

<b>Jalalabad</b> Clear 39°C 23°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Clear 25°C 09°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Clear 37°C 22°C	<b>Mazar</b> Clear 37°C 24°C	<b>Herat</b> Clear 36°C 18°C	<b>Bamayan</b> Clear 16°C 04°C	<b>Kabul</b> Partly Cloudy 29°C 13°C
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**Daily Outlook Weather Forecast**

## Daesh a Threat to Nangarhar: Officials

JALALABAD - Provincial council and tribal elders of Nangarhar province have become progressively more concerned over the activities of Daesh in some districts in the province. These members have said that both the Taliban and Daesh are increasing their activities in the area but that Daesh fighters are seen as a bigger threat than the Taliban. Meanwhile, local officials in Nangarhar said that currently Afghanistan National Security Forces are fighting anti-government armed groups in five different districts in the province. Nangarhar provincial council warns however that if government does not step in and eliminate Daesh, the group will expand activities into neighboring provinces. "Daesh activities have increased in Nangarhar, and residents of Nangarhar fear that extreme Taliban members might join Daesh, whose members themselves are extremists," said Obaidullah Shinwari, a Nangarhar provincial council member. "In some areas of the districts of Nangarhar, Taliban have taken down the white flag of Emirate, and have instead raised the black flag under the name of Daesh," says Zabhiullah Zemarai, a member of Nangarhar provincial council. Meanwhile, Nangarhar tribal elders have also shown concerns ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## New Nimroz Governor Vows to Eradicate Graft



ZARANJ - Eng. Samiullah has formally resumed work as new governor for southwestern Nimroz province amid pledges to root out administrative corruption and ensure security. Samiullah was previously deputy minister for water and energy and was appointed as governor following suggestions by the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) to President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. Speaking at a gathering arranged in his honour, he said he would also prevent the waste of water in the province and would develop plans for better management. He said the vital Kamal Khan Dam in the province was in its final stages of completion and the president has promised the project would be completed soon. "Supporting media is my priority. It is their job to report any wrong-doings so that officials could fix it," he continued, adding that even if he were to remain in the position for one day he would fight administrative graft. *(Pajhwok)*

## Gen. Raziq Factions within HPC are Offering His Head to Taliban for Peace

KANDAHAR - General Abdul Raziq, the police chief of southern Kandahar province, says that factions within the High Peace Council are offering his head to Taliban as an incentive to bring them to talks. "They are saying, 'We will give you Raziq's head, I have recordings of voices,'" he is quoted by the New York Times as saying. General Raziq adds that Matiullah Khan, Police Chief of Kandahar's neighboring Urozgan province who was killed in capital Kabul in March, was also on the list offered to the Taliban. He said Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf, a former commander; Attaa Mohammad Noor, the



powerful and vocal governor of Balkh Province in northern Afghanistan; and Asadullah Khalid, a former intelligence chief who barely survived a suicide blast, are also included in the list. General Abdul Raziq believes if his death brings peace, he would not have problem with it but he says that government officials were fooling ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

# Health Officials Struggle to Stem Tide of Illegal Tobacco

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) observed World No Tobacco Day on Sunday by promoting an initiative to curtail the illegal tobacco trade and decrease the overall level of use in Afghanistan. According to ministry officials, the proliferation of smuggled tobacco products is in part why smoking has become cheap and prevalent across Afghanistan. They expressed particular concern about the increase of underage kids smoking cigarettes.



The MoPH has released the results of a study indicating 23 percent of students between the ages of 13 to 15 smoke in Afghanistan. "Unfortunately, easy access to tobacco and cigarettes has resulted in increased numbers of consumers," Deputy Minister of Public Health Ahmad Jan Naem said. "Most of these items enter the market through illegal trade," he added. Speaking to TOLONews about tobacco smuggling, a ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

## NSP Execute 11 Public Utility Projects



KABUL - With a cost of 13,435,000 Afs financed by National Solidarity Program of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (NSP/MRRD), 11 development projects recently have been completed and put into exploitation in various parts of Badakhshan province. According to (NSP/MRRD) department of public information relations to BNA, the public utility projects includes constructions of rural roads, water electricity network, agricultural water supply, potable water supply and retaining walls. It has been said, more than 1617 families benefited from these development projects in different parts of Darwaz Bala, Shahr Bozark, Zebak and Shohadi districts of Badakhshan province. (BNA)

## Daikundi Security, Stability Top Priority: PC

NILI - The provincial council head in central Daikundi province says bolstered security, best health services and solution to disabled problems are among top priorities of the council. A number of residents, however, complain the council could not deliver on its promises and in some areas its performance was zero. The former provincial council was compromised nine members, including two women. However, nine individuals,



including three women, have won last year's April elections. The provincial council remained close for 40 days due

to differences with national assembly over the oversight rights of the council. Its office was reopened after they got the ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## Bolstered Security a Panacea to Problems: Ex PC Head

KHOST CITY - Former provincial council head of southwestern Khost province has



said President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani should focus more on bolstering security and law and order in the country. Sayed Karim Khaksar during an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News said emergence of Islamic State

(IS) or Daesh fighters in some parts of the country was a looming threat to nascent security. Citing an example, he said that security situation had got worsened in Khost province as militants launched spring offensive codenamed Azm. "Security in Khost was excellent and the residents could safely travel from one side of the ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Non-Machine Readable Passports No Longer Valid

HERAT CITY - Security officials in eastern Herat province have said that hand-written passports would be no longer valid after November 2015 based on the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Provincial police spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has informed all security organs that non-electronic passports would be invalid for international trips from November 24, 2015.



Only patients with emergency situation can use the passports for a short period of time, he said. Ahmadi added provincial passport department issues

around 200 electronic passports to applicants daily. The number of passport issuance would increase to 400 daily after a branch of the electronic passport was activated in Herat City in the near future, he said. Herat passport director Abdul Jalil Farahi confirmed the issuance of electronic passports has accelerated in the province. He did not give details about the exact number of people issuing with passports daily but ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Kapisa Rally Wants NDS-ISI Deal Scrapped

MAHMOOD RAQI - Some 600 people on Sunday staged a protest rally in the capital of central Kapisa province, asking the government to cancel a deal with Pakistan on intelligence cooperation. Organised by a civil society group, Rond Sabz, the rally that started from Da Baba Ali area culminated at the Guldan square in Mahmood Raqi. They chanted slogans like "Death to Pakistan," "scarp deal with Pakistan," "death to corrupt officials," "No to Taliban return," and "our message is national unity." Speaking on behalf of the protestors, Rond Sabz official Taimor Shah Bashar said the intelligence deal between Afghanistan and Pakistan should be cancelled. He said the deal was not in the interest of Afghanistan and Pakistan wanted to deceive Afghanistan. The memorandum of understanding between the National Directorate of Security or NDS and the Pakistani spy agency, Inter-Services Intelligence or ISI, has been widely criticised by lawmakers, civil society groups and politicians, including former president Hamid Karzai. But the NDS had said the agreement had been drafted, but not signed. The deal would pass through five phases, according to the Afghan spy agency. Bashar also said poverty, joblessness and insecurity were increasing each passing day in Afghanistan, particularly in the north, and asked the government to pay attention to these problems. He warned they would continue their protest until their demands were met. The protestors issued a statement that accused the unity government of failing to sustain economic growth, alleviate unemployment, prevent bank ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Call to Build Coordination Between Laghman Officials, PC

MEHTARLAM - Provincial council members in eastern Laghman province on Sunday complained local departments did not have coordination with the council but they still managed to evaluate performance of some departments. Mohammad Zahir Hussainkhel, provincial council secretary, told Pajhwok Afghan News they had many achievements in the last few months thanks to their

closer cooperation with local populace. But he said it was the local officials who did not cooperate with them and yet they visited some of the local departments to look closely their activities. "We have tried to reach to people and resolve their problems," he said, adding that better coordination also existed among provincial council members and its administrative board. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Analysts Doubtful Pakistan will Accept Ghani's Demands

KABUL - Commentators have expressed skepticism about a recent list of demands issued by President Ashraf Ghani to the Pakistani government, casting doubt on Islamabad's commitment to peace and stability in Afghanistan. Ghani issued his demands in a confidential letter to Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif this week. TOLONews received a copy of the letter and had independent analysts provide their commentary on it. Within the letter, Ghani makes



the following demands: "An official declaration by the political leadership of Pakistan condemning the launching of the Taliban offensive operation; a directive by the

military leadership that sanctuary will be denied to the Taliban and effective measures by the security forces and civil authorities that the directive is carried out." The letter

further demanded "a direct(ive) to extend the counter-terror campaign to the Haqqani network and verification that those responsible for the recent terror campaign in Afghanistan are arrested." The letter comes as both the Afghan and Pakistani governments have tried to portray their relations as improving. In an unprecedented move, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence ...*(More on P4)...(16)*