for these projects would be provided by USAID. So far CPRD and CICD have been working as independent institutions of the Interior Ministry and they work separately. Jahid said the two institutions

were being merged and they would work jointly in future. The new facility for the two institutions was inaugurated in the Police Township of Kabul today, he added.

CPRD Acting Director Humayon Muhtat said the building was constructed on three ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Nangarhar University Prepares National Wheat Policy

JALALABAD - A teacher at the Nangarhar University has prepared a national policy on wheat production and if implemented, the policy would help Afghanistan gain self-sufficiency in the crop.

The five-year plan will be soon presented to the agriculture ministry and the presidential palace for approval. Nangarhar University chancellor Prof. Babrak Miakhel and the policy author, Prof. Syeda Jan Attiq Abdyan, the agriculture faculty director, explained the proposed plan to journalists at a press conference in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Thursday.

Abdyan said the policy was prepared after investigation in almost all provinces and its implementation would cost \$1.3 billion, with \$330 million to be contributed by the private sector and farmers.

The professor said: "Afghanistan annually produces 5.3 million tonnes of wheat, but the requirement is much higher. If our policy is implemented, we will have 200,000 tonnes of surplus wheat."

He said the reconstruction of irrigation systems and the construction of water reservoirs and warehouses and distribution of improved quality seeds had been recommended in the policy.

"Unfortunately our farmers are facing many problems, they cannot preserve their harvests, cannot buy improved seeds and their produce is sold at low rates," he said.

Abdyan said bad and good weather conditions had direct impact on wheat production in Afghanistan and with the implementation of the policy would help stabilise wheat yield.

The professor asked farmers to switch to improved quality seeds in order their wheat yield could boost. Babrak Miakhel said the policy would be shared with the Presidential Palace ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

# \$179 Million Kabul Housing Project to be Ready in Coming Weeks



KABUL - A major housing project in Kabul city is due to complete and will become ready for use in the next couple of weeks, the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing (MUDH) said Thursday.

The project, Al-Qasaba Housing Project, has been constructed with the financial resources of Abu Dhabi fund with a cost of \$179 million. The Minister of Urban Development and Housing Syed Sadat Mansoor Naderi chaired a meeting today to discuss the work of the pro-

ject with the contracting companies. The officials of Trojan company as well as the subcontractors of the project attended the meeting and promised to complete the remaining work in coming two weeks. Al-Qasaba Housing Project is one of the major housing projects in the country which is being implemented with the financial support of United Arab Emirates. Naderi meeting contractors and subcontractors. The project is covering an area of 269 hectares in Qasaba area of the city which contains 111 blocks and 3,330 apartments. The construction work of the project started in 1392 solar year which is equivalent to 2012, providing job and work opportunities for 4000 citizens of the country. According to MUDA officials, the housing project contains all urban facilities, including roads, water supply, green area, schools, higher education institutes, clinics and other social facilities. *(KP)*

## Attack on Supreme Court by A Woman Foiled

KABUL - The Afghan security forces have foiled an attack by a female insurgent on Supreme Court in Kabul city.

A security official has said the armed woman was looking to enter into the court compound but was shot dead before she manage to go inside.

No group has so far claimed responsibility behind the failed attack on the Supreme Court compound so far. But the Taliban militants group earlier warned to carry out attacks on judiciary institutions and courts following the execution of a group of militants by the Afghan government.

Several Taliban, Haqqani network, and Al-Qaeda network militants were executed by the Afghan government after a major attack on VIP protection unit in Kabul.

The attack carried out in mid-April left at least 64 people dead and around 347 others wounded. *(KP)*

## Afghanistan Owns Another Touring Exhibition, Hits Visitors' Record: Hakimi



KABUL - Afghanistan's well-known treasuries, attributed to the Mes Aynak (Ainak Copper) and Bakhtar, the famous names of the country's rich mines, have been recently displayed in Czech Republic and South Korea, as Haroon Hakimi, MoI's media advisor and spokesman said they could introduce the country's historical identity and unique civilization.

The Mes Aynak relics, Hakimi went on to provide details in an exclusive interview with the Kabul Times cultural correspondent, had been repaired in the friendly Czech Republic were displayed ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Afghan Brothers Launch New Mine-Hunting Drone

KABUL - Former refugees Massoud and Mahmud Hassani stunned the world three years ago with an invention like a dandelion puffball that sought to rid the world of landmines.

Now the Afghan brothers are back with their latest creation: a low-cost drone to detect and destroy mines, which each year claim thousands of lives. Ridding the world of their childhood horror has become the life work of the



Hassanis, who now live in the Netherlands. In 2013, they won worldwide acclaim for the "mine kafon" -- a giant ball shaped like a dandelion-seed head that rolls around with the wind, its plastic stalks tripping landmines in the process. Inspired by their childhood toys, the kafon -- short for "kafondan" ...*(More on P4)...(18)*