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Afghan Anti-Graft Policy to Dominate Agenda At Warsaw Summit

KABUL - Corruption monitoring groups said Sunday that the Afghan government's counter-corruption policies will dominate the agenda at the upcoming NATO heads-of-state summit in Warsaw. At the summit, from the 8th to the 9th of July, the Kabul government will be expected to outline more inclusive anti-graft measures. This will be a condition for ensuring continued international financial and military aid for Afghanistan. The Afghan political leadership has also been asked to finalize the formation of the specialized Anti-corruption Justice Center,



pledged by president Ashraf Ghani in order to build trust among Afghanistan's international partners. The presidential palace has announced that arrangements for the creation of the center have been put in place. The center is to operate in conjunction with the Anti-corruption High Council. "Preliminary work on the establishment of the center has started. The new body will soon start its task in co-operation with the High Anti-Corruption Council," presidential spokesman Haroon Chakhansuri said. The specialized center is expected to be an effective mechanism in combating the rising trend of corruption in Afghanistan, something ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Taliban Military in-Charge Detained in Baghlan



PUL-I-KHUMRI/ MAIMANA - Taliban's military in-charge for northern Baghlan province was detained on Sunday from a police vehicle carrying him for treatment to Kabul, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said. A MoI statement to Pajhwok Afghan News said Qari Zahir, who was wounded during recent security operations in Chashmai Sheer locality of Baghlan, was detained on Sunday while being evacuated to Kabul for treatment. Two policemen accompanying Zahir in the police vehicle ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Nimroz Watermelon, Melon Yield up by 80%



ZARANJ - There has been 80 percent increase in the watermelon and melon yield this year compared to the previous year in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said on Sunday. Akbar Sharifi, head of the Agriculture and Irrigation Department told Pajhwok Afghan News Nimroz produced 350,000 tonnes of watermelon and melon last year which was exported to neighboring provinces, Pakistan and Tajikistan. He said in the ongoing year there was expectation of bumper production and more than 600,000 tonnes of production was estimated of which 500,000 tonnes was watermelon and 100,000 tonnes was melon. Sharifi termed the availability of enough water in Helmand River and Lashkargah Cannal that went through Zaranj. He said the export of watermelon was going on to south Asian and Central Asian countries. Khawaja Amin, a farmer, who grew watermelon and melon on 100 acres of land said he collected 300-400 tonnes of crop so far. He said ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Peshawar Police Detain 340 Afghan Refugees in 3 Days

KABUL - Police have detained some 340 Afghan refugees during the past three days in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. SSP Peshawar Abbas Majid Marwat was quoted as saying by Geo TV that they had arrested 340 Afghan refugees during the past three days. Marwat said the refugees detained lacked legal stay documents and they were detained during a clearance operation in various areas of Peshawar city. He vowed to continue the operation against illegal foreigners living in Peshawar. The arrests follow deadly clashes between Afghan and Pakistani security forces at Torkham border over construction of a gate. An Afghan refugee in Peshawar, Azizullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News Pakistani police had hardened their stance on Afghan refugees after the Torkham tension. *(Pajhwok)*

US Fails to Fulfill Commitments of Security Deal with Afghanistan: Senators

WASHINGTON - A number of Afghan senators on Sunday have declared that the United States is not honest in U.S.-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership Agreement. The senators say if US is committed to cooperate with the Afghan government, it should prevent Pakistan's interventions in Afghanistan's internal affairs. "The United States has a strategic partnership agreement with Afghanistan. One of the articles of the agreement is that the US will press any country which

violate the privacy and integrity of Afghanistan. We should submit an official complaint to the United Nations against Pakistan," senator Muheyuddin Munsef said. Senator Sher Muhammad Akhund Zada has also said, "Foreign troops should have a honest and tact cooperation with the Afghan security forces and stand by their commitments and support them." The United States and Afghanistan signed a security agreement on 30 September 2014,



that would allow some U.S. troops to remain in the country to help train and advise the ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Cultural & Economic Issues: No Female Journalist in Southeast

KHOST CITY - In addition to economic issues, there are cultural restrictions which keep women from working as journalist in southeastern provinces, media representatives said on Saturday. Officials of media and journalists protection groups have asked the government and international donor agencies to resolve problems media outlets face. There are 54 radio stations and TV channels and some print media outlets in Logar, Paktia, Paktia and Khost provinces, employing more than 200 people, but there is no female among them. "The main reason behind no female presence in media is the lack of enough budget and cultural restrictions, ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Teacher Vacancy for Sale in Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Residents of northern Baghlan province, alleging rampant corruption in the appointment of teachers, claim a vacancy is sold by the education department for 80,000 afghanis. Nooria, a resident of the province, told Pajhwok Afghan News she received her bachelor degree three years ago, but she was still looking for a teaching job despite applying to the education department several times. She charged some graduates from higher education institutes were able to get the job by paying bribes. "The employment process is full of corruption; you will not be appointed if you don't pay 80,000 afghanis or have friends in the relevant office." A teacher, who wished not to be named, revealed: "I was appointed to a Pul-i-Khumri school six months ago in return for a bribe of more than 80,000 afghanis. All officers from the school principal to



education department staff are corrupt." Education officials, meanwhile, confirmed corruption in the department. Ghulam Mohiuddin Paikan, who took charge as education director last week, told Pajhwok he had appointed a special team to identify problems and fix them. "I have also received information about corruption, absenteeism and misuse of authority in the education department," he said, warning the officers involved

in embezzlement of funds would be referred to the attorney office. He added about 49 percent of schools in the province did not have their own buildings. More than three months into the new academic year, many school students in Khost Farang and Andarabha areas complain about a shortage of textbooks, he said. Shah Mohammad, a resident of Khost Farang area, said: "Six school-going children of my family have not been ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Govt. to Face Credibility Challenge Without Electoral Reforms: Manavi

KABUL - The former chief of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Sunday blasted the government over what he called a lack of commitment within the political leadership to implement systematic reforms in the election law. Fazel Ahmad Manavi warned that the present

government was likely to face a credibility challenge unless the reforms were implemented and parliamentary elections held as scheduled. Amid the current reforms controversy, election monitoring groups have also said that the government's ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Ilyas Wahdat Appointed As New Paktika Governor

SHARANA - Ilyas Wahdat has been appointed as new governor of the southeastern Paktika province, the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) said on Sunday. IDLG spokesperson Munira Yousufzada told Pajhwok Afghan News the order signed by President Ashraf Ghani was set to be officially announced on Sunday night.

The outgoing governor of Paktika, Aminullah Shariq had been appointed nearly 13 months ago. Meanwhile, Shariq was quoted as welcoming the president's decision in a statement issued by the Paktika governor's house. Wahdat, a resident of Khost province, has previously worked as a news reporter. *(Pajhwok)*

Key Taliban Leader Killed in Kunduz Airstrike

KUNDUZ CITY - A key leader of the Taliban group was killed in an airstrike in the restive Kunduz province in north of Afghanistan. "During an air strike, eight armed Taliban were killed including Qari Ali a key member of armed Taliban," the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said. According to a statement by MoI, the airstrike took place in Taraki village, Dasht Archi District of northern Kunduz province, yesterday evening. "This group was involved in many terrorist and destructive activities in this district and other areas of Kunduz province," the statement added. According to MoI, "After eliminating this group the security situation in this district is expected to improve."

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Kunduz is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating and frequently carry out insurgency activities. The Taliban group launched a major attack by announcing their spring offensive in mid-April this year with an aim to recapture the strategic Kunduz. However, the attack was repulsed by the Afghan security forces following days heavy gun battle between the two sides. *(KP)*

Zadran District Residents Deprive of Education, Health Facilities

GARDEZ - Some residents of Zadran district in southeastern Paktia province on Sunday complained the government did not provide them with health, educational, economic and other vital facilities in the past 15 years. The complained they had been facing multiple problems in their lives and the government did not look after them despite the flow of millions of dollars in aid. Qadir Khan, a tribal elder, told Pajhwok Afghan News the inhabitants of Zadran district were grappling with huge problems

ranging from social to economic, health and education. "We have only one high school in three villages and some student did not complete the 12th class in the past 14 years," said Khan as an example of backwardness of the Zadran district. He demanded government to pay quick attention to the district and launch development activities so that the life standard of the people could rise. Haji Bangi, member of Gardy Serai local council, ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Taliban Uses Civilians As Human Shields in Helmand Battle: Officials

LASHKARGAH - Taliban uses civilians as human shields in Marjah district in Helmand as they hide inside residents' houses during clash with Afghan security forces in the province, said security officials on Sunday. The officials said the insurgents place roadside mines in the area to prevent security forces from advancing in Marjah. "We have started house-to-house searches to eliminate or to arrest those Taliban fighters that hide inside civilians' houses. We are trying to prevent civilian casualties in our military operations," an army soldier, Sher Ahmad said. Meanwhile, Nazuk Mir, a po-



lice commander in Helmand, said reinforcements had arrived in Marjah and that a large-scale military operation will be launched in the district in the near future. "We are moving forward in Marjah and have achievements, but despite that, reinforcements have arrived and

soon a large-scale military operation will be carried in the district," he added. Meanwhile, an army commander, Noor Alam Halim, called for foreign troops' help to clear Marjah of militants. He added: "Foreign troops have not helped us in this battle ...*(More on P4)...(19)*