

Quote of the Day

The goal isn't to make something everyone will love; the goal is to get excited, and make a thing where something wasn't before.

Wil Wheaton

Constitution

The quorum for sessions of each house of the National Assembly is a majority of its members, and its decisions are taken by majority of the members present, unless this Constitution states otherwise.

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US Visit Productive, Trust Deficit Removed

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday said his visit to the US was highly productive in terms of renewal of bilateral relations and rebuilding trust.

Last week, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and the CEO, heading a 70-member delegation, visited the US for the first time since the formation of the national unity government.

Addressing a cabinet meeting, Abdullah said the US had agreed to maintain its current troop level at 9,800 through the end of 2015 to support Afghan forces in terms of training and advice.

Around 10,000 American soldiers were supposed to leave Afghanistan in the



beginning of 2015. The US was also asked for funds to support the Afghan forces, he added, hoping it would get approved

by Congress. Defence and foreign ministries' officials from countries would relaunch the ...*(More on P5)...(1)*

Ghani Visits Victims of Kabul Suicide Attack



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has visited the victims of Kabul suicide attack that are under treatment in Sardar Mohammad Dawood Khan Hospital of Kabul, his office said in a statement.

"President Ghani has condemned the attack on civilians," the statement added.

At least three civilians were killed and eight oth-

ers wounded in a suicide attack in a meeting of elders of eastern Paktia province in Shah Shaheed area of Kabul on Sunday, the day when Ghani and his high-level delegation returned from the U.S. trip.

Paktia's representative in the Parliament, Gul Pacha Majidi, was also injured in the attack.

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India's Engagement in Afghanistan Has True Potential

NEW DELHI - Ties between India and Afghanistan are historic. The two countries have enjoyed friendly ties since ages and India continues to rebuild Afghanistan, says a book written by scholars and diplomats from South Asia.

The book titled 'India and South Asia: exploring regional cooperation', written by scholars from the region, including Afghanistan, talks about India's role in the war-ravaged nation. The book is Narrating New Delhi's engagement with the war-ravaged nation, the contributors have pointed out that India is a reliable partner as it undertakes various development activities in their country. India has been the largest regional provider of humanitarian and reconstruction aid to Afghanistan. Many Indians are working in various con...

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Karzai Upbeat about Afghanistan's Future

KABUL - Former president Hamid Karzai has granted \$50,000 in the form of scholarships to Afghan students. Last week, Karzai visited Australia to address the Young Presidents Organisation, said a statement from his office.

Karzai spoke about Afghanistan's achievements over the past 13 years and expressed optimism about the future of Afghanistan. The Young Presidents Organisation donated \$50,000 to the former president, who granted the amount to Afghan students in shape of scholarships.

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Protests Continue as Fate of 31 Abducted Passengers Still Unknown



KABUL - Family members of the 31 travelers abducted more than a month ago along the Kabul-Kandahar highway, along with civil society supporters, gathered outside Parliament in Kabul on Monday to protest what they see as carelessness on the part of the government in handling the kidnappings. ...*(More on P5)...(4)*

ACSEN Voices Concern at Delay in Electoral Reforms

KABUL - The Afghanistan Civil Society and Election Network (ACSEN) on Monday voiced its concern at the selection of the newly-created reform panel members and the delay in initiating the task. The network welcomed Ashraf Ghani's decree creating the commission, but said most of its members had been chosen by the president and the chief executiv ...*(More on P5)...(7)*

Economic Exhibition Expected to Take Place in August

DUSHANBE - An exhibition of economic achievements of Afghanistan is expected to take place in Dushanbe in August this year.

This issue was discussed here at the end of last week at a meeting of Sharif Said, Head of Tajikistan's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) with a delegation of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI), led by Khan Jan ...*(More on P5)...(5)*

No Debate as Amendments to Law on Poll Panels Tabled

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Monday could not debate draft amendments to the law on composition, duties and powers of the two electoral commissions due to incomplete quorum.

Mohammad Obda, who heads the lower house's panel on justice and judiciary, tabled the bill and said the joint commission had discussed the package of six amendments to the law and had difference of opinion on three revisions.



Under the law's clause 8th and 22nd, the president is recommended 27 persons to choose nine of them as commissioners on the Independent Election

Commission and 15 persons to select five of them as members of the Independent Electoral Complaints Commission. ...*(More on P5)...(6)*

Karimov Wins Uzbekistan's Presidential Elections

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan - Incumbent President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov, according to the preliminary results of the Central Election Commission, won in the presidential elections, which were held on 29 March 2015. During the brief-



ing on 30 March 2015, chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan Mirzo-Ulugbek Abdusalomov stated that the candidate from Movement of Entrepreneurs and Businesspeople - Liberal ...*(More on P5)...(8)*

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