

Quote of the Day

Men are born to succeed, not fail. Henry David Thoreau
(1817 - 1862)

US Vows to Defeat Daesh in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - The commander of the Resolute Support mission and U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Gen. John Nicholson, has said that the U.S. will continue to stay after Daesh until the rebel group is defeated in the country. In a news conference via Skype with Pentagon reporters on Thursday, he said: "We will continue to stay after [Daesh] until they are defeated here in Afghanistan," Nicholson said. "At the same time, we'll continue with our train-advise-assist mission with our Afghan partners, so ultimately in the future they will be able to do these mis-



sions entirely on their own."

He said the terrorist organization's regional affiliate in Afghanistan has seen a territory reduction from 10 districts in southern Nangarhar to parts of three or four since the start of the authority. "By fighting groups like [Daesh] and al-Qaida here in Afghanistan, we deny them sanctuary and we inhibit their ability to conduct transnational attacks from here."

He said the Operation Shafaq, the larger Afghan campaign plan for 2016, is meeting with success. He added: ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

Afghanistan Cancer Foundation Inaugurated in Kabul

KABUL - A foundation for the treatment, prevention and timely diagnosis of cancers has been inaugurated in Kabul, the Presidential Palace said on Thursday.

The Afghanistan Cancer Foundation (ACF) was set up as a result of efforts by First Lady Rula Ghani with support from doctors, private and governmental institutions.

President Ashraf Ghani, addressing the inaugural ceremony for the foundation, thanked his spouse, institutions and those who played key role in the creation of the facility. He directed the Ministry of Finance to attract foreign allies' cooperation for the hospital, which he hailed as a major stride in the public health sector.

The first lady said: "It is very important to me that women suffering from breast and womb cancers are treated at this foundation. Establishment of such centers is necessary because people could be easily treated with in their own country." She urged people to stand united in providing assistance and donations to the foundation in its fight against cancer. Such initiatives could save thousands of lives, she believed. Eklil Hakimi, the finance minister, announced support for the ACF Fund. He said the government would donate \$150 million to the fund. International donors and charitable societies had been requested to provide as much facilities as possible to cancer patients treated at the foundation, the minister added. Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz, minister of public health, promised a new hospital for cancer treatment would be established soon. The Ministry of Public Health had a specific strategy for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer, he said. Fawzia Alam, advisor to Rula Ghani said: ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

Widespread Twitter Campaign Launched Following Deadly Kabul Attack

KABUL - A widespread online campaign has kicked off by the Enlightenment Movement almost a week after a peaceful demonstration was hit by a deadly attack in Kabul city.

The campaign has been launched in Twitter social media as the users have vowed to launch an online revolution to protest against what they call discrimination. Twitter users are saying

that the campaign will be historic in the history of social media in the country, specifically in Twitter which is the second most popular social media website in Afghanistan. The campaign started earlier today with thousands of users taking part in it by using the hashtag of #enlightenment. Majority of the campaign participants call on international organizations ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

HRW Alarmed By Rising Casualties Among Children

KABUL - A leading international human rights campaigner on Thursday voiced his grave concern over increasing conflict-related casualties among Afghan civilians, particularly children. Phelim Kine, Asia researcher for Human Rights Watch (HRW), expressed his alarm over the latest six-monthly United Nations report on a record increase in civilian casualties. The United Na-

tions Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) documented 1,601 civilian deaths and 3,565 injuries, signaling an increase of 4 percent during the reporting period from January 1 to June 30, 2016. Deaths and injuries of children soared by 18 percent; one in three of all civilian victims of the armed conflict in the first half of the year were children. Although women ...*(More on P4)...*(4)



Afghanistan Becomes 164th Member of WTO

ALMATY - Afghanistan has entered the World Trade Organization (WTO), it has become the 164th member of the organization, reports the TASS news agency. "In compliance with the rules, the decision on accession came into force on Friday, 30 days after Kabul received the official notification on the protocol ratification on accession," the message reports. The WTO press service in Geneva reported, Afghanistan transferred the documents on ratification of the protocol by the Parliament on June 30 in the WTO headquarter eliminating the "barriers for the membership". Afghanistan applied for membership in the organization in 2004. The negotiations completed in November 2015, the protocol on accession was signed on December 17. (Agencies)

Siyar Bahadurzada to Face Jorge Masdival on 30th of July

ATLANTA - The Afghan-born Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) fighter Siyar Bahadurzada will face the American MMA fighter Jorge Masdival on Saturday, Today (Saturday). The fight will be organized as part of UFC 201 which will include three rounds in welterweight bout. Atlanta, the capital of Georgia State of United States will host the UFC 201 on 30th July. This will be the second fight of Bahadurzada since his return to UFC earlier in March this year which ended in his favor by defeating Brandon Thatch. Held at MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, Bahadurzada ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Govt. Criticized for Not Breaking Electoral Reforms Deadlock

KABUL - The National Unity Government was once again criticized for not taking the alternative step for breaking the electoral reforms deadlock, as it was expected to do Friday. The next step to end the deadlock was to issue another decree on reforms to kick start the process. Members of election monitoring organizations raised this issue on Friday, saying that further delays will affect the people's trust in government and in the electoral process. "Further promises and less action will affect the public trust in government. Unfortunately, the National Unity Government has so far made lots of promises to bringing reforms to the electoral system, but



none of them have been fulfilled," said Rahmatullah Salehi, a member of Free and Fair Election Foundation. "We would have been able to do a big service for the country's future if we witnessed the issuance of the electronic National Identity Cards, but now we see that the process

has been delayed due to political problems," said Mohammad Naeem Ayubzada, head of Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan. The National Unity Government last week vowed to announce its next step for the electoral reforms at the end of this ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

Afghanistan to Implement AISA Merger Plan with Ministry of Commerce

KABUL - Afghanistan is due to implement the merger plan of the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) with the Ministry of Commerce and Industries. The Administrative Office of the President (AOP) said the decision has been taken to merge the parallel administrations and based on the request of the private sector. The decision was taken during a meeting of the National Economic Council chaired by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani who said the duty of the government is to serve the people and all steps of the government should be approved by the private sector.



According to AOP, the merger of AISA will include two transition processes, including the transition of licensing to Ministry of Commerce and Industries and modification of trade and investment law. Deputy Commerce and

Industries Minister Bari Rahman has said the target of the plan is part of the government's commitment to international community to merge the parallel administrations inside the government and ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

Nangarhar's Behsud Canal Project Finally Put into Service



JALALABAD - A canal project, irrigating nearly 1,050 hectares of land and protecting thousands of acres from flooding, was inaugurated upon completion in Behsud district of eastern Nangarhar province on Thursday. The project, executed by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) at a total cost of \$1 million, was inaugurated by the rural development minister and the Nangarhar governor. Governor Saleem Khan Kunduzi after inaugurating the canal, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the canal originating from Kunar River in Abdulkhel district had 15 kilometres length. "The waterway has eight other ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Wolesi Jirga Member Khalilullah Oria Killed in Kabul Explosion

KABUL - Lawmaker Khalilullah Oria also head of the Wolesi Jirga or lower house of the parliament human resource commission was killed and another man wounded in an explosion in capital Kabul late on Friday, an official said. The explosion took place in the limits of 5th municipality district in a crowded place of Kot-i-Sangi near a flyover. Interior Ministry Spokesman Seddiq Sediqui confirmed the explosion and killing of the lawmaker. A security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion was carried out through a magnetic bomb. Awal Khan, an eye witness said, the explosion took place



in a crowded place, adding the target was a specific vehicle therefore there were no more casualties. He said

a corolla type vehicle got fire son after the explosion and was completely destroyed. (Pajhwok)

Karimov Stresses Improved Security in Southern Border

KABUL - Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov has expressed concern over security situation in the southern border with Afghanistan, a media report said on Friday. According to Sputnik report the Uzbek president during a Security Council meeting discussed deteriorated security situations in neighboring Afghanistan and its spillover effects on the country's southern border. The presidential services said the meeting which was chaired by the president stressed over improved security and addressing the challenges in the southern border. The meeting also discussed upon strengthening an anti-terror cooperation with the regional countries. The meeting was attended by government officials and heads of relevant departments. Afghanistan is the source of concern since the country has been in a state of political and social ...*(More on P4)...*(9)



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