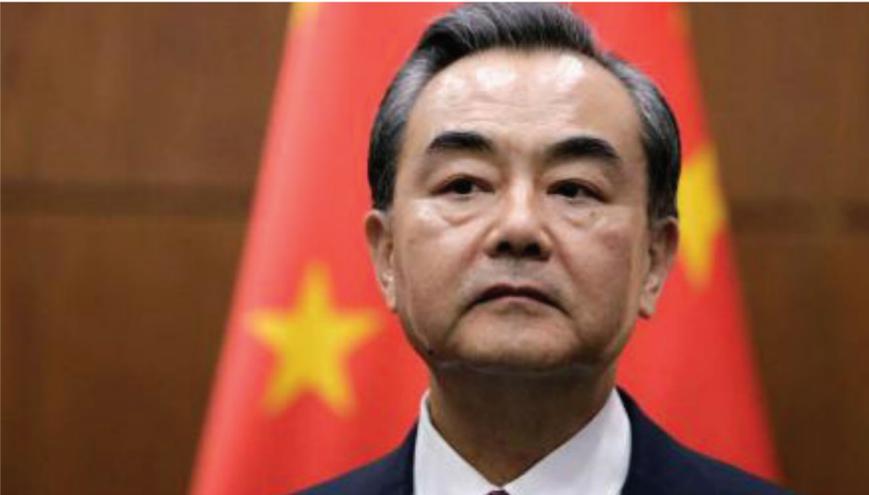




China to Mediate between Afghanistan, Pakistan



KABUL - China for the first time wants to mediate between Afghanistan and Pakistan and in this regard Chinese foreign minister is scheduled to visit

Kabul in near future, President Ashraf Ghani has said. Talking to a group of female civil society activists

at the Presidential Place a day earlier, the president likened May 31 truck bombing in Kabul with the 9/11 in the US. He said his government had started the Kabul Process to build global consensus but the enemy was trying to increase domestic problems in Afghanistan in order to scuttle the process. About his participation in the SCO summit and meetings with world leaders in Astana, Ghani said China for the first time wanted to mediate between Afghanistan and Pakistan. He said rapprochement with Pakistan was one of their demands and the issue should be resolved between governments. "Whenever we achieve something, we are pressured in one way or other, but no power can divert our focus from future programs," Ghani said, asking civil society activists to raise their voice against powerful individuals who violated the law and even thrashed police who had put their lives in risk to provide security to the people. He said there should be a national ... (More on P4)...(7)

Efforts on to Reduce Bamyan Women Illiteracy



BAMYAN - Conflict, poverty and insecurity have long deprived women in central Bamyan province of education, however efforts at reducing women's illiteracy rate have been launched. According to the provincial education department, currently 338 schools including 59 primary, 143 secondary and 136 high schools, are active in Bamyan, imparting education to 73,020 boys and 63,235 girls. These students are taught by 3,333 ... (More on P4)...(8)

Latest Clashes Drive 3,000 Families from Kunduz Homes

KUDUZ CITY - Thousands of families have fled homes after more than 500 houses were damaged as a result of latest clashes in the Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz province, officials said on Tuesday. Imamuddin Quraishi, the district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News no aid had so far reached the displaced families from the government or local authorities. He urged the government to provide relief assistance to the families as soon as possible. More ... (More on P4)...(9)

Ghani Orders Probe into Nangarhar Civilian Deaths

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday ordered security officials to investigate the killing of three civilians by US forces in the Ghanikhel district of eastern Nangarhar province. The civilians were killed in gunfire by foreign forces after a bomb blast that apparently targeted their convoy. After the explosion, the NATO-led forces opened fire on the people. A statement from the Presidential Palace said Ghani expressed serious concern over the incident. He tasked the officials to launch an investigation



into the killings and assist the victims' families as soon as possible. On the other hand, the US forces said in a statement a bomb blast targeted their convoy in Nangarhar. The convoy returned fire in self-defense and there were no US casualties.

The US military said it had not yet received formal information about civilian casualties. "We take civilian casualties very seriously, and all allegations are thoroughly investigated," the statement added. The incident is under investigation. (Pajhwok)

34 Army Personnel Get Jail Terms over Shaheen Corps Attack

KABUL - Shaheen 209 Military Corps court found 34 army personnel guilty of negligence ahead of the deadly attack on the base. Shaheen 209 Military Corps Primary Court on Monday sentenced 34 military personnel to between one and three years in prison after having been found guilty of negligence in their duties on the day of the deadly Balkh army base attack. Insurgents stormed the base on April 21 and killed an estimated 135 military personnel - most of whom had been in the mosque for Friday prayers. According to the defense ministry's spokesman Dawlat Waziri, the Corps commander, Lieutenant General Mohmand Katawazai, and the army chief of staff for the 209 Shaheen Corps General Abdul Rauf Mohtaj have both been sentenced to one year in prison. ... (More on P4)...(12)

Gunmen Kill Chief Prosecutor of Narkh District

KABUL - Wardak police said the incident took place while the district chief prosecutor was on his way to the provincial capital, Maidan Shar. Mirwais, the chief prosecutor for Narkh district of Wardak province was killed by unknown gunmen on Monday, local officials said. Wardak police confirmed the incident and said the shooting took place on Monday afternoon when Mirwais was on his way to the provincial capital Maidan Shar. Unknown gunmen opened fire on him while he was driving, said police. Police said ... (More on P4)...(11)

New Clashes between Taliban and ISIS Leave Several Dead in Nangarhar

KABUL - New clashes have taken place between the Taliban insurgents and militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan National Army said the clashes took place in the vicinity of Chaparhar district on Monday. The source further added that six militants of the ISIS terrorist group were killed during the clashes and a civilian was wounded. No further details were given regarding the casualties of the Taliban insurgents during the clashes. Taliban insurgents and ISIS loyalists have not commented regarding the latest clashes so far. This comes as several militants of the ... (More on P4)...(14)

German Experts to Investigate Deadly Kabul Bombing that Left Over 150 Dead



KABUL - A team of the German experts are expected to visit Kabul soon to investigate regarding the deadly May 31st bombing near the German embassy that left over 150 people dead. The Embassy of Germany informed regarding the deployment of the experts by issuing a statement on Monday. A spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany quoted in the statement said "This terrible act must not go unpunished. The attack claimed the lives of over ... (More on P4)...(13)

Judicial Corruption: Ghazni Residents Move Tribal Jirgas

GHAZNI CITY - Most residents of southern Ghazni province resolve their problems and disputes through tribal jirgas instead of approaching the judicial organs due to corruption. However, a number of residents believe decisions of such jirgas are illegal and create more problems for people. A member of the provincial council,

Ghulam Sakhi Zabuli, told Pajhwok Afghan News that many people in Ghazni used to resolve their disputes through jirgas instead of the judicial organs due to corruption in the latter. "If you go to the judicial organs, you have to pay a big amount of money, otherwise your work will remain pending for years," the public representative said.

Similarly, civil society activist Mohammad Kazim Rasooli said issues like murder, divorce and other legal issues were resolved through jirgas in Ghazni. He said decisions of jirgas often happened to be illegal and unacceptable to the ... (More on P4)...(10)



NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL

OPEN TENDER

NRCSO17008 - FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) would like to invite competent national companies to submit bids for **Internet Service Provider in Kabul, Nangarhar, Balkh, Faryab, Kunduz, Kandahar, Hirat, Khost, Uruzgan, Kunar, and Badghis Provinces**. NRC are looking to enter into a fixed rate, 1-year framework agreement.

REQUIRED SERVICE	QUANTITY	LOCATION
INTERNET SERVICE	VARYING PER LOCATION	KABUL, NANGARHAR, BALKH, FARYAB, KUNDOZ, KANDAHAR, HIRAT, KHOST, URUZGAN, KUNAR AND BADGHIS PROVINCES

Essential criteria for bidders:

Interested national companies should have previous experience providing internet services for international organisations (IOs), national or international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or United Nations (UN) agencies.

Collection of tender documents:

Prospective bidders may collect the tender documents from NRC Support office in Kabul between the hours of 08:00 - 16:00, Sunday-Thursday.

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Bids must be delivered in a **sealed envelope** before the deadline at **16:00 on Monday 03 July 2017**. NRC reserves the right to select/reject without any explanation, any bids, in part or full, as it may deem necessary. No liability or claim in that respect would be admissible or entertained whatsoever.