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40pc of Women Suffering from Anemia: Minister

KABUL - About 64 percent of Afghan women lack vitamin D and 40 percent are suffering from anemia, Minister of Public Health, Firozuddin Firoz, said on Wednesday.

Addressing a gathering on International Women's Day in Kabul, he said 40 percent of Afghan women suffered from a deficiency of red blood cells and 64 percent lacked vitamin D.

A 2011 survey by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organisation (WHO) says 327 in 100,000 expecting mothers lose their lives



during childbirth. The maternal mortality rate was 600 in each 100,000 births in 2004,

Firoz recalled, saying 87 percent of women were victims of violence, 17 percent of sexual

abuse and 52 percent of beatings. He added information from ...*(More on P4)*...*(11)*

Residents Benefit from NSP Welfare Projects

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The execution of another 10 public welfare projects in northwestern Balk province would resolve the problems of residents to a large extent, an official hoped on Wednesday.

Farid Ahmad Sadat, a senior National Solidarity Programme (NSP) official, told Pajhwok Afghan News the schemes had been completed in Charbolak district. The projects include three social centers' buildings, 23 water wells, graveling of 4.3 kilometres of road and construction of 48 small bridges.

He put the cost of the projects at 168, 65000 afghanis provided by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), with 10% contribution from local residents. So far 934 villages have been covered by the NSP's programme in the province, where 2,044 projects have been completed while the remaining 500 welfare schemes are in progress. *(Pajhwok)*

Current Military Operations Prepare ANSF for Summer Offensive

KABUL - Ministry of Defense deputy spokesman, Dawlat Waziri, said that the recent Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) operations are preparing the forces for the summer offensive.

Currently, the ANSF are operating their clearing missions in the provinces of Farah, Zabul, Kandahar, Helmand, and Paktika. ...*(More on P4)*...*(12)*



ANSF Kill 25 Taliban in 24 Hours: MoI

KABUL - Units of police backed by the army have killed more than two dozen Taliban militants during series of operations across the conflict-ridden Afghanistan over the past 24 hours, Ministry of Interior said

in a statement released here on Wednesday. "Afghan national police in conjunction with the units of army and National Directorate for Security have conducted series of operations in Parwan ...*(More on P4)*...*(15)*

3,000 Passports Being Issued Daily: Official

KABUL - A senior official at the passport department said on Wednesday his office had expedited steps and 3,000 passport copies were being issued on a daily basis. Brig. Gen. Khan Aqa Safi, technical assistant, told Pajh-



wok Afghan News the passport distribution process had been expedited recently. Ten month back, he recalled, only 1,800 passports were issued a day. "The main factor behind the surge in passport ...*(More on P4)*...*(16)*

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