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CIA Secret Funds for Afghanistan in the Hands of Al-Qaeda

NY Times
KABUL - About \$1 million of money which was provided by the CIA to a secret Afghan government fund ended up in the hands of Al-Qaeda in 2010 when it was used to pay a release for an Afghan diplomat, the New York Times reported on Saturday.
To release Abdul Khaliq Farahi, who was the Afghan consul-general in Peshawar of Pakistan, the Afghan officials first turned to a secret fund that the CIA bank-



rolled with monthly cash deliveries to the presidential palace in Kabul, the times said citing several Afghan officials involved in the episode.
The Afghan government, they said, had already squirreled away about \$1 million from that fund. Farahi was kidnapped in 2008 and handed over to Al-Qaeda, according to the Times report. He was released two years later after Afghanistan paid Al-Qaeda \$5 million, ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Kunar Journalists Denied Access to Information



ASADABAD - Some journalists in eastern Kunar province on Sunday claimed officials denied them information despite approval of the access to information law.

Radio Liberty reporter Roohullah Anwari told Pajhwok Afghan News security and civil officials did not cooperate with journalists when they sought information on different issues of public interest.

The president has already endorsed the law on access to information, granting every Afghan citizen the right to get important information from the officials concerned.

Anwari said local officials insisted they had been directed by the higher-ups in Kabul not to share information with the media. "This has landed journalists in trouble," he remarked.

Khyber Dagar, a reporter with Bayan Radio in Kunar, said it was government's responsibility to facilitate journalists in performing their duty in accordance with the country's laws.

But sources close to the Presidential Palace said officials in provinces had been barred from sharing information with journalists. Ministry of Interior (MoI) spokesman Sediq Seddiqi said media sections in provincial police headquarters could share information with the media. However,

he said police headquarters in provinces had no spokesman and only media sections could do this job.

He said the MoI wanted to regulate the release of information to media to ensure that journalists obtained credible information. In the past there were several channels claiming to be speaking on behalf of the MoI, he said.

Seddiqi said the government was committed to ensuring that media had access to information under the relevant law. Earlier, ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Panjsher Residents Warn of Possible Deadly Floods



KABUL - Affected by recent avalanches that claimed hundreds of lives, residents of northeastern Panjsher province have warned of possible deadly floods, demanding the government's serious attention to avoid further deaths.

They claimed that their problems caused by the avalanches have not been resolved and further disasters are threatening their lives. "We have neither shelter nor any ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Envoy Stresses Afghanistan's Eagerness to Boost Relations with Iran

TEHRAN - Afghanistan's Ambassador to Tehran, Nasir Ahmad Nour, on Sunday underscored Iran's modern industries and high-ranking engineering companies, and called for more economic and technical interactions with Tehran. ...*(More on P4)...*(9)



Health Dept. Unable to Take Charge of Turkish-Run Hospital

SHIBERGHAN - Public health officials in northern Jawzjan province on Sunday said they were not capable financially and technically of tak-

ing charge of a children's hospital from Turks. Constructed and equipped back in 2006 by the government of Turkey, affairs of the hospital are cur-

rently being run by the Turkish Cooperation Agency (TIKA). Around 130 people, including 60 doctors and 30 nurses, have been working ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

Kabul Children Athletes Mark Asian Grassroots Day

KABUL - On Sunday, a number of children and adolescent football athletes marked Asian Grassroots Day—March 15—in Kabul with a one-day football festival.

Afghanistan's Football Federation (AFF) has marked the Asian Grassroots Day for a second year in a row, explaining that festivals like these are beneficial to improving the football in the country.

"Football has significantly spread to 17 provinces throughout the country," Yousuf Kargar, AFF's technical deputy, said. "Football has improved at the grassroots level."

Captain of the national girl's football team said that the grassroots festival allows for ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

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DRAWINGS:



Special ANA Unit to Conduct Nighttime Raids in North



KUNDUZ CITY - A well-equipped unit of a thousand Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers has been deployed to Kunduz province to launch night operations in the northern zone, an official said on Sunday. The special ANA unit is equipped with night vision ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Performance of Hospitals in 13th Police District Evaluated

KABUL - The minister of public health evaluated the performance and services by hospitals in the 13th police district of Kabul.

A statement from the ministry said Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz visited more than six public and private hospitals in Dasht-i-Barchi and spoke to patients and doctors.



Some private hospitals were found lacking basic standards and were given an ultimatum by the minister to improve their services or face closure. Watan and Sardar Kayenat were among the hospitals visited by Feroz and given directions on how to improve their services. Feroz promised construction work on Jinah Hospital in the area would be completed soon, providing standard services to residents. (Pajhwok)

Shura Held to Discuss Education, Math Competition for 2,400



BAGRAM AIRFIELD - An educational shura, the Afghan word for "important meeting or consultation," was held on Sunday in Parwan province between Task Force Solid and Afghan educators, to include representatives from the Ministry of Education. They gathered to discuss ideas on how to improve education and security in Parwan, including plans for an upcoming math competition that will involve up to 2,400 male and female high school seniors from the Charikar and Bagram districts.

"Over the last month or so, as I've gone around and talked with all of the leaders in this part of Parwan, every single one of them has told me that they recognize the importance of educating the youth in Afghanistan," Task Force Solid Commander, Lt. Col. Zachary Miller said. "Education is the number one way to build a future for Afghanistan and for Parwan; education is the key to giving all young people the opportunity to make something of themselves." The math competition will ...*(More on P4)...*(15)