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Sayyaf Against Mujahideen's Symbolic Role in Govt.

KABUL - Former jihadi leader Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf said on Saturday that he was against giving mujahideen a symbolic role in the government and wanted their say and strong presence in the system. Speaking at a gathering marking the 23rd Mujahideen's Victory Day at the Presidential Palace, Sayyaf said the mujahideen with their bravery and victory had defended the nation's dignity and independence. Calling the ...*(More on P4)...*(5)



Taliban Claims they Have Released 28 Policemen

KABUL - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan has claimed at least 28 policemen who were captured during gun battle with the group's fighters have been released. Zabiullah Mujahid spokesman for the Taliban group has said the policemen were released after local tribal el-



ders mediated talks for their release. Mujahid further added that the freed policemen have vowed not to rejoin the police forces. He said the policemen were arrested from Gul Tapa and Char Dara areas of Kunduz province but the local police officials in Kunduz are saying that the policemen were not arrested by Taliban militants. Provincial police spokesman Sarwar Hussaini said the policemen managed to flee the area following airstrikes and military operations on Taliban. Kunduz is among the volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in its various districts. The Taliban militants recently launched coordinated attacks on various check posts of the Afghan security forces which continued for several days before additional forces were deployed to push back the militants. (KP)

90 Afghan Families Evicted from Peshawar Camp



KABUL - Around 90 Afghan families have been evicted from a camp where they had been living since 2002 on the Pajjagi Road in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa capital Peshawar, a media report said on Saturday.

DAWN newspaper quoted relevant officials as saying that the land in Jabba Jheel area where the camp was located belonged to the Pakistan Army and that the unregistered Afghan families had been served repeated notices prior to their eviction.

The Peshawar district administration said in a statement that the operation in the camp was jointly conducted by police, civic bodies and officials of the Afghan Commissionerate.

Around 700 houses and structures were demolished and 500 kanals of land worth billion of rupees recovered and the land would formally be handed over to the army after demarcation.

Afghan refugees loaded their belongings on trucks and pickups and moved to different locations. A relevant official said registered Afghans were allowed to move to other registered camps, while undocumented Afghan nationals were sent home.

He said the relevant authorities had been serving notices on the camp's dwellers since 2002, but to no avail. An elder of the camp complained that the administration began the crackdown without serving prior notices on the residents. He claimed around 500 families lived in the camp.

Around 30,000 Afghan nationals have been sent home since December 2014 after the authorities launched a campaign against unregistered Afghans in Peshawar and other parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Around 1.5 million registered Afghans nationals having Proof of Registration cards could stay in Pakistan by December 2015, while approximately two million Afghans have been residing illegally. The federal government has planned to start registration of undocumented Afghans.

A commission comprising Pakistan, Afghanistan and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Gen. Ghairat Rebels Taste Defeat in Khost Attacks



KHOST CITY - The police chief on Saturday said elaborate security arrangements had been put in place to prevent attacks from insurgents in southeastern Khost province.

Brig. Gen. Faizullah Ghairat told Pajhwok Afghan News police were jointly working with other security forces on various security plans aimed at curtailing insurgent activities in the province. He said the Taliban's spring offensive "Azm" (determination) was nothing but a propaganda which had no impact on Afghan security forces.

"We have put in place strong security measures. We hold meetings with other security organs to make important decisions." The police chief said insurgents had not only achieved nothing from their recent attacks, but tasted defeat as he referred to Friday's ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Anti-Torture Program to be Launched Soon: Danesh

KABUL - Second Vice President, Sarwar Danesh in a meeting with members of a body fighting against torturing detainees, here yesterday said that the government in cooperation with civil society and human rights entities would soon launch national anti-torture program to check torture in prisons.

He said that the government had taken serious the report of UNAMA on torturing detainees by judiciary, adding



the government is committed to respect human rights as an obligatory. "We have law on checking prisoners' torture but it is not so fair," Danesh said, adding therefore it is necessary to have specific bodies in ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

'Pakistan-Gifted Peace won't Bring Stability'

KABUL - Senate chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar on Saturday stressed an Afghan-led reconciliation process and said a Pakistan-gifted peace would not bring stability to Afghanistan.

Speaking at a meeting with Meshrano Jirga and provincial council members, Muslimyar said: "We have gone through pains and gains in the past and I personally



do not accept a peace process which is dominated by others not the Afghan themselves." He said they had been calling the Taliban and other opponents as their ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Farkhunda Case Postponed to Sunday, Officials to Appear

Judge Safiullah Mojaddedi on Saturday postponed the Farkhunda case after summoning senior police officials to appear before him.



KABUL - Mojaddedi ordered Kabul Police Chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi; Head of Criminal Investigation Department Gen. Zahir Zahir and other security officials to appear in the Kabul preliminary court on Sunday. Saturday was the first court appearance - which was public - of the 49 suspects - including 19 police officers. "These security officials must attend tomorrow about 09:00am (local time) for further questions," Mojaddedi said. In addition he ordered the police and the Attorney General's Office to arrest the head of the intelligence of the second district police station for negligence over the incident. Most of the 49 suspects have denied responsibility in

Farkhunda's murder, while a number of them said they were pressurized by security officials to confess. But the Attorney General's Office has provided the court with video footage of the incident which shows that most of the suspects were involved in the incident. But some other suspects put the blame squarely on the custodian of the mosque and said it was he who "said that Farkhunda burned the Holy Quran." The 19 police and security forces members who were arrested, were mostly arrested due to negligence in controlling the situation. They told the court that on the day, their radios were not working at the time of the ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

UNESCO to Furbish up Jam Minaret, Some Cultural Heritages

KABUL - Representative for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paolo Fontani, in a meeting with Abdul Bari Jahani, Minister of Information and Culture expressed concern over the country's inconsiderable cultural heritages particularly the Minaret of Jam in Ghor said it was trying to reconstruct a number of these heritages. Paolo Fontani said a number of



historical monuments in Ghazni and Logar provinces needed to be reconstructed and the Minaret of Jam was in top priority of the organization. Previously, reports released in connection with ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

More Than 200 Insurgents Killed in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - Pockets of fighting continue in Kunduz province despite a large-scale Afghan military offensive in the area, said local officials Saturday. Officials said over 200 militants have been killed in the past week and at least 125 of them have been killed. This is in addition to the 20 security force members and four civilians killed in the clashes. An additional 36 security force members have also been injured, said Provincial Governor Mohammad Omar Safi. "Today, 4 insurgents were killed in Imam Sahib including their commander Sher-e-Gojor. Three other insurgents were killed in Ali Abad dis-



trict and six injured while two were killed in Gor Tapa, in Kunduz City," he said, adding that "clashes still continue in Imam Sahib and Gor Tapa". This comes after hundreds of Taliban insurgents carried out an attack on security forces in Ali Abad, Imam Sahib, Qale-e-Zal, Dasht-e-Archi districts and Gor Tapa in Kunduz City. "There is no fighting now in

Ghani Vows Measures to Address Khost Tension



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has said necessary measures would be taken to resolve political tension in southeastern Khost province. A statement from the Presidential Palace said on Saturday President Ghani met a delegation that he had sent to Khost for investigation into differences between two lawmakers, their supporters and the

provincial governor. It said the necessary measures would be taken in line with recommendations offered by the returning delegation. About a month back, two lawmakers Humayun Humayun and Kamal Nasir Osoli led protests against the provincial governor accusing of him of corruption. Some provincial council members, ...*(More on P4)...*(13)