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Pakistan Yet to Mend Ties with Afghanistan: Official

KABUL - Confirming the presence of the so-called Islamic State group in three provinces, the unity government on Sunday said Pakistan had brought no changes to its relations with Afghanistan despite recent pledges. Spokesmen for President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah told a joint press conference in Kabul the Islamic State group would be eliminated wherever surfaced. Abdullah's spokesman Javed Faisal said the Afghan government had always tried to maintain good relations with Pakistan and Iran and had been expecting



the same from the two neighbouring states. "We expect the same good relations from Pakistan, but unfortunately all the hopes the Afghan government had from Pakistan are fading away." He said the national unity government since its formation had been working to overcome the trust deficit with Pakistan, but it seemed one-sided affairs. Similarly, President Ghani's deputy spokesman Syed Zafar Hashmi said the Afghan government had adopted an exclusive policy for peace talks with the ... (More on P4)...(8)

WikiLeaks Cable Details Saudi, Haqqani Meeting

KABUL - Leaked Saudi Arabia diplomatic cables, published last week on WikiLeaks, has revealed their embassy in Islamabad had contact with the Haqqani network and also discussed medical treatment for the militant group's leader. According to Pakistan's Dawn news, the cables provide insight into contact in 2012 between Saudi officials and the insurgent group. The online news portal however, reported that the Saudi foreign ministry expressed concern over the release of the cables but said the information contained in the leaked documents did not contradict Saudi Arabia's known position on foreign policy matters.



The Saudi government has reportedly not acknowledged these cables as authentic and asked its citizens to ignore them. One of the cables, reportedly signed by former Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Aziz Ibrahim Saleh Al Ghadeer, which is marked 'confidential', narrates his meeting with Nasiruddin Haqqani, one of the sons of Haqqani network chief ... (More on P4)...(9)

Ex-Lawmaker Seema Replaces Rehmati as Ghor Governor

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Sunday approved Ms Seema Jwainda as governor of western Ghor province. Earlier, the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) nominated her for the position. IDPG spokesman Tawab Ghorzang told Pajhwok Afghan News Ms Seema replaced Syed Arwar Rahmati. She is well-qualified and have served as Ghor representative in the Wolesi Jirga, Ghorzang said, praising the services rendered by Rahmati as governor. Ms Seema was born in 1982 in the Chaghcharan district of Ghor province. She has also served at the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and ... (More on P4)...(10)



Iran Speaks out over its Fight Against Drugs

TEHRANA - Iran's Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said recently his country had the highest record of fighting drug traffickers despite receiving the least international co-operation in the effort. Speaking at a conference to mark the United Nations-initiated International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Tehran on Saturday, Fazli said that Iran was forced to deal with drug-trafficking because they were a neighbor of Afghanistan, a high producer of narcotics. He said that being a neighbor of Afghanistan, where a substantial amount of the world's conventional drugs are produced, "has made Iran a transit route



and poses most of the threats against the country. Iran has the highest record of fighting and discovering narcotics in the world while it has been offered the least co-operation in this regard." According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Tehran, Iran accounted for 74 percent of the world's opium seizures and 25 percent of the world's heroin and morphine seizures in 2012. At ... (More on P4)...(11)

Khost Governor for Harsh Punishment to Drug Smugglers



KHOST CITY - The governor of southeastern Khost province Hukam Khan Habibi on Sunday directed provincial security and judicial organs to award severe punishment to drug smugglers and those doing illicit business. Habibi expressed these views during a ceremony marking International Day against Drugs today in Khost City, the

provincial capital. He directed security organs particularly provincial police chief to arrest drug smugglers and its workers and take them to judicial organs. "The drug smugglers and drug businessmen should be punished hard. I should not see their faces again in our communities," he said, adding that ... (More on P4)...(12)

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Prequalification

Design and Construction – 1220 m Retaining - and Protection Walls (Stone masonry and reinforced concrete) in Northern Afghanistan

Operation and Maintenance of Faizabad – Kishim Main Road (between Taluqan and Faizabad)

The Faizabad - Kishim Main Road is currently endangered by rock slides from mountain slopes and by erosion caused by a nearby stream. To ensure the continued usability of the road connection, about 1220 m stone masonry and reinforced concrete walls shall be constructed as retaining- and protection walls; detailed design of the walls will be part of the construction contract.

The project is co-financed by the German Development Bank KfW, in the scope of the German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan, and will be implemented through the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

Afghan contractors and international contractors with a base in Afghanistan with experience as General Contractors in the design and construction of roads and associated structures – preferably in Northern Afghanistan – are herewith invited to apply for prequalification for above project. International contractors are explicitly encouraged to form Joint Ventures with national/local contractors.

Tendering will be undertaken according to KfW-Development Bank's Guidelines for Procurement, which can be downloaded at <https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergabe-E.pdf>.

Interested contractors shall request the prequalification document by e-mail from info@ridf-af.org clearly stating "Operation and Maintenance of Faizabad – Kishim Main Road" in the subject line. The request for the prequalification documents must contain the full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone and e-mail.

Contractors fulfilling these requirements will be sent the prequalification documents via e-mail.

This notice is published in parallel in "Nachrichten für Außenhandel" in Germany.

The deadline for submittal of the completed prequalification document is 29 July, 2015.

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Efforts for Peace, Stability to be Stepped up: Mangal

KABUL - Minister for Borders and Tribal Affairs Mohammad Gulab Mangal has said efforts have been stepped up to ensure greater peace and unity in the country. He expressed these views during signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tribes Coordination and Solidarity Centre (TCSC) here in Kabul. Referring to the agreement, Mangal termed it vital for peace and stability in the country. He said that his ministry and the TCSC



would work jointly to build peace, national unity, and talks to insurgents and arrangement of local Jirga meetings to address problems. He said reorganization and strengthening of locals' council could ... (More on P4)...(13)

'Some Herat PC Members Hampering Smooth Work Flow'

HERAT CITY - Secretary of the Provincial Council (PC) has alleged that some members of the council in western Herat province use force and extra-legal measures in order to resolve problems of the residents. Sakina Hussaini told Pajhwok Afghan News use of force by some members was a major hurdle in their work which caused residents to have conflicting views regarding the council. "Some of the members resolve ... (More on P4)...(14)

Land Plots Distribution to Teachers Begins in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - The process of distributing land plots among teachers in southern Ghazni province started on Sunday through a draw, but some teachers alleged fraud in the secret balloting. Former president Hamid Karzai had established a township for teachers in Ghazni City, but plots could not be distributed to teachers due to some problems. However, the distribution of plots started on Sunday through a draw in the provincial capital Ghazni City. Speaking at a gathering held in this regard, acting Governor Musa ... (More on P4)...(15)

10,000 Afghans to Benefit from Khalifa Foundation's Ramadan Programme

KABUL - The Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation, in cooperation with the UAE Embassy in Kabul, has implemented its Iftar Project in capital Kabul under the supervision of the Standing Committee for Humanitarian and Development Aid in Afghanistan. The foundation will continue to provide Iftar meals for the underprivileged during the Holy Month of Ramadan to bring the number of beneficiaries to about ten thousand during the fasting month. ... (More on P4)...(16)

Security Forces Regain Control of Chardara District



KUNDUZ - Officials on Sunday said security forces have regained control of Chardara district in northern Kunduz province amid reports that insurgents have destroyed and looted several government departments. Chardara was fallen to insurgents nine days back. Two days after the incident government announced controlling the district but residents had said Taliban still were in control of the district centre. Sayed Sarwar Hussaini, provincial police spokesman, said Taliban had destroyed two major bridges in Dobandi and Khwaja Kaftar localities, cre-

ating huge impediment in the way of clearing operations. After reopening of the routes, he added, clearing operations were intensified and insurgents were flushed out of the district centre. "Taliban had torched the district building and parts of the attorney general office. They have destroyed all other facilities in the buildings or have looted them," he added. Hussaini said there were no clashes and the security forces were busy establishing check posts and neutralizing landmines. The residents said Taliban had used ... (More on P4)...(17)