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Afghanistan to Export Copper, Iron in Next Ten Years: Ghani

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani said his country offered attractive investment opportunities, predicting Afghanistan would be a major iron and copper exporting country in next ten years. The president expressed these views in his meeting with Chinese delegation, a statement from the Presidential Palace stated on Wednesday. Referring to Afghanistan's geographical location and rich mineral resources, Ghani strategy was being mulled to offer more investment opportunities to both local and foreign investors.



"Afghanistan is geographical-ly located in a region which can connect central, northern and eastern Asian states but we need to focus on infrastructure development," he remarked. His government has focused on railway track, gas pipeline, construction of roads, developing modern agricultural and irrigation system and creating opportunities for youth. He asked the Chinese delegation to connect Wakhan to China through railway line. Afghanistan has vast water ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

US to Decide on Troops Level in Afghanistan after the Fighting Season



KABUL - The United States will decide regarding the troops withdrawal timeline from Afghanistan after the ongoing fighting season, the US Permanent Representative to NATO said. In response to a question regarding the deteriorating security situation and announcement of troop's withdrawal timeline from Afghanistan by 2016, Ambassador Douglas Lute, said "Whether or not the U.S. adjusts its timeline is a decision to be made in Washington after this fighting season. Presidents Ghani and Obama agreed - I believe the visit was in February or March of this year - that this would obviously be a fighting season during which the Afghan forces ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Powerful People Get Land Plots Instead of Teachers: MPs



KABUL - A number of Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) members claimed Wednesday that most of the land plots allocated for teachers have been usurped by powerful individuals. The lawmakers raised the issue during Wednesday's session where the Minister of Education Asadullah Hanif Balkhi told the MPs that about 80,000 land plots had been ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

China Condemns Attack on Afghan Parliament

KABUL - Spokesman of Chinese Foreign Ministry, Lu Kang, on Tuesday strongly condemned attack on Afghan Parliament. Lu Kang said that we have noticed relevant reports, and we are shocked and deplore the incident. The Chinese side staunchly opposes all forms of terrorism, and extends condolences to the victims and sympathies to the bereaved families and the injured. The situation in Afghanistan is undergoing a key transitional period. As a friendly neighbour, the Chinese side sincerely hopes that Afghanistan could realize peace, stability and development at an early date, and that all parties ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Finance Minister Rules out Crisis over Next 3 Years

KABUL - Finance Minister Aklil Hakimi on Wednesday said Afghanistan would not face any financial problems in next three year as foreign aid worth \$4 billion had been deposited in the state exchequer. Unveiling his ministry's 100-day action plan, he said the country's exchequer was empty when he took charge. The bills of last year were still unpaid, he added. However, the minister said after successful negotiations with the World Bank (WB), the United States and United Kingdom, the promised aid had landed in Af-



ghanistan treasury. An amount of \$3 billion was provided by the WB, \$800 million by the US and another \$500 million by the UK. Hakimi said talks with the European Union (EU), China, Germany and other countries were underway. He said efforts were underway to attract foreign direct investment and increase domestic revenue besides struggle for foreign aid in order to push Afghanistan towards economic self reliance. The finance minister said efforts were on to introduce a balanced budget in the future and reduce government expenditures to benefit common people. Hakimi ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Many Problems, Disputes of Jawzjan People Settled: PC

SHIBERGHAN - Members of provincial council in north-western Jawzjan province claimed settling a large number of problems particularly addressing tribal disputes but some were not satisfied with their performance. Results of the provincial council election of April 5 elections were announced in November 2014. After the provincial councils' ballot result, the parliament decided to limit the right of provincial council with regard of evaluation of local departments' performance. However, the provincial council members opposed the parliament's step, closing the council offices for a ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Wolesi Jirga Investigating Monday Attack

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Wednesday assigned its commissions to investigate Monday's group suicide attack on the parliament, in which two civilians were killed and 28 others wounded. Eight insurgents launched the coordinated attack on the Wolesi Jirga building in Kabul. One of them blew up his explosive-laden car in front of



the parliament gate and the remaining tried to storm the building on Monday, but they all were killed. A lawmaker from northern Balkh province, Maulvi Abdul Rahman Rahmani, told the lower ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Govt. Urged to Ensure Standard, Quality of Domestic Products

KABUL - The Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) on Wednesday expressed concerns over lack of implementation of standards and norms on domestic products. Some of domestic products were returned from foreign countries due to lack of qual-

ity, it said. Domestic products would compete in global markets if they were at par with international standards, the ACCI added. In order to resolve the issue, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Officials Military Operation to be Launched in Dasht-E-Archi



KUNDUZ CITY - A large-scale military operation will soon be launched in Dasht-e-Archi, northern Kunduz province to re-take control of the district which fell into the hands of Taliban insurgents earlier this week, local officials said on Wednesday. Officials said that clashes still continue between the security forces and Taliban insurgents in Dasht-e-Archi which borders with Khwaja Ghar district of northern Takhar province. However, officials did not provide details about casualties during the clashes. This comes as the security forces launched a counter-offensive to re-take the Chahar Dara district of the province late Monday night which had fallen early Saturday. The Taliban militants that had captured the district just days before were driven out of the district by Tuesday morning and ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

UN Calls on Int'l Community to Help Afghan Refugees

KABUL - The Chief of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), António Guterres, has called on the international community to help in the repatriation process of Afghan refugees in Iran, Pakistan and other neighboring countries. This came after he visited refugee camps in Peshawar city and termed the Afghan refugee situation miserable. "We still have Afghan refugees as the second largest refugee group after the Syrians. My appeal is to the international community to understand that this is not only the responsibility of Pakistan or Iran or other neighboring countries; it is a



collective responsibility," he said. Guterres also urged the international community to support programs by the Afghan government to allow for the return of Afghan refugees to the country and to help them with education, health, land allocation and employment projects. Pakistan's Minister for States and Frontier Regions, Abdul Qadir Baloch, said they will start the process to register undocumented Afghan refugees on June 25, and that funds have already been allocated for this purpose. "An ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

US to Manage Afghan Airspace till Mid-September

KABUL - The United States will continue to manage Afghan airspace and air-traffic control for another two-and-a-half months after its current contract expires at the end of June, according to an Afghan official. The airspace, a key air corridor between Europe and Asia, has been managed by the U.S.-led international military coalition or foreign companies paid by donor countries since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that overthrew the Taliban regime. But with the pullout from Afghanistan of international combat troops, responsibility and control of the air-



space was to transition to the Kabul government - a task authorities were unprepared for. That stirred fears that international airlines would have to cancel flights both into the country and over its territory. Now, a solution has been found, Mohammad Qassim Wafayezada, the Afghan Civil Aviation Authority's deputy ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Officials Daesh Curbs Movement of Women in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Insurgents claiming to be Daesh fighters have reportedly distributed leaflets in eastern Nangarhar prohibiting women from leaving their homes without any Sharia (Islamic Legal) excuse, according to provincial officials. The four-article pamphlet of so-called Daesh insurgents includes threats against the elders of Nangarhar and women of the eastern province - where officials have already confirmed sightings of the newly-emerged group, based in Iraq and Syria. "Daesh distributed the warning letters two days ago in several districts," claimed Obaidullah Shenwari, a provincial council member. "The leaflets warn that women are not allowed to leave their homes without wearing a Burqa and without any Sharia excuse." "The elders have also been warned to not resolve their issues through holding local Jirga [council] but to resolve through Daesh leadership." A number of other provincial council members also voiced concerns over what they called growing numbers of Daesh affiliates in the province. ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

WH Praised ANSF for Professionally Responding to Kabul Attack

WASHINGTON - The White House (WH) has praised Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) for professionally quelling the recent terrorist attack on Afghan Parliament. Josh Earnest, White House spokesman said that Afghan security forces limited the loss of a very dangerous attack. He said that suppressing the attack in a very short spin of time indicates improvement of the capacity and ability of Afghan security forces. Citing the attack on Parliament, Earnest said that the attack indicates that



Taliban militants are still able to carry out precise attacks. The Taliban attack on Afghan Parliament took place on Monday. It began with a suicide car bomb detonation at the front gate of the parliament and later a group of militants armed with ...*(More on P4)...(21)*