

Quote of the Day

Our lives improve only when we take chances - and the first and most difficult risk we can take is to be honest with ourselves.

Article 44

Constitution

The President cannot act based on linguistic, ethnic, religious, political, and regional considerations during his term in office.

Article 66

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Ghani Stresses Need for Joint War on Terrorism

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday stressed the need for joint efforts against contemporary challenges in the war on terrorism and extremism.

During a meeting with Dutch foreign and defence ministers, the president said changing scenario on regional and international level emerged new threats which required more cooperation between the states, the presidential statement said.

It added both the dignitaries agreed that terrorism had become a systematic way of brutalities and violence in the world.

"We had been engaged to develop joint strategy with other Islamic country ... (More on P4)...(1)



Netherlands Pledges €180m Aid in Next 3 Years



KABUL - Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabani on Tuesday said the Netherlands would provide Afghanistan €60 million in aid annually till 2017.

At a joint press conference with his Dutch counterpart Bert Koenders, Rabani said the Netherlands had provided Afghanistan more than €1 billion in aid in the past decade.

He said the European country being a strong international ally had played an important role in Afghanistan's development and stability.

"We discussed several issues of mutual interest at today's meeting, including economic and security issues," he said, adding the visiting dignitary ... (More on P4)...(2)

Japan Pledges \$9.9m in Aid for Natural Disasters



KABUL - As relief goods for survivors of avalanches in central Panjshir province arrived in Kabul on Monday, Japan pledged \$9.9 million in aid to help Afghanistan deal with natural disasters.

An agreement was inked in capital Kabul between ANDMA and Japanese officials in the presence of International Organization for Migration (IOM) representative, the government's ... (More on P4)...(3)

Nazir Ahmadzai Elected as Wolesi Jirga Deputy Speaker

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Tuesday elected lawmaker Nazir Ahmad Ahmadzai as second deputy speaker of the lower house of parliament.

On Saturday, the assembly entered its fifth and last legislative year and voted to elect the first and deputy speaker, the secretary and his deputy.

Haji Zahir Qadir, a public representative from Nangarhar province, was elected ... (More on P4)...(4)

KABUL - The Meshrano Jirga chairman on Tuesday said he was pro-peace, but opposed a situation where Taliban's white flags were being replaced by black ones of the Islamic States (Daesh) and Afghanistan once again became a victim of Pakistani intelligence conspiracies. Addressing a general session of the upper house, Fazel Hadi Muslimyar said: "We are concerned that Taliban would be replaced by Daesh and Af-

Peace Parleys

Senators Stress Need for Clarity



ghans will continue to lose their lives on a daily basis."

Muslimyar said he wanted a peace process that preserved

achievements of the last 13 years and remembered the martyrs. He accused ISI of

supporting ... (More on P4)...(5)

Balkhi, Aziz Discuss Refugees' Repatriation

KABUL - Pakistan on Tuesday renewed its commitment to the principle of voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees and stressed the need for coordination on devising achievable targets.

The reiteration of the pledge came at a meeting between with



the visiting Afghan minister of refugees and Sartaj Aziz, advisor to the prime minister on national security and foreign affairs.

In Islamabad, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Sayed Hussain Alami Balkhi held a detailed meeting ... (More on P4)...(6)

Masood Calls for Result-Oriented Talks with Insurgents

KABUL - Amid reports of power-sharing talks with the Taliban, the presidential adviser on tribal affairs urged the government not to compromise the gains of the past 13 years.

In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Shahzada Masood praised the government's efforts for peace and stability. But he cautioned ... (More on P4)...(7)

Nuristani Women Face Challenges in Elections

KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Tuesday said more facilities and employment opportunities would be provided for women in the upcoming polls.

The panel also acknowledged that women continued to face a variety of challenges in rural areas in terms of participating in the elections.

IEC Chairman Yusuf Nuristani said efforts were ongoing to provide employment for women and facilitate their participation in the next parliamentary and district council elections.

Speaking at a gathering marking International Women's Day, he said women's participation in the ... (More on P4)...(8)



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Job opportunity in the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan as Project Manager – Human Rights, Gender and Civil Society

Post: Local Agent group I in the Afghanistan Delegation – Post number 1-46061 (OPS)

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- Manage, monitor and follow-up the implementation of projects under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) and the Civil Society Organisations – Local Authorities (CSO-LA);
- Evaluate the performance of implementing partners and contractors and ensure appropriate use of EU contractual procedures;
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- Contribute to the preparation of guidelines for call for proposals, evaluation of concept notes and full applications;
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- Contribute to the preparation of reports to headquarters such as progress reports, management plans, and other reports, including financial reporting;
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- A good understanding of the human rights and gender-related issues in the country, as well as the role of civil society;
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- Proficiency in English, Dari and Pashto (written and spoken);
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Interpersonal skills

- Ability to listen, to consult and to share information and ideas;
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- Management and organizational skills;
- Capacity to focus on priorities and to organize work to deliver against tight deadlines.

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