

Quote of the Day

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ANSF Create Fear in the Heart of the Enemy: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday described the new solar year as the year of movement, decision, action and change, saying the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) were fighting for stability of the region and the entire world.

Meeting the Special Forces unit, Ghani said the whole nation was proud of the security personnel because they had created fear in the heart of enemies who knew the Afghan forces were equipped



with Islamic faith and national commitment, a statement from the president's office said.

"As the supreme commander of Afghan armed forces, I am proud of you and especially of the Afghan women in uniform because you have always defended the country with bravery," he said.

He assured the entire nation of personally following support extended to the families of martyred Afghan security personnel and treatment of injured ... (More on P4)...(1)

Voluntary Resignations to Facilitate Electoral Reforms

KABUL - The Presidential Palace on Sunday said the government could not sack the Afghanistan Independent Election Commission (AIEC) members.

However, it underlined the need for the commissioners' voluntary resignation for the sake of reforms in the

country's electoral system. The president office welcomed the resignation of the AIEC chief, Ahmad Yousaf Nuristani, saying the move would facilitate reforms in the electoral system. On Saturday, Nuristani tendered his resignation to President Ashraf Ghani, who approved the letter. Nuristani has been heading the electoral body since Aug. 03, 2013.



Deputy spokesman of Presidential Palace, Zafar Hashimi, acknowledged the government could not fire the commissioners in accordance with the relevant law. Voluntary resignations were needed to ensure cleaning up the electoral system. "The resignation move will enable the selection committee to commence its work," he hoped. (Pajhwok)

3 Million Involved in Drug Trafficking, Production: MoI

KABUL - The Counter Narcotics Department of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said that around three million people are estimated to be involved in drug trafficking and drug production in Afghanistan;

however, the number of counter narcotics policemen is very low in contrast. The department said that more than 3,000 people have been arrested for drug production and trafficking in 2,700 crackdown operations over the past year. "In Afghanistan, three million people are involved in drug trafficking and production. If we calculate it, each counter narcotics police officer should fight against 1,200 people," said Sayed Mahdi Kazimi, spokesman for counter narcotics police.

The Counter Narcotics Justice Center (CNJC) meanwhile said that nearly 450 people, including military men, have been arrested and prosecuted over the past year.

"People up to the level of military generals were involved, who were trafficking drugs in their vehicles. Public servants are the low ranking people who were trying to pave the ground ... (More on P4)...(4)



NPC Saves Afs 14b in 725 Contracts Last Solar Year

KABUL - The National Procurement Commission (NPC) has assessed 900 contracts and saved 14 billion afghanis in approving 725 of the contracts worth 136 billion during the past one year, the Presidential Palace said on Sunday.

A statement from the president's spokesman office to Pajhwok Afghan News said the NPC had rejected 66 contracts and returned another 100 contracts for further review during last ... (More on P4)...(2)



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KABUL - Following days of growing rift among the supporters of two prominent political figures in northern Afghanistan, the tensions have been resolved in the northern Faryab province.

The supporters of Junbish-e-Milli party led by vice president General Abdul Rashid Dostum and Jamiat-e-Islami party led Ata Mohammad Noor reconciled in northern Faryab ... (More on P4)...(5)

Acting Interior Minister Vows to Address Prison Challenges

KABUL - Acting Interior Minister Taj Mohammad Jahid said at a ceremony on Sunday that he will bring reforms in prisons and will address the plight of women prisoners if he gets a vote of confidence from parliament.

A number of MPs and senior prison officials from 34 provinces were present at the session which was held at Pul-e-Charkhi Prison - aimed ... (More on P4)...(6)

Govt. Urged to Ensure Safety of Journalists

KABUL - Achievements made in the field of media are at stake if the government fails to ensure the safety of journalists and media organizations, said Media Bazar, a media support organization on Sunday.

The organization said due to the increase in violence against journalists, nearly 300 journalists and media workers have left Afghanistan in the past six months. It added that two cases of violence against journalists and media have been ... (More on P4)...(7)

Invitation for Prequalification

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Finance

Project: Printing and Supply of Electronic Passports

Ref No. NPA/MOF/95/ICB/G-1133

Closing Date: 30th April 2016 at 10:00 hours (Kabul, Afghanistan Local Time)

1. The Ministry of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan intends to pre-qualify firms for Printing and Supply of Electronic Passports:

| Item No. | Description of Goods | Quantity |
|----------|---|-----------|
| 1 | Printing and Supply of Electronic Passports | 5,500,000 |

It is expected that invitation for bid will be made in June 2016. Delivery to be completed within 3 Years of award of contract

2. Invitation for Bid/bidding document will be sent to the shortlisted bidders only.

The Ministry of Finance now invites experienced firms having successfully supplied Electronic Passports to various countries to submit their application for prequalification for printing and supply of Electronic Passports.

3. Qualification Criteria:

Interested bidders must provide information and evidence showing that they are qualified to perform the contract, including:

- a. Submission of audited balance sheets or if not required by the law of the Applicant's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last three (3) years to demonstrate:
 - (a) The current soundness of the applicant's financial position and its prospective long term profitability, and
 - (b) Capacity to have a cash flow amount of US\$ 2 million (US\$ 2,000,000) equivalent

- b. Past experiences of executing contracts for printing and supply of Electronic Passports: The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the following experience requirement(s):

Supply and delivery of one similar contract (printing and supply of Electronic Passports) of at least US\$ Three Million (3,000,000 US\$) in the last five years.

4. A certification issued by Central Agency for printing of Electronic Passports in the country of the Manufacturers or an own declaration that no specific printing license from a central agency is required in the country of the Manufacturers.
5. Also the bidders are requested to furnish details of security/Specific features used in Electronic Passports along with samples.
6. Other relevant details about the bidder.
7. Interested Bidders may obtain further information, if any, at the address below from 08:00 to 16:00 hours.
8. Applications for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by 30th April 2016 at 10:00 hours (Kabul, Afghanistan Local Time) and be clearly marked "Application to Pre-qualify for Project: Printing and Supply of Electronic Passports, Ref No. NPA/MOF/95/ICB/G-1133.

Electronic submission of application for pre-qualification is allowed. Applicants may send the brochures and other documents through courier so as to reach within deadline for submission. (Please note that couriers take about 10 days for delivery to addresses in Afghanistan.)

Address:

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