

A full cup must be carried steadily

English Proverb

The provincial council takes part in securing the developmental targets of the state and improving its affairs in a way stated in the law, and gives advice on important issues falling within the domain of the province.

Article 139

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Regional Cooperation Needed to Counter Threats

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday said Afghanistan had been suffering from acts staged by non-state actors and the country was concerned about emerging threats in the region.

MoFA Spokesman, Ahmad Shakib Mustaghni, told reporters that foreign ministers of Islamic countries had already condemned terrorists' acts in Afghanistan and announced their support for peace talks.

The 42nd meeting of the Organization of Islamic



Countries (OIC) was held last week in Kuwait in which participants discussed range of issues including Afghanistan and emerg-

ing threats in the region. Also the recent Istanbul Conference adopted a resolution and praised the Afghan government efforts

for a stable and peaceful Afghanistan. The members condemned terrorism and extremism and stressed for enhanced peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region.

Mustaghni said Afghanistan and regional countries were aware about the new threats posed by the Islamic State (IS), while Afghanistan always fought against non-state actors on the frontline and rendered huge sacrifices. The spokesman asked Pakistan to take decisive action against ... (More on P4)...(1)

## UK Pledges \$500 Million in Aid to Afghanistan

KABUL - The British Minister of State at the Department for International Development (DFID), Desmond Swayne, announced Tuesday the UK would provide \$500 million dollars in aid to Afghanistan for 2015.

Swayne made the announcement at a press conference Tuesday in Kabul where he praised Afghanistan's endeavors to curb corruption. However, he stressed the need for transparency in using international assistance to Afghanistan. He emphasized that Britain would continue assisting Afghanistan and wouldn't desert the war-torn country.

"We haven't abandoned Af-



ghanistan. We are here for the long term. We have an enduring commitment. This year we will spend some \$500 million dollars in assistance to Afghanistan," he assured.

Touching on the peace efforts in Afghanistan, Swayne spoke of Pakistan's role in the process - which ... (More on P4)...(2)

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## Afghan War Leaves 100,000 Dead Since 2001: Report

KABUL - A new study called Costs of War produced by Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies has said that war in Afghanistan since 2001 US-led invasion that sparked insurgency has left almost 100,000 people dead and wounded the same number, US media reports.

War in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion sparked insurgency killing 100,000 persons, and wounding as many others.



The study looks at war-related deaths, injuries and displacement in Afghanistan and Pakistan from 2001 to last year, when international combat troops left Afghanistan. ... (More on P4)...(3)

Pakistani Official

## Taliban, Haqqani Should be Handed over to Kabul

KABUL - The chairman of Pakistan's National Assembly Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, Awais Ahmed Khan Laghari, said that Pakistan should hand over members of the Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani Network to Kabul in an effort to help accelerate the peace process in the war-ravaged country.

"We should not have any problem in handing over the Afghan Taliban or members of Haqqani Network to Afghanistan if this helps the rec-



conciliation process," he told reporters. In addition, he said: "If they are in Pakistan, we must deliver them to Kabul because the objective of both countries is to bring peace [in the region]." ... (More on P4)...(4)

## NAI Stresses Protection of Journalists

KABUL - The Afghanistan Media Support Organization, NAI, on Monday expressed grave concerns over surge in incidents of violence against journalist across the country. NAI's Chief Sadiquillah Tawhidi told reporters if the government did not pay attention to tackle problems being faced by journalists then it would be difficult for them to have free access to information.

He said NIA was expecting the unity government provided more facilities and enable journalists to have access to information.

Tawhidi said a few days back, the provincial council head of western Herat province beat a journalist because he criticized the official in his report. He informed, Ashooqullah Wafa, a law maker from northern Baghlan province, had warned the owner of Tanvir Television network Sher Mohammad Jahash during conversation on the phone.

Jahash reported Police Chief Aminullah Amarkhel was transferred on the pressure of lawmaker Ashooqullah Wafa and the people had staged a protest in favor of Amarkhel. According to Jashsh, his television aired report and exposed ... (More on P4)...(5)

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