

Live as brave men; and if fortune is adverse, front its blows with brave hearts. Cicero

Considering new experiences and requirements of the time, other contents of this Constitution can be amended by the proposal of the President or by the majority of the National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 67, and 146 of this constitution. Article 149

Northeast to be Purged of Terrorists: President

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has noted comprehensive strategy has been worked out to regain lost areas in northern Kunduz and purge parts of northeast of anti-state elements. The president raised the issue at the sideline meeting with the Wolesi Jirga or lower house speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahim and some lawmakers from Kunduz province late Monday evening. A statement from the Presidential Palace said acting defence minister and interior minister were present in the meeting



where they presented reports about the security situation of Kunduz province. Ghani assured that in line with suggestions of lawmakers, stringent security measures have been taken to push Taliban back. He would continue consulting lawmakers on various issues, urging them to convince people to extend all out support to security forces. It is pertinent to mention that Chardara district of Kunduz province has been regained today morning from Taliban. The district had fallen to the group on Saturday night. (Pajhwok)

MoE to Increase Oversight of NGOs in Afghanistan

KABUL - Speaking at the National Conference on Coordination, Transparency and Cooperation with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) on Tuesday, Minister of Economy Abdul Satar Murad announced new plans to increase the transparency and accountability of NGO work in Afghanistan by adding greater government oversight. Meeting with representatives from governmental and non-governmental organizations, the minister said something needs to be done to decrease aid waste and enhance the effectiveness of projects. From now on, he added, all NGOs operating in Afghanistan will be expected to provide a report on their projects and their funding to the Ministry of Economy (MoEc) annually. "The Ministry of ... (More on P4)...(1)



Minister Counternarcotics Law Needs Changes



KABUL - The counter-narcotics minister on Tuesday said amending the counter-narcotics law, revising the national counternarcotics strategy, developing anti-drug policies and capacity building of the ministry's employees would be a priority during her first 100 days in office. Inclusion of anti-drug contents in university syllabus, overseeing the Food Zone Programme in Kandahar province, conducting 35 national gatherings for raising awareness, picking homeless drug addicts from the streets of Kabul and completing 53 drug-alternative projects in different parts of the country comprised her other plans, said Salamat Azizi while presenting her ministry's first 100-day action plan at a press conference in Kabul. "In the face of mass production and smuggling of drugs and the presence of organised drug mafia groups, amendments to the counter-narcotics law are necessary. ... (More on P4)...(4)

Drugs Fuelling Terrorism in Afghanistan: Dostum

KABUL - First Vice President Abdul Rashid Dostum said on Tuesday that narcotics business was strongly connected with militancy in the country and terrorist equipped themselves through cultivation and smuggling of illicit substance. In his message read out on the ground breaking ceremony of Afghanistan Drugs Reporting System (ADRS), Dostum acknowledged that in the past 13 years Afghanistan remained on top of drugs producing country in the globe. He said eradication of drugs was a



serious challenge for Afghans and the government should take tangible steps to overcome the challenge. Dostum said: "Drug was the main source of ongoing insurgency in the country. The profit which is being earned from the illicit business is going to the pockets of Taliban leaders." According to a survey conducted ... (More on P4)...(2)

UN Envoy Addresses Security Council on Afghanistan

KABUL - U.N. envoy in Afghanistan, Nicholas Haysom, told the United Nation's Security Council that foreign fighters from northern neighboring countries posed a particular challenge to the country and that there remains considerable concern that Daesh is seeking to establish a foothold in the war-ravaged country. Briefing the 15-member council on Monday, as part of its regular session, ... (More on P4)...(5)



Peace to be Restored at Every Cost: MoFA



KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said on Tuesday that groups disrupting security of the country would be fought until durable peace was established. After establishment of

Stanikzai to Hold Talks on Afghanistan during NATO Defense Ministerial

KABUL - The acting Afghan defense minister Masoom Stanikzai will hold talks on Afghanistan during the NATO defense ministerial which is due to kick off in Brussels on Wednesday. Deputy Af-

Afghan Govt., Taliban Reps to Meet for Talks in a Week: Pakistan

KABUL - Sartaj Aziz, Pakistan's prime minister's adviser on foreign affairs and national security said that Afghan government and Taliban will likely meet in a week time. With the same tone, Aziz expressed optimism an unprec-



edented breakthrough is expected in three months time. He made these revelations while speaking at National Assembly's foreign affairs committee on Monday. He informed Islamabad helped facilitated a meeting ... (More on P4)...(7)

India Wants NATO Pullout Plan Reconsidered

KABUL - India's permanent representative to the United Nations Asoke Kumar Mukerji has asked the international community to reconsider the troop pullout plan from Afghanistan keeping in mind the deteriorating security situation in the war-ravaged country. Addressing the UN Security Council on Monday, the Indian

envoy said there was a strong case for the international community to take a fresh look at the manner the drawdown of the international military presence was being planned out given the critical phase of the political transition had entered in Afghanistan. He said UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's latest report that

showed 45 percent increase in armed conflicts in Afghanistan this year only reinforced the view that terrorism not tribal differences or ethnic rivalries had been the main source of insecurity and instability in Afghanistan. His remarks come the day eight suicide bombers attacked the Afghanistan ... (More on P4)...(8)

Director and Deputy of Kabul Bank Clearance Department Arrested



KABUL - The Director and Deputy of the Kabul Bank's Clearance Department were arrested by National Directorate of Security (NDS) and law enforcement personnel this week. They are charged with receiving bribes from a debtor of the former Kabul Bank. "Two of the senior officials of the Kabul Bank Clearance Department have been arrested by NDS while taking a \$100,000 bribe," Anti-Corruption Prosecution Office Chair Said Alam Ishaqzai said on Tuesday. "Their identity is not disclosed and will soon be referred to the court," he added. Although prosecutors declined to share the names of the ... (More on P4)...(9)

Anti-Corruption Advocates Demand Thorough Investigation MUD Corruption

KABUL - The Director of the High Office of Anti-Corruption, Said Ghulam Hussain Fakhri, on Tuesday has indicated that his office will not rest at the public release of files exposing corruption in the Ministry of Urban Development (MUD), calling for a full and thorough investigation to indict the main perpetrators. The MUD corruption case has become the largest and most publicized corruption scandal for the Afghan government since the Kabul Bank case. The claims center on six senior officials in the ministry who are accused ... (More on P4)...(10)

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