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Interior Ministry Bans Protest Demonstrations for 10 Days

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) and Kabul police on Sunday announced no one was allowed to stage protest demonstrations or hold public gatherings in the capital over the next 10 days.

The decision comes after 80 people were killed and 231 others injured in two suicide attacks on a protest rally in on Saturday. The Islamic State (IS) or Daesh militant group claimed responsibility for the twin bombings.

A day of mourning is being observed today, with the national flag flying half-mast. President Ashraf Ghani, while denouncing the assault, has vowed to bring the perpetrators to



justice. A statement from MoI asked the people to cooperate with the government in protection of the public and maintaining order.

"The political leadership is responsible for enforcing the law and remains committed to the protection of people and their rights. We express condolences to the victims' families and wish the injured speedy recovery," the statement added.

Based on the fifth, sixth and 14th articles of the law on communities, strikes and protests, fifth and 10th articles of police law, and articles 2 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, protest demonstrations and gatherings are ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Delhi Praises Kabul for Rescuing Abducted Social Worker

NEW DELHI - India has praised Afghanistan for rescuing social worker Judith D'Souza who had been abducted in Kabul on June 9. D'Souza, who hails from India's eastern city of Kolkata, is working for the Aga Khan Foundation.

India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj tweeted on Saturday: "I am happy to inform you that Judith D'Souza has been rescued. Judith was abducted in Kabul on 9th June, 2016," she said.

Swaraj thanked Afghanistan officials for helping to find ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

15 Detained After Clash at Funeral Ceremony for Taliban Leader

CHARIKAR - Local officials on Saturday said 15 suspects had been arrested after a clash during the funeral ceremony for Taliban's deputy governor in central Parwan province. The Taliban leader, Maulvi Abdul Shakoor, was killed along with three associates by the bomb they were planting under a bridge in the Ancho area of Syedkhel district on Thursday.

Several people suffered casualties during a clash at the funeral ceremony after some people spoke against the government. Police chief, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozai, told ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Baghlan, Balkh, Herat Activists, Clerics Condemn Kabul Bombing

BALKH - Religious scholars, activists and residents of Baghlan, Balkh and the western zone provinces on Sunday condemned the Daesh attack that targeted a mass demonstration in Kabul, calling it an act against humanity.

Residents of the western provinces gathered in Herat and donated blood to pay respect to the victims of Saturday's deadly bombing. They urged the public to unite against terrorists. "By conducting the recent attack, ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

74 Afghans Citizens Detained in Peshawar Operation

PESHAWAR - Seventy-four Afghan citizens have been arrested with arms and drugs during a fresh search operation in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, a police officer said on Saturday.

Involving a large police contingent, the search operation was conducted in the posh neighbourhood of Hayatabad in the provincial metropolis, the officer told Pajhwok Afghan News on condition of anonymity.

During Friday's raids, law-enforcement personnel checked documents of residents and detained 100 suspects, including 74 Afghan citizens, he said. Arms and drugs were also recovered from the detainees.

Also on Friday, Awami National Party head Asfandiyar Wali Khan ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

In Memorial: President Renames Deh Mazang As Martyrs' Square



KABUL - In memory of those killed in Saturday's twin bombings, President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday renamed the Deh Mazang Square of Kabul as Martyrs Square.

A day earlier, 80 people were killed and 231 others injured in two suicide attacks on a protest demonstration in the area. The Islamic State (IS) or Daesh

No Bills if Power Tariff Hike Not Withdrawn: Balkh Reps

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Elected public representatives from northern Balkh province have warned of blocking the payment of electricity bills if the authorities do not withdraw a recent tariff hike.

Residents of Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital, held the same view, alleging they were being treated differently from citizens of other provinces in terms of electricity rate. They vowed not to accept such discrimination.

Provincial officials also endorsed the viewpoint of the people and provincial council (PC) members on the electricity bill issue.

They suggested the privatisation of the Balkh Kod electricity power plant. PC Chairman Mohammad Afzal Hadid told Pajhwok Afghan News residents complained daily of the soaring price of electricity. The price of a kilowatt of electricity ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Sayyaf Asks Govt to Show No Mercy Against Daesh, Taliban

KABUL - The National Unity Government should show no mercy where Daesh and Taliban are concerned and it should eliminate the insurgents based on the teachings of Islam, former Jihadi leader and member of the Council of Protection and Stability in Afghanistan Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf said in an interview with TOLOnews. Sayyaf said Daesh's acts paint a grim picture of Islam to the world and that their attack in Kabul on Saturday went beyond a crime. He said government should take the threats by insurgents loyal to Daesh seriously. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

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