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Spymaster Warns of Mounting Insecurity in Coming Months

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief has said plans have been chalked out to tackle the threat from Daesh, warning security situation will deteriorate in coming months. With the same breath, however, Rahmatullah Nabil said the country's security forces were capable to deal with any eventuality. He expressed these views at the Wolesi Jirga (WJ) to brief the house about the current security situation across the country. He said the National Security Council (NSC) would discuss Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Islamabad.



NDS chief, Interior Minister Nour-ul-Haq Ulumi and Maj. Gen. Afzal Aman, operation commander at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) were summoned by the WJ to inform the house about over all security, attacks on the parliament, recent recruitment in the spy-service and distribution of Computerized Identity (ID) Cards. Nabil said Taliban had planned six times to attack the parliament building. The intelligence officials foiled such attacks five times, however, ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Dried and Fresh Fruits Export to Reach 55,000 Tons this Year



KABUL - Export Promotion Agency of Afghanistan (EPAA) predicts a 15,000 ton increase in export of dried and fresh fruits. Head of the dried and fresh fruits department of EPAA, Mohammad Mustafa Hashemi, said Afghanistan failed to export the set target of 50,000 tons of fruits last year due to political crisis mainly caused by the election impasse. Af-

ghanistan exported only 40,000 tons of fruits at a total cost of USD 168mn during the last fiscal year. This year, Afghanistan is expected to export 25,000 tons of fresh fruits and 30,000 tons of dried fruits to the international market. Hashemi links the boost to export to better climate conditions, availability of cold storages ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Pakistani Bank Refusing to Pay Back Rs3.5m Loan



KABUL - United Bank Limited (UBL), one of the largest commercial banks in Pakistan, has been refusing to pay back 3.5 million Pakistani rupees it had received in loan from Afghanistan's Pashtany Bank, a report said on Saturday. Ahmad Shakib Mustaghni, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) spokesman, confirmed the loan issue between the two banks and receiving a letter from the Pashtany Bank in this regard. However, he did not elaborate and disconnected telephonic conversation with this scribe. Pajhwok tried to reconnect to Mustaghani seeking his comments on know the Foreign Ministry would be dealing with the issue, but he did not ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Conflicting Reports about Congo Fever among Afghan Patients

KABUL - Three Afghan patients with Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) have been transferred to Hayat Medical Complex (HMC) in Peshawar, provincial capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, for treatment but Afghanistan's Ministry of Health rejected presence of the viral disease in the country. CCHF is a disease caused by a tick-borne virus (Nairovirus) of the Bunyaviridae family. The CCHF virus causes severe viral haemorrhagic fever outbreaks, with a case fatality rate of 10-40%, medics said. Medical specialists say Congo is a zoonotic disease which is carried by several domestic and wild animals like cow, goat, sheep and ostriches. The CCHF virus is transmitted to people either by tick bites or

through contact with infected animal blood or tissues face, a red throat, and petechiae (red spots) on the pal-



during and immediately after slaughter. The onset of CCHF is sudden, with initial signs and symptoms including headache, high fever, back pain, joint pain, stomach pain, and vomiting. Red eyes, a flushed

Anti-Drug Drive to Mobilise Masses Launched

KABUL - The Afghan Milli Ghorzang political party on Saturday launched an anti-drug campaign aimed at mobilising the masses against the menace in Kabul and provinces. Dr. Khushal Rohi, the party chief, told a gathering in Kabul that such meetings involving religious scholars, tribal elders, civil society activists and media representatives would be held in Kabul and provinces as part of the campaign. He said religious scholars would be urged to encourage people to join the campaign and elders, civil society activists and media people would be involved in the process to strengthen the drive.



Rohi said today's gathering in Kabul marked the launch of the campaign. He said more than three million people in Afghanistan were addicted to drugs and 224,000 hectares of land was used for drugs production. He said deaths caused by drug use had ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Provincial Lawmaker Detained on Killings, Supplying Arms to Taliban

MAIMANA - Police in northwestern Faryab has detained a former provincial council member accused of killings and supplying arms and ammunition to the Taliban. Angar Tokhi was arrested from his neighbor's house, chief of Faryab criminal investigation department told



TOLOnews. "Angar Tokhi is accused of murders in Almar district," he said. "Tokhi has also been accused of handing over arms to the insurgents." He added that Tokhi had also several other cases registered with the police. In addition, family members of ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

12 Girls Schools Closed after Taliban's Threats

PUL-I-ALAM - Efforts have been accelerated to reopen as many as 12 girls' schools, which were closed by Taliban in Baraki Barak and Sarkh districts in central Logar province, an official said on Saturday. Deputy Education Director Mohammad Sadiq Stanekzai told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Taliban have threatened to kill the staff, students and torch the schools if their orders to shut the schools were defied."



The Taliban's threat was forthwith brought to the notice of security forces to take measures to counter the threat, he added. Shima Zargar, director women affairs, confirmed closure of schools. She demanded government to immediately adopt measures to reopen the schools otherwise girls of this province would ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Floods Displace Hundreds of Parwan Families

PARAKH - River watersheds in Sayed Khail district of central Parwan province displaced more than a hundred families and damaged farmlands, an official said Saturday. Haji Mahmood, a resident of Aghor village, told Pajhwok Afghan News more than a hundred families from Mahmood Khail, Danyar Khail, Aghorsang and Qala Jangal districts had been displaced as a result of watersheds from Parwan River in the past four days. He said hundreds of fruit and others trees were also destroyed and the farms on the riverside were damaged. "One acre of my farmland was also destroyed and I live with my relative in Ancho villages," Mahmood said, urging the government to address their problems. Sayed Karim, a resident of Nyar Khail village, said that six other villages were also under looming threat from watersheds. He asked relevant departments to urgently adopt measures against possible destructions by watersheds. Mohammad Amin Haidari, provincial Natural Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) director, confirmed problems and said that each of 120 displaced families had received tent. He said around a hundred other families were ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Private Company Gets Contract to Build Lash Jaween Road

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Works has announced that 32 kilometers of the Lash Jaween road in Farah province will be contracted out to a private company. Mahmood Baleegh, Minister of Public Works said that construction of the road will cost over \$7 million USD, which will be paid out of the government's development budget. Officials have however assured the public that the contractor will be closely observed during the construction phase. The Ministry of Urban Development has said that the contractor is obligated to implement the project in accordance with the agreement conditions and within the agreed timeframe. "We will

try to closely monitor the project by the contractor, in order for the project to be implemented without any technical problems and in the agreed time frame. If the contractor is unable to implement the project, obviously, legal action will be taken," said Baleegh. Representatives from the contractor have said that the construction work of the project will be completed within the time frame. "We will try to complete the project in the agreed manner and time," says Habeeb Ulfat, contractor representative. The first part of the road which will connect the center of Farah province to the Iranian border will be completed in three years. Officials have also spoken of the start of the 18 km Arghande Kabul road. These officials have said that this road will cost 125 million Afghanis - a project funded through the World Bank. (Tolnews)



Group of Taliban Militants Detained in Nimroz

ZARANJ - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency has detained five insurgents belonging to Taliban group in southwestern Nimroz province. A statement issued by the NDS on Saturday states that the group was involved in a number of terror and destructive activities. The statement further states that the group has confessed killing a local elder for 20,000 Pakistani Rupees in front of his home. They five detainees are identified as Mullah Abdul Malik S/O Abdul Khaliq, Mullah Abdul Satar S/O Dad Mohammad a resident of Bakwah District of Farah province, Shafiullah S/O Abu Bakar, Khairullah S/O Mohammad Gul and Abdul Bari S/O Nadir a resident of Khas Rud District of Farah province. NDS statements usually do not contain the exact date of the achievements but they come after recent activities. (KP)

Drug Price Hikes in Kabul City after ATNN Special Report Released

KABUL - Officials in deputy of drug counter terrorism in Ministry of Interior Affairs have stated that drug prices hiked after the Ariana News Network special documentary on drugs in Kabul city released, efforts were made to discover more sources and arrest those drug dealers in the capital city of Kabul. Recently the Presidential administration office based on the President decree sent an appreciation letter to Ariana News Network praising the special documentary reports

on drug dealing in Kabul city. After publishing the special reports on drugs Afghan security forces have launched 62 operations arresting drug dealers in Kabul where 69 were arrested, 523 kilo gram of Heroin, 57 gram of crystal, 21 kilo gram of opium, 57 marijuana, 17 bottles of alcohol, 4 handy pistol were seized. Deputy of counter Narcotic in Ministry of Interior Affairs Baz Mohammad Ahmadi said, "we realized that the situation got worst after we watched the Ariana ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

