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US to Help Kabul Counter IS Threat: Campbell

KABUL - US and NATO forces top commander in Kabul Gen. John Campbell on Monday said the United States would work jointly with Afghanistan to counter possible threats posed by the so-called Islamic State (IS) and other militant groups. The US general, who called on Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah at his office, briefed the CEO about his last visit to the US and subjects he had discussed with US officials concerning Afghanistan, a statement from the CEO's office said. Campbell said he had discussed



with high US officials potential threats to Afghanistan's security and peace and informed them about the ground situation in the country. He said US officials were attentive to possible threats posed by the IS and other groups and his country... (More on P4)...(9)

Bamyan City to Get SAARC Cultural Capital Status



BAMYAN CITY - Officials from various ministries held a meeting in central Bamyan province to observe preparations ahead of an event which would mark Bamyan City as the cultural capital of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). The event is expected to take place in April, Dr. Musadiq Khalili, acting minister for information and cultural Affairs, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Headed a 21 member delegation, he said preparations for the landmark event were discussed in greater details during the meeting. Governor spokesman Abdul Rahman Ahmadi said around 5,000 to 10,000 people from different walks of life would participate in the ceremony... (More on P4)...(11)

Pakistan Set to Host Meeting on Afghan Refugees



KABUL - In order to resolve the challenges being faced by the Afghans, a trilateral meeting among Kabul, Islamabad and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will be held in Pakistan on Wednesday.

UNHCR said Pakistan's Federal Minister for Refugees and Frontier Regions Gen. Abdul Qadir Baloch his Afghan counterpart Sayed Hussain Alami Balkhi and representatives of the UN agency would attend the meeting. The meeting would be followed by a joint... (More on P4)...(12)

Kazakhstan to Host ESCAP Meeting to Discuss Afghan Economy

KABUL - A crucial regional economic conference is being hosted by the city of Almaty in Kazakhstan. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss perspectives of economic relations and trade between Afghanistan and other Central Asian countries, as well as issues of economic cooperation for the implementation of regional and bilateral trade and economic projects. The duration of the conference will be from March 10th to the 12th.

The workshop is being organized by the United Nation's Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and will be titled "Strengthening Trade and Economic Ties between Afghanistan and Its Neighboring Countries". The first conference entitled "Strengthening... (More on P4)...(13)

After Presidential Decree, 3 PCs Return to Work

KABUL - Following President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani's decree allowing provincial councils (PCs) to evaluate the local administration's performance, the elected bodies in three provinces reopened their offices, officials said on Tuesday.

About one and a half month ago, the Wolesi Jirga barred the councils from monitoring the performance of local governments. The decision prompted PC members to shut their offices.

A week back, President Ghani issues a decree giving back the provincial councils the



right to oversee the performance of local departments. Subsequently, ... (More on P4)...(10)

Islamabad Orders Halt to Arrest of Afghans

KARACHI - Pakistan's federal government has instructed provinces to stop detaining Afghan refugees and remain in contact on the issue with ministries of interior and foreign affairs. In a letter, whose copy is

available to Pajhwok Afghan News, Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry directed the provincial governments to comply with the central government's policy regarding the refugees. The... (More on P4)...(14)



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