

I never think of the future - it comes soon enough.

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

When there is no provision in the Constitution or other laws regarding ruling on an issue, the courts' decisions shall be within the limits of this Constitution in accord with the Hanafi jurisprudence and in a way to serve justice in the best possible manner.

Article 130

War was imposed on Afghanistan: Ghani

Nawaz Vows to Hunt Down Afghan Taliban

KABUL - Visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday said sanctuaries of Taliban insurgents would be eliminated by direct action, when found, and would be monitored by the existing mechanism.

Speaking at a joint press conference with President Ashraf Ghani here, the prime minister said any effort by any militant or group to destabilise Afghanistan would be dealt with severely and such elements would be outlawed and hunted down.

In case of terrorist activity, he remarked, both Pakistan and Afghanistan retained the right of counteractions in conjunction. He said that capacity building of Afghan police would be done as already offered including training. Coordinated operations would be planned and conducted on mutually agreed basis to target militant hideouts along the



border, he continued. ... (More on P4)... (1)

One in Nine Afghans on Drugs: Survey



KABUL - A grim picture emerged on Tuesday when William Brownfield, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, released the results of the Afghanistan World Drug Use survey which revealed that one in nine Afghans are drug users.

"This survey tells a disturbing story," Brownfield said at a joint press conference Tuesday with Afghan ministers of public health and counter-narcotics. Based on the survey - which is prepared in cooperation by both the Afghan ministries and the U.S - three million Afghans are using drugs, of them 1.4 million are addicted to drugs. Combined with a five percent estimate from the earlier urban drug use study this would suggest a national estimate of roughly 11 percent or one in every nine Afghan citizens." ... (More on P4)... (2)

Power Bills Defaulters Given 10-Day Deadline



KABUL - Da Afghanistan Brishna Shirkat threatened to circulate the names of electricity bills defaulters if they failed to clear their outstanding payment in next ten days, marketing chief of the Shirkat said on Tuesday. Addressing a press

conference, Mirwais Alami mentioned names of defaulters including several departments, with the Ministry of higher education had arrears of around 134.6 million afs. Similarly, arrears of department of oil and ... (More on P4)... (4)

10 Prisoners Released from Maidan Wardak Jail

KABUL - Based on a presidential decree, 10 prisoners who had not committed terrorist activities have been released from Maidan Wardak jail.

Local officials say the captivity period of dozens of other prisoners were also reduced through the presidential decree issued on the eve of the victory of Muja-



hideen. These people were detained on charges involving traffic accidents and personal enmity about three years before. Officer of the prison says that the captivity period of 35 prisoners are subject to reduce based on the presidential decree. Zakir Hussain Sultani, acting governor of the province advised the released prisoners not to commit crimes in the future. Currently including ... (More on P4)... (5)

NATO Mulls Presence Beyond RS Mission: Stoltenberg

ANTALYA - As NATO has played a key role in bringing stability to Afghanistan for a decade, it would decide to maintain a presence in Afghanistan even after the end of current mission to train, advice and assist the Afghan security forces, the alliance said. In a statement ahead of the Foreign Ministerial Meeting of NATO which takes place in Antalya, Turkey, NATO Secretary General Jens Stolten-

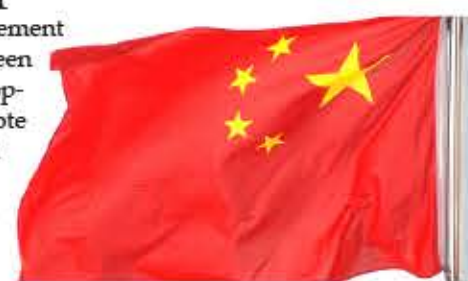


berg said: "We will discuss how to strengthen our partnership with this country for the future." "Afghan soldiers and police have been doing great job since they took responsibility for security at ... (More on P4)... (3)

China, Afghanistan Vow Stronger Security Cooperation

BEIJING - China's top security official Meng Jianzhu on Tuesday vowed to boost cooperation with Afghanistan in fighting against terrorism and drugs. While meeting with Afghanistan Interior Minister Olomi Noorol Haq, Meng called on

both countries to implement consensus reached between state leaders, expand cooperation areas and promote new progress of bilateral strategic partnership. Olomi said Afghanistan firmly supports China, and ... (More on P4)... (6)



Abdul Hai Khatibi Taliban Pushed Back in Charsada Fight

FEROZKOH - At least nine insurgents have died and four others wounded as a result of fresh clashes in the Charsada district of western Ghor province, officials said on Tuesday.

Fazl Haq Ehsan, provincial council head, said Taliban mounted three attacks on security check posts on Monday but faced with stern resistance from Afghan National Army (ANA).

Ehsan said a major check post overrun by Taliban was regained by security forces. Abdul Hai Khatibi, the governor's spokesman, said Taliban had faced



with defeat in the province and retreated. He added insurgents had suffered heavy casualties but he had no exact details. Two ... (More on P4)... (7)

'Saffron Replaces Lapis Lazuli as Gift to World Leaders'

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has directed the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to focus on important issues and incorporate demands of common people in its first-100 day plan.

The ministry presented its first 100-day plan to the president at a meeting he chaired at the Presidential Palace on Monday, a statement from the palace said.

The meeting was attended by Agriculture and Livestock Minister Asaddullah Zamir and the ministry's working team. The minister explained his ministry's 100-day plan divided into nine parts.

The meeting discussed in detail the plan, irrigation system, wheat production, storage facilities for food, fruit orchards, commercial trees, treatment of plants and household ani-

mals, research works, preservation of forests, natural streams, support for the private sector, administrative reforms, human resources and the ministry's public relations strategy.

The ministry's working team also shed light on promises held out at the London conference regarding Afghanistan's agriculture sector. President Ghani praised the ministry's plan and directed ... (More on P4)... (8)

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