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# NATO Has Responded Positively to our Demands



current Resolute Support mission, which is to train and assist Afghan security forces. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said they took stock of the progress made since the launch of Resolute Support in January this year. He said they would continue to support the Afghan forces and the government even after the end of the current mission. He praised the Afghan forces for dealing effectively with attacks ... (More on P4)...(9)

KABUL - Acting defence minister Masoom Stanekzai on Thursday said NATO defence ministers had responded positively to Afghanistan's proposals and demands. Defence ministers from more than 40 ally and partner nations of the military alliance concluded a two-day meeting in Brussels, the Belgium capital, where NATO is headquartered. The meeting confirmed the alliance's commitment to a follow up civilian-led mission in Afghanistan after the end of the

## Sar-I-Pul PC Performance Draws Mixed Reaction



SAR-I-PUL - The residents of northern Sar-i-Pul province expressed a mixed reaction over the performance of the provincial council and stressed the council should be bound to focus more on solution to public grievances. After the announcement of provincial council results, the parliament passed a bill barring councils from overseeing local departments, only giving them an advisory role. All councils across the country went on strike that lasted 45 days, resuming their work only ... (More on P4)...(10)

## Pakistan Alone Can not Bring Peace to Afghanistan: Experts

KABUL - Political experts on Thursday said informal talks between Afghan government and Taliban representatives might yield positive results but it was a fallacy that Pakistan alone could pave the ground for peace talks. Despite large investments to bring about peace to Afghanistan during the past 13 years, no signs of progress are visible. Former president Hamid Karzai traveled 21 times to Pakistan during his leadership to encourage Taliban militants in that country to join to the peace process, but all his attempts failed. After the establishment ... (More on P4)...(11)

## Islamabad Rejects Kabul Allegations about Parliament Attack

KABUL - Pakistan strongly rejected "baseless allegations" carried by a media section quoting spokesman of National Directorate of Security (NDS) alleging Pakistan's involvement in recent attack on Afghan parliament, a statement said on Friday. A statement from the Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said: "The allegations fall within the familiar pattern of certain spoilers whose objective is to disrupt the improving relations between the two brotherly nations." Earlier on Wednesday, the Afghan spy service alleged the Monday's group suicide attack on the parliament was carried out by the Haqqani Network in line with a plan designed ... (More on P4)...(13)

## Tajikistan Backs NATO Initiative to Stabilise Afghanistan

KABUL - Tajik President Emomali Rahmon has said that Dushanbe supports the initiative of NATO aimed at development of cooperation with the countries of the region on promotion of peace and stability in Afghanistan, the AKIpress reports. During the meeting of Rahmon with a delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the sides discussed issues of cooperation on regional security. The special attention was paid to the cooperation on promotion of peace and stability in Afghanistan and Tajik-Afghan borders. It was noted during the meeting that Tajikistan and

NATO's cooperation is forecasting natural disastrous and elimination of their consequences. The cooperation is carried out within the program of Partnership for Peace and the individual plan of partnership and cooperation between Tajikistan and NATO. (Pajhwok)



## 'Forces Tactically Retreated from Want Wegal District'



KABUL - Security forces have technically retreated from Want Wegal district in eastern Nuristan province and they have drawn defence line, a statement from the 201st Selab Military Corps stated. The statement said militants mounted attack on the district center from multiple sides at around 4:00 am, which was retaliated by Afghan police but the police had to retreat tactically. Afghan security forces, the 201st Military Corps and other departments' concerned drew a defence line around the district aimed at encircling militants. A gigantic plan for carrying out military operation has been devised to get retake control of the areas fallen to Taliban. ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Forces Retake Nuristan's District that Fell to the Taliban

KABUL - The security forces have been able to regain control of Want-Waygal district of eastern Nuristan province - hours after the Taliban captured the district following a massive attack. The district collapsed early Friday into the hands of the Taliban following the group's attack two days ago,



which led to heavy clashes between the forces and militants. Initially, the security forces tactically retreated

from the district but later launched an operation which helped retake the district, said Mohammad Nomand Asifi, spokesman of Afghan National Army (ANA) 203 Corps. According to the MPs from Nuristan, the Taliban after storming the district set dozens of civilian homes on fire. There ... (More on P4)...(14)

## US Expresses Concern over Insurgents' Attacks on Civilians

WASHINGTON - Noting that widespread violence, predominantly indiscriminate attacks on civilians were the most significant human rights abuses in Afghanistan in the year 2014, the State Department on Thursday expressed concern over continued attacks on civilians by insurgent groups. "There was continued instability in the country, where the government is still fighting an active insurgency.



The most significant problem was continued attacks on civilians by insurgent groups," the State Department said in its annual Congressional-mandated report on human rights. "Eight journalists were killed over the year, making it the deadliest year for the media since 2001. Violent and brutal attacks against women continued, including on elected female government officials during the year. There were ongoing human rights ... (More on P4)...(15)

## China Refuses to Implement Silk Road Project in Afghanistan

KABUL - Officials in Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that China has refused to implement Silk Road project in Afghanistan. According to them, to transfer its commercial property China has replaced Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan instead of Afghanistan. The Chamber of Commerce concerns over intensification of insecurity; adding there is the possibility of losing other economic projects in Afghanistan. The New Silk Road concept was first presented in public by the president of the People's ... (More on P4)...(17)

## Breshna Installing Second Kajaki Dam

KABUL - Officials from Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) have warned that continued security threats in the area could undermine progress on the critical Kajaki power dam project in southern province of Helmand. "Kajaki dam remains one of our biggest projects. We are trying to install the second turbine in the dam and the work is in progress to ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Efforts on in Wardak to Bridge Gap Between Govt., Public: PC

MAIDAN SHAHR - A number of provincial council members, civil society activists and the governor have geared up efforts to restore common people trust on government, deputy head of provincial council said on Friday. Masoud Shanezai told Pajhwok Afghan News the recent spilling insecurity, lack of reconstruction work and several other incidents had widened gap between local people and government. Members of provincial council have intensified efforts to reduce the existing gap, which would help leave far-reaching positive impact ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Taliban Mount Big Attack on District Center in Nuristan

JALALABAD - At least 500 armed rebels have stormed Wantwigel district center in eastern Nuristan province, sparking a fierce firefight with police, an official said on Thursday. The district is situated on the edge with Manogay district which is under Taliban control. Yar Gul, acting district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News 500 militants from Manogay, Katar and Kambir districts attacked Wantwigel early Thursday morning. The clashes were still ongoing, he added. "I am now fighting militants who have attacked us from different sides. We direly need ... (More on P4)...(19)



EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

Local publication for call for proposals

Instrument for Development Cooperation

Thematic Programme "Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities" (CSO-LA)

AFGHANISTAN

Reference: DCI-NSAPVD/2015/137-279

The European Union represented by the European Commission is seeking proposals for Civil Society Organizations and Local Authorities in Afghanistan with financial assistance from the DCI. The overall amount of this call for proposals is 2 000 000 EUR. These funds will support activities addressing the following specific objectives:

1. Strengthening civil society's public oversight of government reforms
2. Strengthening local accountability
3. Empowering youth in accountability

The full Guidelines for Applicants are available online for consultation at the Delegation of the European Union to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Web: [http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/grants\\_tenders/grants/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/grants_tenders/grants/index_en.htm)

The deadline for submission of concept notes is the 09/08/2015.