



Political Parties Boycott President's Advisory Meetings

KABUL - Members of some political parties on Saturday said they are boycotting President Ashraf Ghani's advisory meetings as most are "meaningless and their advice is not put into practice".

The spokesman for the Council for the Protection and Stability of Afghanistan said most of the meetings were symbolic only and lacked depth.

"The leadership members of the Council for the Protection and Stability of Afghanistan avoid the meetings which lack content, were symbolic and were about publicity," said Massoud Trishtwal, a spokesman for the council.

The head of the New National Front of Afghanistan, Anwar-ul-Haq Ahadi said the president is not honest and does not listen to advice given to him by political parties. He also

said these meetings are merely symbolic.

"We are extremely unhappy with this government. I think it should be a conscience duty of government to resign and let a new government replace it," Ahadi said.

A number of other political figures also accused Ghani of being a dictator and exclusivist.

"President [Ashraf Ghani] has turned himself into a dictator. He has grabbed all the power in his hands. He has tightened his relations with the West and he does not have any plans for national interests, for ending the war and for maintaining security in the country," said Fatana Ishaq Gailani, chairperson of Afghanistan's Women's Council.

"He [President Ghani] has not only distressed jihadi figures, but he has upset the Afghan



people," Gailani said.

In response to these remarks, Ghani's deputy spokesman Dawa Khan Minapal said political parties that are unhappy with government should clearly

state their reasons.

"They [political parties] should explain the reasons behind their unhappiness. As a spokesman for the president I can say for sure that decisions

have been made based on advice by political parties in all aspects, (advice) they have given and discussed and consulted [with the president]," Minapal said. (ToloneWS)

MoFA Consular Service Privatization Draws Flak

KABUL - The privatization of the consular service department by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) has caused inordinate delays in verification of important documents, creating more chances of corruption.

Instead of curtailing fraud or accelerating the provision of consular services, the privatization has spelled more

trouble for the general public, show findings of Pajhwok Afghan News.

Recently, MoFA handed over the consular service department to a private-sector company named GTR, which collects documents like tazkira, marriage certificates, degrees, etc. for verification by MoFA and hand them back to applicants. ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Officials Inaugurate Construction of 108km Road

KABUL - The Afghan government officials formally inaugurated the construction of 108 kilometers road in northeastern Badakhshan province of Afghanistan.

The construction project was inaugurated in the presence of Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah and several other high level government officials including Public Works Minister Mahmood Baligh.

Speaking during the ceremony to inaugurate the project, Minister Baligh said the road will be constructed from Baharak district of Ishkashim, having a length of 108 kilometers.

He said the project will be funded by the Asian Development Bank and the road will be built over a period of four years.

Baligh further added that the ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Lawmakers Hit Back at Saleh Over Controversial Remarks

KABUL - Some Wolesi Jirga (WJ) members on Saturday criticized recent comments of Amrullah Saleh, state minister in security affairs reforms and appointments, and said recalling dark history was never in Afghanistan's interest and any harm to the peace process should be avoided.

Saleh on Friday accused Gulbdin Hekmatyar, Amir of the Hizb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA), for having hand in the killing of innocent people in the past 17 years and said Hekmatyar did not say anything about it in his recent public appearance.

The former head of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said he was not against peace talks, but Hekmatyar's welcome by the government at the Presidential Palace was a mistake. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Inadequate Hajj Quota Angers Nimroz Residents



ZARANJ - Some residents of southwestern Nimroz province have to wait for 20 years for their turn to perform the Hajj ritual due to an inadequate quota, officials said on Saturday.

Hajj and Religious Affairs Director Maulvi Hezbollah Maulvizada told Pajhwok Afghan News the quota for Nimroz was very small ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Three Haqqani Commanders Killed in Paktia Drone Strike

KABUL - At least three Haqqani network commanders were killed during a drone strike by foreign forces in Paktia province last week, said 303 Spinghar Police Corps on Saturday.

Abdul Hai Mateen, Qari Mustafa and Qare Sor were the Haqqani commanders killed in the strike, 303 Spinghar Police Corps said.

The drone strike was carried out in the Dandpatan district of Paktia province, officials said.

Meanwhile Paktia police said that a military operation to clear insecure ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Senior Academic Shot Dead by Motorcyclists in Kabul



KABUL - A senior of the Afghanistan Academy of Sciences was gunned down by unidentified in Kabul on Friday afternoon, the victim's family said.

Saifur Rahman Stanikzai, deputy head of Islamic Science at the academy, was shot dead by unknown motorcyclists on his way from home to a mosque in the Rahman Mina area of the capital.

One of his relatives told Pajhwok Afghan News two other people, who were also wounded in the shooting, were hospitalised. Security officials are yet to comment on the incident. Hailing from the Mohammad Agha district ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Mosazai

US, China Can Help Stabilise Afghanistan

KABUL - Both China and the United States can play a key role in promoting Afghan-led efforts for peace and reconciliation, believes the Afghan ambassador in Beijing.

"We look to both countries for strong support and we are grateful for the support that we have received and I hope that that would intensify this year," Janan Mosazai said in an interview published on Saturday. He told The South China ...*(More on P4)...(9)*



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