



Ghani Promises to Resolve Kuchis' Problems



“President Ashraf Ghani on Monday promised creation of a high council on nomads and directed relevant ministries for solution to 10 fundamental problems of the Kuchis.”

KABUL - A statement from the Presidential Palace to Pajhwok Afghan News said President Ghani met with nomads' representatives from different provinces at the Salaam Khana Palace on Sunday evening. The president thanked nomads' representatives for their support to the government and their role in defending the country. He also thanked them for sharing Kuchis' prob-

lems and promised to direct relevant ministries and organs for solution of 10 fundamental problems of nomads. The proposed high council would be created for fundamental solution to nomads' problems and their better coordination with relevant ministries, Ghani said, adding the council would hold monthly meetings for assessing nomads' problems. The statement added ...*(More on P6)...*(7)

Harry Had a Brush with Death in Garmser in 2007

KABUL - British Prince Harry had a brush with death during his tour of duty to Afghanistan's southern province of Helmand, reveals a new book. He was almost caught in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast in the Garmser district of the volatile province near the Pakistan border in 2007. The new biography focuses on the Prince's time in the Helmand Province when he was part of the Household Cavalry back in 2007. Captain Dickon Leigh-Wood writes in his biography: "One of the vehicles in the column suddenly noticed something flick underneath the tank in front



and everyone was ordered to stop." "The previous vehicles, including Harry's, had missed the pressure plate of an IED by about six inches. If any of us had gone over it, it would have been game over." According to the Daily Mail, Captain Leigh-Wood said Harry would frequently go into the villages ...*(More on P6)...*(6)

Donor Nations Call for Timely, Credible Elections in Afghanistan



KABUL - The group did say that the international community was encouraged by the progress being made in implementing reforms in the election system. The Election Support Group of Ambassadors on Monday issued a statement warning that any change in the electoral system at this stage would delay parliamentary and district council elections beyond 2018.

The statement, on behalf of the Election Support Group of Ambassadors, which is comprised of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), NATO and key donor countries, including the European Union, the Governments of Denmark (representing Nordic Plus), Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, and United States, reiterated the call on ...*(More on P6)...*(8)

IMF Staff Completes Third ECF Review Mission for Afghanistan

KABUL - An International Monetary Fund (IMF) team led by Christoph Duenwald visited Baku during March 8-16, 2018 to conduct discussions on the third review of Afghanistan's economic program supported by a three-year IMF Extended Credit Facility (ECF) arrangement. During the mission, the team met with Afghanistan's authorities to discuss the latest economic developments and review implementation of reforms under the ECF. At the end of the mission, Mr. Duenwald issued the following statement: "Following productive discussions, the IMF team and the Afghan authorities reached staff-level agreement on the completion of the third review under the ECF arrangement. The ...*(More on P6)...*(9)

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