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# Govt. Leaders Agree to Rollout E-NIC

KABUL - The government leaders have finally agreed on the legal aspects of the electronic-National Identity Cards (e-NIC), the office of the second vice president, Mohammad Sarwar Danish, said on Tuesday.

According to a Danish's aide, President Ashraf Ghani is likely to sign an order for the launching of e-NIC within a few days.

"The interview process of the candidates for the position of head of the IEC secretariat also started today. After full assessments, the president will take a decision on one of the qualified cadres," said presidential spokesman Shahhussain Murtazawi. Regarding the e-NIC, print-



ing the ethnicity of the holder on the front page of the card, was one of the controversial issues that undermined the rollout of e-NIC for months. Sources now say that in terms of the new agreement between government leaders and the implementation of amendments in the census law, a holder's ethnicity will indeed be printed on the front page of the e-NIC.

"Because he election calendar is overtaken by the time necessary for rolling out the ID cards to the citizens, we are working on a third option regarding the elections," said Jawed Faisal, deputy CEO spokesman.

It is believed that the roll-out process of e-NIC would be a step ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

## Pakistan Once Again Weighing Border-Fencing Option

PESHAWAR - As Kabul and Islamabad continue to squabble over terror safe havens, Pakistan has decided to fence the border at certain points, says a security official.

"Following a spate of high-casualty attacks across the country, Pakistan's federal government has decided to fence selected parts of the border with Afghanistan," the official told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Not authorised to speak on the hot-button issue, the official said on condition of anonymity the move was aimed to prevent terror suspects entering Pakistan from Afghanistan.

The Durand Line, which Afghanistan does not recognise as a formal border, has been closed for almost two weeks. Despite a flurry of diplomatic activity and protests from the Afghan side, the frontier is yet to be reopened.

Kabul angrily reacted to Pakistan's plan to fence certain parts of the border in April 2016. A number of such attempts by Pakistan in recent years have prompted howls of protests from the Afghan government and people.

Long queues of trucks and containers laden with a variety of goods can be seen on both sides of the border in Torkham and Chaman, with traders complaining of having suffered massive losses. ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

## IEC Secretary to be Named Soon

KABUL - The Presidential Palace on Tuesday said candidates for post of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) secretary were being interviewed and the position would be filled soon.

Shah Hussain Murtazawi, deputy spokesman for the president, said interviews of the candidates introduced by IEC to the government were ongoing. "The president will pick a qualified person for the post after an assessment of candidates." The interviews began today in the presence of Presi-



dent Ashraf Ghani, Vice-President Sarwar Danish and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah. Government leaders rejected the three candidates previously proposed for the post by IEC. The deputy chief of the commission introduced another six contenders despite ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Taliban a Potent Threat to Farah's Stability: Residents

KABUL - Six months have passed since the Taliban carried out major assaults on Farah province, but the people of the province are still recovering from the trauma suffered in the war.

Residents in Farah say the Taliban remained a potent threat to the peace and security in the province. The have asked the Afghan government to outline more comprehensive security measures in the view of coming war season.

Police officials in the province have also confirmed that of the ten administrative units in the province, five are under serious security threat because the Taliban frequently launch their attacks in the area.

Six months ago, huge swaths of land in Farah experienced deadly battles between the Taliban and the Afghan security forces. Later the Afghan forces managed to restore security in areas under the threat of Taliban. Yet still residents recount their ordeals of the hard days.

Security sources in Farah say that since the battle of Farah city, the Taliban have launched some major attacks on at least 15 checkpoints of the Afghan security forces.

"The enemy is trying to focus their attacks on the main highway and on Bala Bolok district's ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



KABUL - Expressing deep love for their homeland, security personnel marked the 'national soldier day' and urged the government to address their problems.

The day named "national day of renewing support for security forces" coincided with the 9th of Kab month of the Afghan calendar when former King Amanullah Khan declared the country's independence from the British in 1920.

In this connection, Pajhwok Afghan News interviewed some security personnel including police, army and intelligence in various provinces.

Kandahar Sher Wali, an Afghan national army service member with the 205 Selab Corps in Kandahar ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## 4 Taliban Dead, Key Areas Recaptured in Takhar

TALOQAN - Four Taliban insurgents were killed and some areas recaptured during an operation in the Darqad district of northeastern Takhar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Shir Aziz Kamawal, commander for the 808th Spin Zar zone, told Pajhwok Afghan News that security forces conducted the offensive in Darqad district on Monday night, advancing 10 kilometers forward on rebels. He said four Taliban were killed during the operation and Mosazai, Babrak, Noorkhel, and Zara Zhrauda areas were retaken from the insurgents.

Meanwhile, a resident of Darqad district, Najmuddin, said the Taliban couldn't engage in face-to-face firefight with security forces. "When security forces



arrive for operation at the area then rebels flee, but the insurgents stage a comeback when security personnel leave the area." It's pertinent to mention that Yangi Kala and Khwaja Bahauddin districts had been so far cleared of militants during the operation. Security forces planned to drive insurgents away from Darqad district during the offensive. There has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard.

Darqad is one of insecure districts of Takhar which fell to militants last year but was recaptured after one month. Many areas of the district are still under Taliban control. *(Pajhwok)*

## Despite Threats, Sole Female Prosecutor in East Stands Firm

JALALABAD - The sole woman prosecutor in eastern Nangarhar province says female judges are unwilling to work in the judicial sphere because of the insecurity and low salaries.

Nangarhar is the only province in the east that has a female prosecutor, Shakiba Danish, who holds the BA degree in law. There is no female judge or prosecutor in the zone.

She recently took over as prosecutor in the 'preventing violence against women sector' of the provincial attorney's office. Motivated by her father to continue studies, she was constantly asked by friends to take up an official job.

Now that she has assumed charge, Shakiba says the bad security situation was a threat to her. Although she is a punctual judicial official, she is continually haunted by security concerns.

"Performing duty here is a threat to me; because I am the only female prosecutor. In fact, I am faced with a host of challenges. But I will fight ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Taliban Attacks Tala Wa Barfak in Baghlan



PUL-E-KHUMRI - Taliban has attacked Tala Wa Barfak district in Baghlan province from different sides, cutting all routes to the region, local officials said.

Tala Wa Barfak district governor Faiz Mohammad Amiri said Taliban sieged the district early at around 3am on Tuesday.

Amiri said the Taliban attacked the district from many directions and cut all the roads to the district. He added that clash has started between police force and the Taliban.

Amiri said tribal elders from the area talked to the Taliban to avoid the fighting but they ignored their appeal.

He said roads to send reinforcements to the district are closed.

Security officials have not comment on the report. *(Tolonews)*

### Public Notice

#### For Award of Contract

The Ministry of Finance of GoIRA, intends to award the contract of the Lot: 1 of the Project, **Procurement of ICT infrastructure, IP phone and modular data center & ICT province custom office wan connectivity for MOF** under Contract No: NPA/ MOF/95/ICB/G-1362 to **M/s Cisnet Global IT Solution and Baharati Airtel Services limited Joint Venture (JV)** under Licenses No: (1-11816\_) and (U64201DL1997 PLC 091001) contract amount of **3,633,315 US Dollars Only**. Therefore, all legal and natural persons or firms can submit their complaints if any in written within **6 days** from the publication date to the Procurement Department of the Ministry of Finance.

It doesn't mean a contract agreement, till completion of above mentioned duration no contract will be signed.

### ACB Announces Squad for Irish Series

KABUL - The Afghanistan Cricket Board's National Selection Committee, led by chief selector Nawroz Mangal, has announced the names of 15 players to be included in Afghanistan's one-day international (ODI) squad for the upcoming series against Ireland.

The ACB's team lineup is as follows:  
T20I Squad:  
Mohammad Shahzad, Najib Zadran, Usman Ghani, Shafiqullah Shafaq, Najib Taraki, Mohammad Nabi, Karim Janat, Dawlat Zadran, Gulbadin Naib, Farid Malik, Aftab Alam, Rashid Khan, Hamza Hotak, Shapoor Zadran, Samiullah Shinwari and Afsar Zazai.

ODI Squad:  
Mohammad Shahzad, Najib Zadran, Hashmat Shahidi, Shafiqullah Shafaq, Noor Ali Zadran, Mohammad Nabi, Nasir Jamal, Dawlat Zadran, Gulbadin Naib, Rahmat Shah, Javed Ahmadi, Usman Ghani, Farid Malik, Rashid Khan, Hamza Hotak and Shapoor Zadran.

According to the ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

### Pul-I-Charkhi Prisoners on Hunger Strike over Conditions

KABUL - Hundreds of prisoners at the Pul-I-Charkhi jail on the eastern outskirts of central capital Kabul have been denying food since last night, sources said, but the jail's officials rejected the hunger strike claim.

One of the prisoners at the jail, Anaruddin, told Pajhwok Afghan News nearly 700 inmates of the second block had gone on hunger strike since last night.

Anaruddin, a resident of central Maidan Wardak province, has been at the facility over the past six months over negligence in duty. He alleged the jail officials mistreated prisoners and denied them their legal rights.

He said inmates who were religious scholars and well educated were held with drugs addicts in the same cells in order to force them into paying money.

"Respected religious scholars are held together with addicts and they are shifted to another cell against 4000 to 5000 afghanis in bribe." The inmate said they ...*(More on P4)...(14)*