

Quote of the Day

It is the duty of every citizen according to his best capacities to give validity to his convictions in political affairs.

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

Constitution

While processing the cases, the courts apply the provisions of this Constitution and other laws.

Article 30

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President Ashraf Ghani

Law be Implemented in Letter and Spirit



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani asked minister of justice on Sunday that all steps in contravention of law be immediately suspended and ensure rule of law. The president expressed this in his meeting with Minister of Justice Abdul Basir to evaluate his 100-day plan. Basir was accompanied by several other officials from his ministry to attend the meeting. Ghani emphasized that law should be implemented in letter and spirit to facilitate people so that strong foundation could be laid for next generation. He

emphasized that short and mid-term plans should be worked out and implemented. The reforms in the ministry of justice were one of the main points in 100-day plan and comprehensive plan should be pursued. The president highlighted that a comprehensive plan should be revised for least educated and unqualified people so that they could be included in the nation building process. The minister of justice presented his work plan in four different sections including formation of law, ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

Ghani Confirms Release of 19 Bus Passengers



KABUL - Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Monday evening confirmed the release of 19 of the 31 hostages kidnapped in Zabul province more than two months ago. Addressing a press conference, Ghani thanked the Afghan armed forces for their cooperation that led to safe release of the hostages. "The released hostages will be brought to Kabul as soon as weather

permits. No ransom was paid for their release," Ghani said. In addition Ghani put rumors of a prisoner swap to rest and said that his government does not believe in the policy of a prisoner swap. "No prisoner swap was carried out. Government does not have and will not have a policy to exchange prisoners for hostages," he said. Ghani pledged that the ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

Nawaz Sharif to Visit Ghani, Abdullah



ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and other officials are scheduled to visit Kabul on Tuesday to meet with Afghan leaders, including President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah. Pakistan's Prime Minister will lead a high level delegation, including the army chief, the prime minister's special advisor on foreign affairs Sartaj Aziz, the PM's special assistant on foreign affairs Tariq Fatemi, Secretary ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

Int'l Donors Pull Funding for Election Commissions

KABUL - Election commission officials on Monday announced that international donors had decided to cut their funding for Afghanistan's election institutions in light of last year's troubled presidential election and the ongoing uncertainty around electoral reform and parliamentary elections. according to the ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

Wolesi Jirga Pushes Govt. to Finalize Parliamentary Poll

KABUL - Afghan lawmakers on Monday called on the government to finalize the date for holding the country's parliamentary elections, adding that in accordance with the constitution its five-year tenure ends on May 22. "The date for the elections needs to be announced and pretences should be prohibited. We do not want the na-



tional assembly to be a national unity assembly as already the National Unity Government runs the country," MP from Parwan Abdul Sattar Khawasi said on Monday. Pointing towards parliament's legal obligations, another MP Ghulam Hussain Naseri asked the government to meet its constitutional responsibility and ensure ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

Status of \$20mln Belonging to Deported Afghan Traders Uncertain

KABUL - A group of Afghan businessmen have been deported from the United Arab Emirates,



which has thrown them and their money, which is estimated around \$20 million, into limbo. One of the businessmen named Muhammad Faqeer Faqeerzada said he has been kept in the dark about what has become of the roughly \$1.5 million he invested while in the UAE. "Nothing can be done in 48 hours, our company, life and capital is still there, and I still owe 10 to 15 companies, as well a number of African countries owe us," Faqeerzada said. ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

MoFA summons UAE Chargé d'affaires

KABUL - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Chargé d'affaires was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) over deporting of Afghan nationals from the gulf country, an official said. According to the reports recently, over 600 visas of Afghan ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

GoI Stay Visas of Huge Benefit to Afghan Refugees

NEW DELHI - The Government of India's (MoI) initiative of granting long stay visas to refugees from Afghanistan has played a positive role in



providing expatriates better access to basic facilities. There are around 10,300 Afghan refugees registered by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), who are staying in India currently. So far, the Government of India has provided stay visas to 750 Afghan nationals, while 3,900 applications are still being processed. Romal Ameri, an Afghan refugee who has been in India for the ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

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