



Govt's Hajj Draw Scheme not Transparent: MPs

KABUL - A number of Wolesi Jirga or lower house members on Saturday criticized the hajj quota given to lawmakers and government officials, saying the lottery system lacked transparency. According to the Ministry of Hajj and Islamic Affairs (MoHIA), each minister can take five people with him/her to perform the annual pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia on government's expense. Similar, each parliament member can take three people and each provincial council one for offering the hajj. There are a total of 809 members of parliament and provincial councils and 25 Cabinet ministers and the people they can introduce for going with them for the hajj is nearly 1,650. They don't need to take part in the hajj draw. But ordinary people have to

take part in the lottery and pay first installment of money before being selected. A number of Wolesi Jirga members criticized giving hajj privileges to parliament members and ministers. Ramazan Bashardost, a lawmaker from Kabul, told today's session in the presence of Hajj and Islamic Affairs Minister and Aryana Airlines officials that the quota given to lawmakers and senators was against the rules. He said he never used government's Hajj quota offered to him. A number of officials in the Supreme Court and some political leaders enjoyed the privilege, he added, without going into details. "We hope to avoid discrimination and this privilege, we should let ordinary people perform hajj," he said. Bashardost said some people



had also complained about the lack of transparency in the Hajj applicants' lottery. Sayed Ikramuddin Masumi,

another lawmaker, also said he found last year that each government official took 10 to 20 members of their families for

Hajj performance on government's expenses "All the expenses on 800 senior... (More on P4)...(7)

Zarif to Visit Afghanistan Today

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif pays a visit to Kabul on Sunday at the invitation of his Afghan counterpart Salahuddin Rabbani. Spokesman for the Foreign Ministry Bahram Qasemi announced here on Saturday that Zarif is scheduled to meet Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive of that country Abdullah Abdullah. Different aspects of Tehran-Kabul... (More on P4)...(8)



Qatar-Afghanistan Flights to Begin in October

KABUL - Afghanistan and Qatar on Saturday agreed on bilateral cooperation in the field of civil aviation and launch of direct flights between the two countries. A statement from the Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA) said both sides had agreed on improving cooperation during the visit of an Afghan delegation

to Qatar. The delegation from ACAA was warmly welcomed in Doha. The statement added the delegation, led by Dr. Mohammad Qasim Wafayee, deputy head of ACAA, met Qatar Civil Aviation Authority Chairman Abdulla Nasser Turki Al Subaey and other officials in the presence of Afghan... (More on P4)...(9)

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MoFA Summons Pakistan Envoy over Chaman Clash

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Saturday said it had summoned the Pakistani charge d'affaires over the skirmish in the Spin Boldak district in southern Kandahar province. On Friday, the ministry called the Pakistani diplomat to explain why Pakistani soldiers fired at Afghan Border Police posts and civilian area, including a school in the Luqman Kalay of the district. The ministry strongly condemned the actions of the Pakistani military. The MoFA head of first political division described the attack, including heavy weapons fire, a clear violation and provocative act. He asked the charge d'affaires to convey... (More on P4)...(11)

Khawaja Asif Pakistan Wants Good Relation with Afghanistan

SIALKOT - Pakistan's Federal Minister for Defence, Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Saturday stressed the need to promote mutual cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan for eliminating terrorism and establishing durable peace as well. He said Pakistan wanted to have good relations with Afghanistan and would continue its sincere efforts for better relations with it. He added that the country had again offered its full cooperation to the Afghan government to eliminate terrorism besides establishing durable peace across the borders.



Talking to the media, he said Pakistan was deeply monitoring its borders situation and... (More on P4)...(12)

Turkmenistan Ready to Intensify Co-Op with Afghanistan

ASHGABAT - There are broad opportunities to intensify fruitful mutually beneficial cooperation with Afghanistan today, Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said at a government meeting, Altyn Asyr national TV channel reported May 6. A Turkmen delegation headed by Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov has paid a working visit to Afghanistan this week. During the meeting, Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani stressed the constant commitment to the friendship and fruitful



cooperation with fraternal Turkmenistan. Several meetings were held in Kabul with Afghan... (More on P4)...(13)

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PUBLICATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ICB (SINGLE STAGE-ONE ENVELOPE)

Project Name: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Ring Road Between Qaisar and Laman Section 1, Km 110+000 to Km 144+000 (34 km)

ADB Grant No. 0081-AFG

Name of 1CB: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Ring Road Between Qaisar and Laman Section 1, Km 110+000 Km 144+000 (34 km)

Bid/Contract Reference No: NPA/MPW/95/W-1478/ICB

Procuring Entity: Ministry of Public Works, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Scope of the Contract: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Ring Road Between Qaisar and Laman Section 1, Km 110+000 to Km 144+000 (34km)

Duration of Contract: 913 days

Evaluation Currency: USD

Awarded Bidder:

Name: M/S IVRCL Ltd.

Address: address: M-22/3RT, Vijayanagar Colony, Hyderabad-500 057, Telangana, India

Bid price at bid opening: 36,591,151.71 USD

Evaluated Bid Price (in evaluation currency): 36,592,189.27 USD

Contract Price (in evaluation currency): 36,592,189.27 USD

Evaluated Bidder(s): Price Bid Evaluation Stage

Name: M/S Qingdao Construction Engineering Group

Address: No. 19, Key Yuan Wei Three Road, Laoshan, Qingdao, Shandong, China

Bid price at bid opening: 36,874,327.33 USD

Evaluated bid price (in evaluation currency): 36,878,111 USD

Name: M/S Venco Intiaz Construction Co. (VICC) Oberosler JV

Address: Street 15, Lane 5L, House 419, Wazir Akbar Khan, Kabul, Afghanistan

Bid price at bid opening: 41,028,672.57 USD

Evaluated bid price (in evaluation currency): 41,033,018.43 USD

Name: M/S: ALKE Insaat Sanye ve Ticaret

Address: 2/26 Ahmed Rajabli Street, Narimanov District, Baku, Azerbaijan

Bid price at bid opening: 69,834,519 USD

Evaluated bid price (in evaluation currency): 52,095,570.20 USD

Rejected Bidder(s): Technical Bid Evaluation Stage

Name: 77 INSAAT POLAT YOL JV

Address: Industrial State (Park hay Sanaati) Street No.5, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Bid price at bid opening: 35,174,315.97 USD

Reason(s) for rejection

1. Bidder did not submit Bid Security

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