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Parliament Attack

2 Civilians Killed, 28 Injured

KABUL - A coordinated Taliban assault on the parliament building in Kabul came to an end with the killing of all eight attackers in one and a half hours gun-battle that killed a woman and a child and injured another 28 civilians, officials said. Kabul police spokesperson Ebadullah Razin told Pajhwok Afghan News nine women and children and 19 men were among the wounded and some of them were in critical condition. The Public Health Ministry spokesman said 31 wounded



civilians had been delivered at Istiqlal, Emergency and Sadri-Ibni-Sina government hospitals for treatment. Ismail Kawoosi said the wounded included five women and three children and one of them was struggling for life. The attack took place after a group of suicide bombers stormed the Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament building on the Darul Aman road at around 10:30am. Kabul police chief Lt. Gen. Abdul ... (More on P4)...(8)

Abdul Sattar Murad Overall Economic Scenario to be Assessed

KABUL - Economy Minister Abdul Sattar Murad on Monday unveiled his ministry's first 100-day plan aimed to evaluate the country's overall economic situation, performance of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and advisors besides other major activities. Murad told reporters in Kabul a technological administrative system would be introduced and NGOs activities would be coordinated and examined during the period. Under the plan



budget for proposed projects and their efficiency would be analyzed and the financial and procurement procedures assessed, ... (More on P4)...(9)

Sonia Gandhi

Attack a Heinous Bid to Subvert Democracy

KABUL - India's Congress President Sonia Gandhi on Monday condemned the terrorists to subvert democratic forces".



Expressing deep concern over a string of explosions in the Afghan parliament complex, she said such cowardly attacks by terrorists can never deter the democratic traditions gaining strength the world over. "The Congress and indeed the entire country stand by the ... (More on P4)...(10)

Afghan Hero says he will defend his Country to the End

KABUL - In an exclusive interview with TOLO news Afghanistan's hero of the day, Afghan National Army Sergeant Essa Khan said that officers on duty at Parliament were prepared for an attack. Khan, who personally killed six of the insurgents, said it was a proud day for him that he could defend his country to this extent. "I am very happy to be alive and proud I could defend my country," he said adding "I was prepared to defend my country with every drop of blood in me".



The 28-year-old soldier from Laghman province, said that there had been 20 troops stationed inside the heavily guarded ... (More on P4)...(11)

Deputy CEO Daesh 2nd Phase of Taliban Project

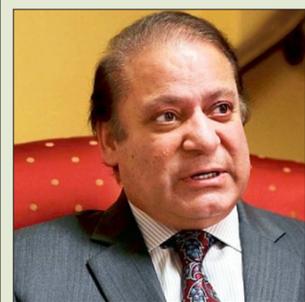
KABUL - First deputy chief executive officer Eng. Mohammad Khan said on Sunday the Islamic State (IS) or Daesh group was second phase of the "Taliban project." Khan said this while talking to Russian Ambassador to Afghanistan Alexander Mantytskiy in Kabul, said Habib Rahman Ibrahim, the CEO office deputy spokesman. The deputy CEO said Russia was an international power and wielded considerable influence over many world's affairs. Despite problems with Afghanistan in the past decades, Moscow had generous-



ly assisted Kabul in areas of education, higher education, mines and others, he said. About the newly-emerged Daesh group, Mohammad Khan said the group was "second phase of the Taliban project" and wanted to reach central Asia through Afghanistan. Khan said the unity government would strongly counter the group, but the fight directly needed Russia's and other countries participation. He said the Afghan army was capable enough to play an effective role in combating the threat. Khan said regional and world powers should deliver on their pledges of strengthening the Afghan army. ... (More on P4)...(12)

Pakistan Strongly Condemn Attack on Afghan Parliament

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday strongly condemned the terrorist attack on Afghan Parliament. The Pakistani Prime Minister said that terrorism is the common enemy of both Afghanistan and Pakistan.



In his message to the Afghan government, Nawaz Sharif said that steps were being taken in unison to defeat the nefarious designs of the terrorists. He also extended condolences to those who were injured in this ... (More on P4)...(13)

Taliban Attack on Afghan Parliament Widely Condemned

KABUL - The brazen attack against the Afghan parliament on Monday which claimed six lives and injured more than two dozen others has drawn wide condemnation. In the horrific offensive for which Taliban outfit has claimed responsibility, six attackers were killed and 31 others, all civilians, sustained injuries. "President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani condemned in the strongest possible terms the attack on the parliament building," a statement released by Arg, or the Presidential Palace, here said. The president in the statement ... (More on P4)...(16)

India Stands with Afghanistan at this Time of Trial: Rajnath Singh

NEW DEHLI - Indian Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday condemned the Taliban militant attack on the Afghanistan Parliament and said that India stands by the Islamic Republic. "India condemns the attack on Afghanistan Parliament and in this time of trial, India will stand by Afghanistan," Rajnath Singh told the media here. Kabul Police chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi confirmed that a car detonated outside the Parliament earlier today, followed by a series of explosions which resulted in the immediate evacuation of MPs and journalists from the Parliament. The attack took place as the new Defence Minister Masoom ... (More on P4)...(17)

Kandahar Clinic Treating Patients Free of Cost in Ramadan

KANDAHAR CITY - With the advent of Ramadan, a private health clinic has started treating poor patients free of cost in southern Kandahar province. Besides free treatment and accommodation, the Momand privately-run hospital also serves food free without charges to relatives attending their patients. Ismatullah Saeedi, the hospital director, told Pajhwok Afghan News the hospital was providing free treatment to thousands of poor patients since the advent of the holy month. He said the hospital provided ... (More on P4)...(14)

Dasht-I-Archi District Falls to Taliban

KUNDUZ - The Dasht-i-Archi district in northern Kunduz province fell to Taliban insurgents on Monday, residents said. Abdul Jalil, a resident of the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News insurgents overran security check posts around the district after heavy clashes with security forces on Sunday night. He added today morning militants forced their way inside the district centre, raising white flags. Nazaruiddin Nazari, district chief, confirmed to local media the district had fallen to Taliban. Local officials, however, could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts by Pajhwok Afghan News. Taliban militants on their website claimed seizing 14 police posts located around the district center late on Sunday followed by continues fight that led to the capture of the district headquarters today at around 7:00am. A day earlier, Taliban claimed two security posts of Afghan Local Police (ALP) were captured by insurgents during a clash that left four ALP members dead and two others wounded. This is the second district coming in Taliban control during the ongoing week after Chahardara district of the ... (More on P4)...(15)



Taliban Advancing on Kunduz City: Officials



KUNDUZ CITY - Secretary of Mesharano Jirga and some provincial council members on Monday warned Taliban were marching ahead to capture Kunduz City, the provincial capital of northern Kunduz province. In the past 24 hours, Taliban succeeded to capture Dasht-i-Archi and Chahardara districts. Some lawmakers from Kunduz said despite collapse of two important districts, more areas of the province were under looming threat from the enemy. Maulvi Abdullah Qarelaq, secretary of the Mesharano Jirga, said lack of coordination among security institutions led to fall of Chardara and Dasht-i-Archi districts. He said the district chief of Dasht-i-Archi had strong links with militants and handed ... (More on P4)...(18)

Women Brave Challenges During Polls in Southeast



GARDEZ - Women in southeastern Paktia, Paktika and Whost provinces have to face problems while partaking in elections, shrinking their turnout. These concerns are being expressed by several individuals and groups at a time when the parliamentary elections should have taken place in the previous two months and the new parliament should have been inaugurated today (June 22) under the Constitution. But President Ashraf Ghani has extended the parliamentary term until the parliamentary elections are held and the new parliament inaugurated. Ihsanullah Hamidi, Free and Fair Election Foundation head for Paktia, told Pajhwok Afghan News women had to ... (More on P4)...(19)

New Paktika Governor Pledges Security, Peace, Merit

SHARANA - The new governor for southeastern Paktika province on Monday took charge with pledges to improve security, bring peace and uphold merit. The governor, Aminullah Shariq, and the new police chief, Brig. Ali Mast Mohammad, were introduced to the people of Paktika by Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) deputy head Abdul Malik Seddique at a gathering in Sharana, the provincial capital. On the occasion, Seddique said the new governor was an experienced and capable person, who would be able to resolve the existing problems in Paktika. He urged the new governor to work for strengthening unity among tribes, security and peace in the province. Nadir Khan Katawazai, a lawmaker from Paktika, told the gathering that Paktika needed experienced officials and the new governor should fully discharge his responsibilities. The Wolesi Jirga member said there were no warlords and drugs in the province and residents were fed up with the conflict, thus providing good working environment for officials. Other speakers also urged the new governor to improve security besides fighting administrative corruption. In his address, the new governor ... (More on P4)...(20)