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Kabul Sees with Trust Washington Pledges to Afghan Peace: Ghani



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani says progress in the Afghanistan peace process needs regional consensus and attention to relations between Taliban and their supporters, adding Kabul sees with trust Washington's efforts to end the war in his country. Addressing the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on Friday, Ghani said his country was once again connected to central Asia through Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and these countries were now big trader partners of Afghanistan. The president thanked Iran and India for activating air corridors and Chabahar port. "I expect a multifaceted and constructive dialogue with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on June 27. I also thank all those leaders who shed light on political solution to the Afghanistan conflict and I strongly hope the SCO central group will work for an Afghan-led and

Afghan-owned peace process." The president said they considered the US commitment to a political solution as credible and they were coordinating to build the necessary international consensus on peace. "But without a regional consensus on peace and addressing Taliban's interdependencies with their supporters, breakthroughs will take time," Ghani said. Ghani said his government was

No Handicrafts Market: Ghor Women Avoid Vocational Courses

FIROZKOH - A number of women in Firozkooh, the capital of western Ghor province, complain about lack of market for their handicrafts, saying no attention to the issue has eroded women's inter-

Sahar, a trainer at the program, confirmed women evinced little interest in such vocational courses due to lack of market for their handicrafts. "I personally make dozens of



est to attend vocational programs. Ghor women say they have great achievements in handicrafts but lack of market for their products has confronted them with problems. Tajor Azizi, who has been attending an embroidery course provided by the Labor and Social Affairs Department over the last three months, said she was not hopeful about her future and might not help her family economically. "I am working in embroidery section over the last three months and I have developed the skill, but I know I will be jobless after my graduation because there is no market where I will be able to sell my products," she said.

handicrafts, I keep them in my home because there is no market for selling them, this situation has forced women to avoid vocational courses," she said. Ghor women have asked the government and women's support organizations to help them address their problems. Meanwhile, women's rights supporting organizations in Ghor expressed concern over poor economic situation and lack of market for women's handicrafts in the province and said remoteness of areas, impassable routes, lack of income source and government's negligence were among women's huge problems. ...*(More on P4)...(6)*



10 Logar Schools Reopen after Week-Long Closure

PUL-I-ALAM - Ten schools which had been closed by local residents in Mohammad Agha district of central Logar province have been reopened, an official said on Sunday. One week ago, residents of Dahno area of the district closed the 10 schools following claims that local uprising members had set up posts in the schools and harass locals.

They had said the schools would remain closed until the pro-government militiamen remove their check-posts. But Mohammad Shapoor Arab, spokesman for the provincial Education Department, told Pajhwok Afghan News the girls and boys schools were reopened after mediation and talks with the local residents. Fazel Ahmad, a tribal elder of Dahno area, said the schools were reopened but their demand was not met as the check-posts remained. A commission from tribal elders and religious scholars would be set up in order to resolve the issue of check-posts. Shamsad Laraway, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok the check-posts had been established for security of people. ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

AGO Begins Probing Meat Contract Graft Case

AGO spokesman says that 13 officials of the Interior Ministry have been jailed over the case.



KABUL - The Attorney General's Office, or the AGO, has started an investigation into the case of the embezzlement of Afs600 million (\$7.5 million) from meat contract of the Afghan National Police by a contractor of the Ministry of Interior Affairs. At least 22 individuals have been arrested in connection to the case, according to the Ministry of Interior. Haji Mohammad Rasa, a food

contractor, is the main suspect in the case, who heads the Shuja Abdara food supply company. The AGO spokesman Jamshid Rasuli said 22 officials of the Ministry of Interior and five employees of the company will be interrogated during the investigation. Rasuli said that 13 officials of the Interior Ministry, including a woman, and four members of the contractor company are in prison. Rasuli said that a

number of individuals have been banned from traveling on the request of the Ministry of Interior. However, he did not make clear their exact number. Rasa's defense lawyer Rohullah Sakhizada said there are no "justifiable reasons" against his client. "We hope that the Attorney General's Office will not act like the Ministry of Interior and cancel the detention order against my client as soon as possible," Sakhizada said. (Tolo news)

Local Army Helps Improve Security in Nangarhar

JALALALBAD - Officials and residents of eastern Nangarhar province say security has improved with the creation of the local army in some districts. The local army has been

would be extended to other districts as soon as possible. Ajmal Omar, a member of the provincial council, acknowledged the local army played a vital role because



established in Khogyani, Pachiragam, Haska Mena, Ghanikhel and Achin districts. Similar army units may also be created in BatiKot and Nazyan districts. Maj. Mohammad Haroon Yousafzai, spokesman for 201st Selab Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News that local army created in five districts in order to better maintain the security. "Two local army battalions have been set up in Khogyani and Pachiragam and one each in Haska Mena, Achin and Ghanikhel," he added. He said the security of these districts had improved and the local army formation

it involved military experiences and help from residents. A tribal elder from Pashiragam districts also demanded the certain of a similar force in other districts and urged public uprising groups to step up their struggle. Abdul Wahab Momand, the administrative chief for BatiKot, suggested an increase in the strength of the local army in his district, where two to three battalions were needed. The local army, replacing the local policemen is comprised of area residents trained by soldiers. (Pajhwok)



Zaman Discuss Recent Trip to Pakistan with Related Govt Bodies

KABUL - The Afghanistan Pakistan Action Plan for Peace and Solidarity (APAPPS) Follow up Meeting was chaired by Deputy Minister Idrees Zaman with the participation of deputy ministers and representatives of other related organizations, according to a statement on Sunday. Mr. Idrees Zaman provided information about his recent trip to Pakistan in the APAPPS Framework and the Afghan and Pakistani leaders' meeting ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Strong Start for National U20 Futsal Team in AFC Championship



KABUL - Afghanistan's U20 National Futsal Team strongly started the AFC Futsal Championship in Iran and defeated Hong Kong

6-1 in their first match. Hong Kong bow out from the tournament. Afghanistan was in total control in the opening minutes, as they forced Hong Kong goalkeeper Justin Law Ho Yeung into early action, but the East Asian defence held firm. However, there was only so much Law could have done against the non-stop Afghan attacks as the Central Asians broke the deadlock through Mojtaba Mohammadi's effort in the sixth minute. Haid Reze Hossaini beating Hong Kong the keeper from a tight angle but his strike deflected off the post, but with Law out of position and the goalmouth left unguarded,

Mohammadi latched onto the rebound and made no mistake with a firm right-footed shot. Hong Kong were reduced to long range throws, but Afghanistan reacted quickly to deny them. Afghanistan kept the pressure on, and it almost paid off in the 17th minute when Mohammadi intercepted a back-pass before sending it to Hassan Ali Jafari, but his close-range attempt was denied by the custodian's boots. The East Asians gave Afghani ...*(More on P4)...(10)*