

Quote of the Day

The only sense that is common in the long run, is the sense of change-and we all instinctively avoid it.

E. B. White (1899 - 1985)

Constitution

When more than one-third of the members of the Wolesi Jirga demand the trial of the Chief Justice, or a member of the Supreme Court due to a crime committed during the performance of duty, and the Wolesi Jirga approves of this demand by a majority of two-thirds votes, the accused is dismissed from his post and the case is referred to a special court.

Article 127

Reg: No 352

Volume No. 3008 Saturday May 09, 2015 Sawr 19, 1394

www.outlookafghanistan.net

Price: 15/-Afs

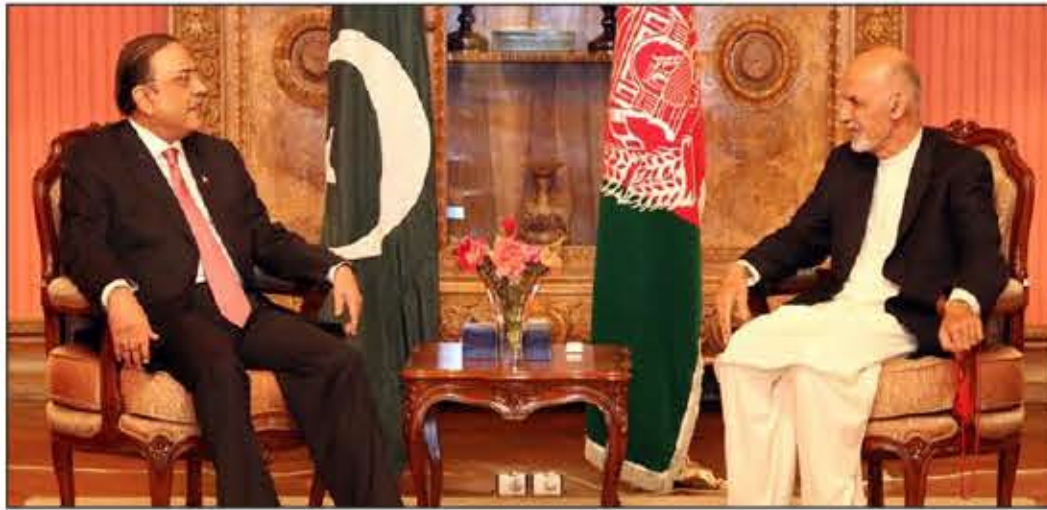
President Ashraf Ghani

Joint Efforts Needed to Curb Terrorism

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has said that joint efforts are needed to counter terror threat as the menace is gaining momentum.

The president expressed this in his meeting with Asif Ali Zardari, former Pakistani president and co-chairman of Pakistan People's Party here in Kabul late Thursday night, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

Former prime minister Sayed Yousuf Raza Gilani and others were present in the meeting. Both the leaders discussed bi-



lateral relations and economic cooperation at length, the statement added. The president informed that Pakistan, Afghanistan and the entire region were faced with serious threats and sincere efforts were needed to tackle the menace.

Calling it a result-oriented meeting, Zardari noted that Ghani's economic vision was a bold step for the development of the region and ensured his complete support for the prosperity of the region.

Zardari assured to bring a delegation ... (More on P4)...(1)

India, U.S., to Strengthen Livelihoods of Over 3000 Afghan Women



NEW DELHI - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Acting Administrator, Alfonso Lenhardt, announced a new \$1.5 million, three-year award to the Indian Self employed Women's Association (SEWA), the world's largest women's cooperative, with a membership exceeding 1.9 million. SEWA will partner with government and civil

society stakeholders in Afghanistan and India to train more than 3,000 Afghan women across five provinces in vocational skills including embroidery, garment stitching, food processing and jewelry making, as well as in leadership and marketing.

Making the announcement during his visit to SEWA's Hansiba store in ... (More on P4)...(2)

\$200mln Indian Investment in Chabahar Port Announced



KABUL - Officials at the Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MoCI) on Thursday touted a new \$200 million Indian investment for developing Iran's Chabahar port. The opening of the port to Afghan commerce is expected to improve direct trade between Afghanistan and India as well as open up new revenue streams associated with the flow of Indian goods through Afghanistan into Central Asia.

Based on an agreement signed between Iran and India on Wednesday, in addition to New Delhi's investment in developing modern trade and commerce infrastructure at Chabahar port, a new shipping route will be established for trade between India and Afghanistan.

Afghan officials have not shied away from acknowledging the Chabahar port project as a direct competitive challenge ... (More on P4)...(4)

Interim Govt. Setup Discussed in Qatar Talks: HIA

KABUL - The delegates discussed an interim government setup in Afghanistan during the two-day talks between Afghan officials and Taliban in Qatar, a representative from Gulbadin Hikmatyar-led Hizbe-Islami (HIA) who attended the meeting said on Thursday. Pugwash, a Canadian based organization, organized a seminar in Qatar in which a



twenty-member Afghan delegation discussed peace process in Afghanistan with an eight-member Taliban delegation. Qareeb-ur-Rahman Saeed, a representative of HIA told Pajhwok Afghan News in an exclusive interview that he, Dr. Ghairat Bahir, another HIA representative Eng. Qutbuddin Hilal, Maulvi Attaullah Ludin and ... (More on P4)...(3)

President Pushes for Fair Mining Contracts

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Thursday stressed transparency in mining contracts and framing prudent policy for development of the cement industry in Afghanistan. The president, who met Mines and Petroleum Ministry officials at his office, called for pulling out the mining sector from the influence of individuals, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

The meeting discussed the ministry's first 100-day plan, with the president underlining fair

and transparent bidding process for mining contracts. The president said the real issue was that the mining sector should not be ... (More on P4)...(5)



ISI Chief Secretly Visits Kabul to Meet Ghani on Peace Talks

KABUL - Pakistan's military intelligence - Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) chief has secretly visited Kabul to meet President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Afghan reconciliation process. A source informed of the visit have told Voice of America (VOA)/Ashna that Gen. Rizwan Akhtar visited Kabul on Wednesday to meet President Ghani.

The source speaking on the condition of said Gen. Akhtar reaffirmed Pakistan's support to persuade the Taliban militants to join peace process.

The secret visit by ISI chief was also confirmed by the former Afghan intelligence - National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief Amrullah Saleh who took to Facebook calling the private and secret meeting Pakistan's continued fraud diplomacy.

The visit by Gen. Akhtar comes as a two-day informal talks between the Afghan delegation and Taliban representatives concluded earlier this week over Afghan reconciliation process in Qatar.

In the meantime, the Afghan Senate House Speaker Fazal Hadi Muslimyar said earlier this week he is not optimistic regarding the peace process brought to us by Pakistan as the Afghan delegation is set to meet with the Taliban representatives in Qatar today.

Muslimyar said he is personally not convinced with the reconciliation process which comes through Pakistan and the main motive behind such efforts are not ascertained.

Muslimyar also added that both the Afghan and Pakistani governments should take practical steps in eliminating those groups who are funded from Pakistan, if both the nations are working together to bring peace and stability in the region. (KP)

Tashkent and Kabul to Open Direct Flight

BISHKEK - Foreign Ministry spokesman Shakib Mustaghni noted that Afghan delegation headed by Shakir Kargar, the special envoy of the President to the Commonwealth countries, visited Tashkent last week. Kargar signed bilateral agreement with the Minister of Economy of Uzbekistan, Galina Saidova.

The agreement will remove restrictions on trade and transit between the two countries.

The document also provides the preparation of an intergovernmental agreement on opening of the two countries' airline flights between Kabul and Tashkent. Further, Uzbekistan will assist Afghanistan in carrying out geological surveys for construction of the Hairatan - Herat railway and the ring road connecting the city of Mazar-i-Sharif and Herat.

In addition, in the capitals of the two countries will hold joint industrial exhibition. (AKIpress)

Kazakhstan Plans to Sell Electricity to Afghanistan and Pakistan



BISHKEK - Kazakhstan plans to sell electricity to Afghanistan and Pakistan, director of the department of energy of the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan Baurzhan Sarsenov said on Friday, reports Kazinform state agency.

The CASA-1000 power line will allow Kazakhstan to sell electricity to Afghanistan and Pakistan especially in the winter period. The work on this project is still in initial phase, but if it is implemented we will have a great opportunity to boost our export capacity, he said.

In addition, implementation of a joint project with China on construction of the direct-current power line to central and eastern regions of China is deemed to be a promising project on development of the energy system of Kazakhstan, he added. (AKIpress)

EU Ambassador to Afghan Parents: Let Your Children Play Sports

KABUL - This year the European Union in Afghanistan is dedicating Europe Day to promote sports among young Afghans and to pay tribute to the rising movement of Afghan juniors in sports.

On Europe Day, the European Union Ambassador

Franz-Michael Mellbin encourages tribal elders and parents to inspire their children - in particular girls - to play sports and to respect and support their dreams to become future Afghan sport heroes.

The EU supports the principles cooperation and fair play. Both principles are essential in building a strong, independent Afghan nation - and both principles are fundamental in sports, he said.

"Sport can unite nationalities, ethnicities, religions and political standpoints. Afghanistan's athletes and players have made remarkable achievements in sports - also at the international level. I admire the many thousand sons and daughters who, inspired by these results, are now preparing to become the future generation of Afghan athletes

and players. Sport is both healthy and fun, and teaches our children cooperation and fair play", said the European Union Special Representative and Head of the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan, Ambassador ... (More on P4)...(6)

MAKE IT POSSIBLE | 4G LTE

HUAWEI

HUAWEI Ascend Mate7

Live Once, Live Life

Ultra-slim borderless design with polished metallic feel, specially for your unique style.

1 YEAR WARRANTY

+93(0)786 131415 info@khalidlemar.com

FB.com/Huawei.khalidlemar www.khalidlemar.com

D-100 - 116, 4th Floor, Gul Bahar Center, Malik Asghar Square, Kabul, Afghanistan

KHALID LEMAR Official Distributor