



Qadir Seeks Long Term Support for Anti-Daesh Militia



JALALABAD - A Wolesi Jirga delegation on Sunday asked the government to provide long-term support and equipment to the anti-Daesh militia in eastern Nangarhar province. The delegation, led by lawmaker Haji Zahir Qadir, addressed a joint press conference with Ministry of Defense representatives and members of the provincial council in Jalal-

abad, the provincial capital. The parliamentary delegation has arrived in Nangarhar to investigate recent activities of the militant group, which seized the strategic Tora Bora area in Pachirawgam district from Taliban before they were driven from the area by the Afghan security forces. However, Haji Qadir rejected the claim that the

Afghan security forces had recaptured Tora Bora from Daesh. MoD spokesman Dawlat Waziri yesterday told a press conference in Kabul that the security forces had recaptured Tora Bora from Daesh militants as a result of an operation. Qadir believed the uprising members who were local residents had. (More on P6)...(8)

75 Insurgents Killed in Ongoing Helmand Operations

LASHKARGAH - At least 75 Taliban insurgents were killed in southern Helmand province's ongoing operation, local officials claim. At least 75 Taliban insurgents were killed in ongoing operations in southern Helmand province over the past six days, local officials confirmed on Sunday. In addition, 36 other insurgents were wounded. The operation was launched six days ago in Marja district of the province to clear the area of insurgents, and is still going, provincial governor Hayatullah Hayat said. "The security forces are moving forward and are able to clear most parts of the district," Hayat said. In the meantime, Commander of 215 Maiwand Corps Gen. Wali Mohammad Ahmadzai said that the air forces are also providing support. He also said among the dead are Taliban commanders. Local officials said that currently the. (More on P6)...(9)

MAIL's Kenyan Advisor Abducted in Kabul

KABUL - Unknown gunmen on Sunday kidnapped a foreign advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), a security official said. The well-placed security source, who wished anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Kenyan national was kidnapped at around 7:40am after he left home in Kart-i-Char neighborhood of Kabul for office. He said the kidnappers were in a black Chevrolet model pickup the number plate of which belonged. (More on P6)...(10)

Old Traditions Keeping Half of Logar Girls out of School

PUL-I-ALAM - Lawlessness and old traditions have prevented about 50 percent of girls from attending school in central Logar province, the provincial women's affairs director says. Shima Zargar told Pajhwok Afghan News that many families in Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, Kharwar, Azra, Charkh and other districts did not let their daughters attend school. "Old traditions are still in practice here, people consider it dishonor if they let their daughters go to school," she said.



She said their surveys showed 50 percent of girls had been deprived of education due to the lack of law enforcement and negative customs. Her department had repeatedly held meetings and conferences requesting people to send their daughters to school, she said. Atifa, a resident of Pangram area. (More on P6)...(12)

Blocking Roads and Disturbing People not Acceptable, Ghani Tells Kabul Protesters

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has said the blocking of the roads and causing disturbance to the public are not acceptable as he called for immediate clearing of the routes blocked by the protesters who have set up camps. He made the remarks during a meeting with the administrative delegation of the Afghan parliament's Lower House, Wolesi Jirga. The Afghan lawmakers said peaceful protests and demonstrations are

the right of the people but sit-in tents have created problems for the people and residents of Kabul city. They also announced their support to the government of national unity for the implementation of law. In his turn, President Ghani said the closing of the routes and blocking of the roads are not unacceptable that causes problems and creates disturbances to the city residents. President Ghani further added that the presence of the tents have also caused

financial losses to the traders besides creating problems to the residents of Kabul. In the meantime, the lawmakers of the Lower House of the Parliament said they will once again hold talks with the protesters in a bid to resolve the issue. The tents in Kabul were set up after the protests in Kabul turned violent earlier this month and several people were killed or wounded during the clashes. The protests turned violent as the rally participants were attempting to get close to the presidential. (More on P6)...(11)

Two Pakistani Diplomats Missing in Afghanistan since Friday: Islamabad



KABUL - Two Pakistani diplomats based in a consulate office in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad have been missing since Friday, when they set off by road back to their homeland, Pakistan's foreign office said on Sunday. Islamabad did not speculate who may be behind the disappearances but various Afghanistan-based Islamist groups have targeted diplomats in the past. "Pakistan has requested the Afghan Government that all efforts may be made to ensure early recovery of our officials and bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice," the foreign ministry said in a statement. Islamabad said Afghanistan had formed three different investigating groups to probe the incident. Relations between Islamabad and Kabul have been tense in recent years, with both countries accusing each other of not doing enough to tackle Pakistani and Afghan Taliban militants. Afghanistan has accused Pakistan of turning a blind eye to Afghan Taliban commanders based within its borders and of supporting the militant group, something Islamabad denies. Islamabad has claimed that Kabul is not doing enough to tackle Pakistani Taliban militants who have been driven out of Pakistan, but who still carry out attacks across the border. Jalalabad, the provincial capital of Nangarhar province, is a busy trading hub about 70 kilometers (43 miles) from the main border crossing with Pakistan, from which landlocked Afghanistan imports much of its goods. The province is home to various Islamist groups, including Pakistani and Afghan Taliban. In recent years the Islamic State has also established a presence Nangarhar. (Reuters)

Ex-Taliban Commander Admits the Group's Leaders are in Pakistan

KABUL - A former commander of the Taliban group who has joined peace process in eastern Nangarhar province has admitted that the group's leaders are based in the neighboring Pakistan. The provincial government in a statement said a group of Taliban insurgents joined peace process due to the efforts of the Afghan intelligence operatives and have vowed that they will not conduct anti-government activities anymore. The leader of the group Abdul Wahab who has surrendered to the government with his four fighters has said they were conducting insurgency in Khogyani, Shirzad, Hesarak, Chaparhar and some other districts of Nangarhar since last eight years. Wahab claimed that the group's top leaders are based in Pakistan and they were receiving instructions from them to conduct insurgency activities. Another member of the group Wahidullah who joined peace process has said he joined the Taliban ranks six years ago and during the period they were receiving instructions from the Pakistan-based leaders of the group to conduct insurgency. According to Wahidullah, they were mainly instructed to target the schools, bridges, culverts and other public welfare compounds. The Taliban insurgents group has not commented regarding the surrender of the group's fighters in this province so far. (KP)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Procuring Entity	National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)
Funded By	Afghanistan Government
Item Description	Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study of Andkhoy Irrigation Project (AIP)
Reference No	NPA/MoEW/96/CS-1753/QCBS
Deadline for Submission of EOI	12 July 2017, 04:00 PM (Kabul Local Time)
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

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Funded By	Government
Item Description / Ref No.	Feasibility Study of Vatangatu Dam in Laghman Province NPA/MoEW/96/CS-1684/QCBS
Deadline for EOI Submission	July 12, 2017 by 16:00 Hours (Local Time).
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