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# NSC Tasked to Take Best Care of Injured Security Forces

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Sunday issued directives to officials of National Security Council (NSC) to pay proper attention to injured security personnel and their families.

The president made these remarks in a video conference with governors and security officials of western Farah, Badghis, Ghor and Herat provinces, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

The NSC advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Interior Minister Noor-ul-Haq Ulumi, Acting Defence Minister Enayatullah Nazari, Army Chief Sher Mohammad Ka-



rimi and other senior security officials were also present during the conference. The president and provincial officials during live conversation discussed various issues pertaining to law and order and over all security of western zone.

The president praised armed forces during recently conducted clearing operations against anti-state elements. He ordered the western zone corps commander to send him names of soldiers who demonstrated valor while defending the motherland.

The president advised Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) to address public issues in Ghor and Badghis provinces. (Pajhwok)

## Officials, Civil Society Members in Blood Donor Drive for ANSF



KABUL - Security officials, civil society members and residents of Kabul gathered Sunday at the Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan Hospital to donate blood for injured Afghan National Security Force (ANSF) troops. The campaign was launched under the theme: "Soldier, Your Blood is Our Honor".

Interior Minister Noorollah Olomi who was among the officials donating blood said that as long as people support the security forces, the insurgents will be beaten. "Insurgents are always thinking that they can kill innocent people and destabilize the security and stability of the country. As the security forces defend the nation today, so too did they defend the country in the past," he said.

Another top security officer present was Gen. Murad Ali Murad, the deputy chief of staff of the Afghan National Army (ANA), who ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Herat Economic Development Linked to Security

HERAT CITY - A number of investors in western Herat province on Saturday demanded the newly appointed governor to pay heed to improve security, which would pave way for greater investment. The investors informed dozens of their colleagues transferred their investment abroad due to bad law and order.

Toryalai Ghausi, an investor, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Our number one demand from the new governor is that he should bolster security in the province to encourage more investment."

Similarly, Ghulam Jilani Hamidi, head of Herat Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) said insecurity discouraged investment while better security would attract more investment which would create job opportunities for people. Muhammad Asif Rahimi, the newly ... (More on P4)...(11)

## General Murad Celebrates Victory in Ghazni's Nawa District

KABUL - Deputy Chief of Army Staff General Murad Ali Murad spoke victoriously from Nawa district in Ghazni province on Saturday, after Afghan security forces successfully routed militants from the area for the first time in 10 years.

The win in Nawa marks a major turnaround in this year's fighting season, as the Afghan forces have gone back on the offensive

and slowly rolled back the gains made early on by militant groups. However, the re-taking of Nawa also marks a major symbolic victory, as the district was one of the largest centers of training and planning for the Taliban over the past decade. "Today, the ANSF is proud to be with the people of Nawa, people who suffered for 10 years, and didn't know anything about ... (More on P4)...(10)



## Iran Set to Raise Fuel Export to Afghanistan

TEHRAN - Iran plans to increase the export of oil products to Iraq and Afghanistan to reduce fuel smuggling to the neighboring states.

Managing Director of National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company (NIOPDC) Nasser Sajjadi noted that one of Iran's priorities is to increase the export of

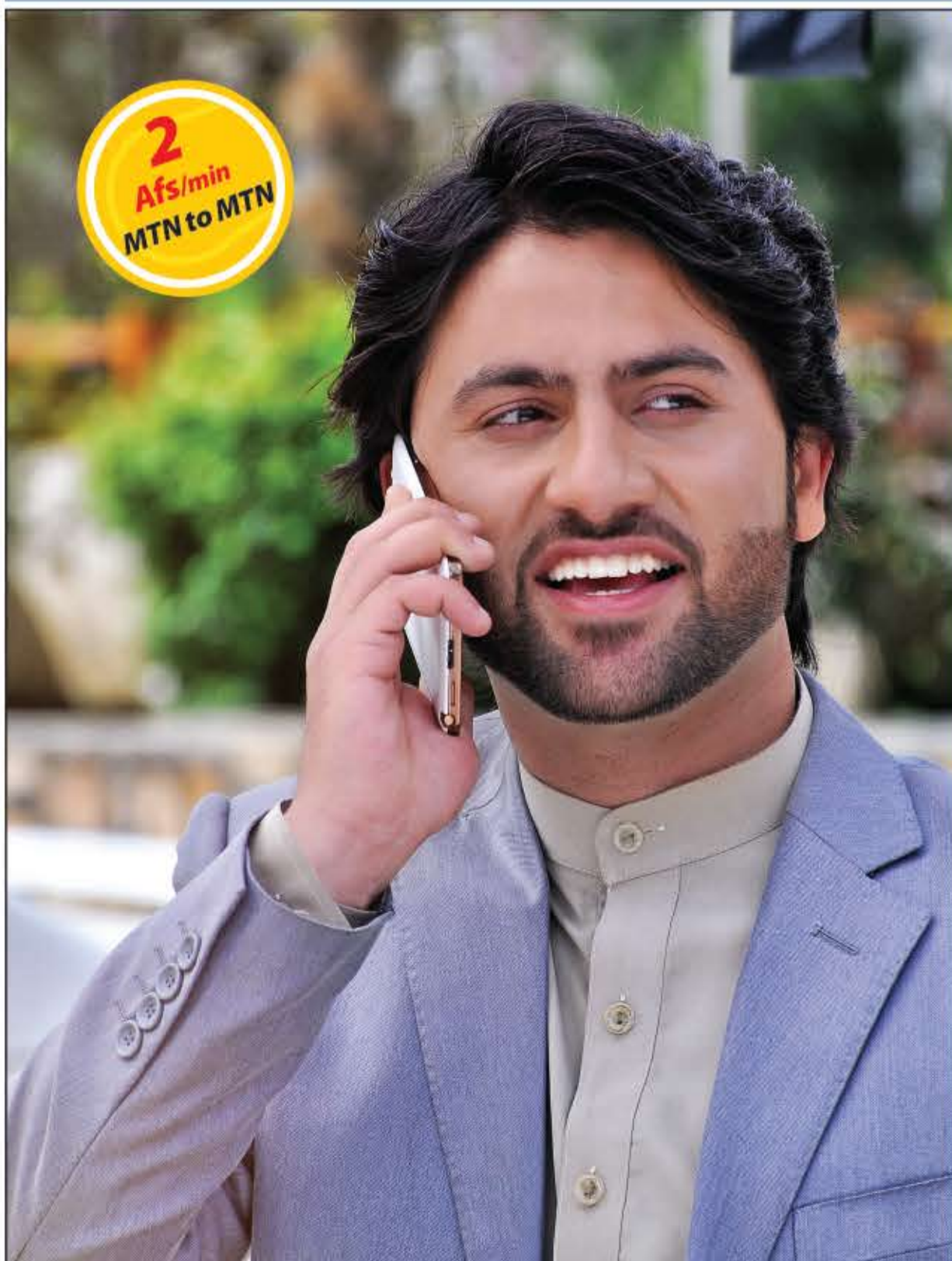


oil products to Iraq and Afghanistan in a bid to control fuel smuggling, Mehr New Agency reported on Saturday. Referring to a call by Iraq to raise its diesel imports to 10 million liters per day, Sajjadi said "there is already a new contract to export three million liters per day to southern Iraq". He noted ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Paktika Elders Demand Sharan Mayor Sacked

KABUL/SHAH-RAN - More than 50 elders from south-eastern Paktika province travelled to Kabul on Sunday to demand sacking of Sharan, the provincial capital's mayor for what they alleged his involvement in corruption.

Ten of the elders visited Pajhwok Afghan News main office in Kabul with documented evidence regarding corrupt practices by Obaidullah Saadat, the Sharana mayor. Muhammad Khalid, an elder, the mayor demanded to vacate 30 villages so that he could implement his strategic master plan. He said people had been living in the area for years. They had ... (More on P4)...(13)



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