

Jalalabad	Clear	Ghazni	Clear	Kandahar	Clear	Mazar	Partly Cloudy	Herat	Partly Cloudy	Bamayan	Chance of Rain	Kabul	Clear
	37°C 23°C		23°C 13°C		41°C 19°C		31°C 19°C		32°C 16°C		22°C 7°C		31°C 16°C

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Red Crescent

14 PC Kandahar Children Undernourishment

KANDAHAR CITY - Red Crescent treats hundreds of children every month through special nutrition programs to control malnourishment among children in southern Kandahar province, an official said on Friday. Ahmadullah Faizi, director nutrition in health department, told Pajhwok Afghan News that malnutrition had not been decreased in Kandahar and other southern provinces. Uruzgan is one of the highest rated malnourished stricken provinces in southern zone, he said, adding 14 percent children were malnourished due to rampant poverty, lack of awareness and parents' negligence. Faizi added malnourishment led to other diseases among children such as lungs, heart and



neurology therefore free nutrition program was initiated with the support of Red Crescent. The poverty stricken mothers bring their children to nutrition centers in the province. Bus Bibi, was one of the mothers among scores women waiting for her turn at the Mirwais Hospital, said: "My son has been admitted in the hospital for last four months since he is diagnosed as malnourished." She was herself malnourished hence she could not properly feed her child and she started dry milk to feed the child, Bibi recalled. Bibi added she knew scores of undernourished children but their parents did not have awareness regarding malnourishment. Shahida, a mother, ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

40 Rebels Dead, Over 100 Wounded in Ghor Showdown



FEROZ KOH - At least 40 Taliban fighters were killed and over 100 wounded in fierce firefight with security forces on Thursday evening in the Pasaband and Charsada districts in western Ghor province, an official said Friday. Acting Governor Said Anwar Ali Rahmati told Pajhwok Afghan News Maulvi Abdul Khaliq, a resident of Helmand, led militants in the attack in the fight for capturing the two districts but Afghan security forces repulsed their attack, inflicting heavy casualties on rebels. The militants were pushed back from Charsada district when security forces received fresh reinforcement, he added. Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, Taliban spokesman, said that ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Group of Armed Insurgents Have Surrendered

KABUL - National Directorate of security (NDS) in a statement on Friday said that at least twenty two insurgents including their commander have surrendered to officials in Kunduz province. The statement said that the group was headed up by their commander Shikh Zahir. According to the statement these men have been actively engaged in insurgency activities against the government in Kunduz province. The group has handed over their weapons to the government. (Tolonews)

UNFPA Donates 5 Ambulances to Daikundi Health Centres

NILI - The United Nation Population Fund in Afghanistan (UNFPA) has donated five ambulances and three Hiace model vehicles costing \$280,000 for healthcare centres in central Daikundi province, officials said Thursday. The project manager of "Health Nests" in Daikundi told Pajhwok Afghan News since 2012, as many as 23 ambulances have been offering services to patients in the province. He said that 35 others ambulances would start be given to the officials concerned, which would help improve health services in the province. Each health nest including one doctor, two nurses and a driver in several localities of the province. Subhan Naibi, deputy speaker Daikundi provincial ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Afghans Celebrates Int'l Day of Families in Kabul

KABUL - The International Day of Families, held annually on May 15, brings people together around the world in celebration of families. In Kabul, on Friday, many families gathered in Qargha for picnics. The International Day of Families was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993 with resolution that re-



flected on the significance the world community attaches to the role of families in society. The idea behind the day is to build awareness of issues facing to families and the social, economic and demographic realities they are wrapped up in. TOLONews correspondent ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Pakistan Deports 29 Illegal Afghans to Khost

KHOST CITY - Pakistani authorities on Thursday handed over 29 illegal Afghan refugees to local officials in southeastern Khost province, an official said. The Khost governor's spokesman, Mubariz Zadran, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Afghans had been detained in Pakistan for lacking legal stay documents. He said the deportees had committed no other crime except illegal stay in the neighboring country. The Afghans were handed over to Afghan police through the Ghulam Khan border crossing after diplomatic contacts between Afghanistan and Pakistan, he said. The individuals hail from Khost, Paktia, Paktika, Logar and other provinces. The 402 zone border police commander in Paktia, Gen. Abdul Basir, confirmed the handover of Afghan detainees. (Pajhwok)

Flower Expo at Blue Mosque in Mazar-E-Sharif



MAZAR-E-SHARIF - A natural flower exhibition is being held at the shrine of Hazrat-e Ali, the Blue Mosque shrine, in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif in Balkh province. Event officials have said that the goal behind holding the event is the promotion and expansion of green culture and keeping the environment clean. "Our only goal is to promote the culture of flowers and greenery, introducing a healthy environment all over Afghanistan, especially in Mazar-e-Sharif city and inside the holy shrine," says Ahmad Wali Ansari, greenery official of the shrine. "We have made many efforts to promote the culture of keeping flowers and introducing a culture of fine environment". Different types are on exhibit - an first of its kind in Mazar-e-Sharif. Most visitors to the exhibition have so far been agriculture faculty students. They have said the event has been useful for their practical work. "The exhibition was very beautiful ... students can learn a lot," says Muhammad Azim, high school student, who visited the exhibition with a few friends. The event was organized by the Greenery Commission of the holy shrine. (Tolonews)

9 Districts of Badakhshan Come under Control of Terrorists

DUSHANBE - Activists of civil society of Afghan Badakhshan Province warn the central authorities of Afghanistan that they can lose the province if they do not purge it of terrorists. Afghan news agency Jumphur reported in early May (Sawr 24) that activists of civil society of Badakhshan Province accuse the central government of Afghanistan of neglecting the issues of providing security in the province and say that nine districts of the province have come under control of terrorists. According to the civil society activists, it was negligence of



the central authorities that turned the province into the center for concentration of foreign terrorists and extremists, Jumphur reported. Pajhwok Afghan News reported on May 4 that at least two policemen have been killed during hours-long clashes with insurgents before retreating from their posts in Warduj district of northeastern Badakhshan province. Public Order Police Commander Gen. Rahmanuddin Rahman, who paid a visit to the province, told Pajhwok Afghan News police fought for at least five hours and then retreated along with weapons and ammunitions from their check-posts. He said rebels suffered heavy casualties during the clashes, but did not give any figures. ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Ghani Visits Hospital to Enquire about Health of Injured

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani visited the Emergency Hospital in capital Kabul on Friday to enquire about the health of those wounded in the Park Palace attack. Several persons were killed, including nine foreigners, after three to four gunmen stormed the Park Palace guesthouse on Wednesday night. The dead included four Indians, two Pakistanis, an American, a Briton, an Italian and a Kazakh woman. Taliban claimed credit for the attack.



A music concert had reportedly been planned at the hotel when it was attacked, sparking a stand-off with the hotel's guards before security forces sealed off the Kolola Pushta neighbourhood after 9pm. A statement from the Presidential Palace on Friday said that the president directed health officials to take every step to provide the injured with best ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Pakistan Accuses India's RAW of Using Afghan Territory

KABUL - Pakistan's foreign ministry has expressed its concerns over what it claimed that India's external intelligence agency (RAW) is using Afghanistan's territory against Pakistan's interests. Pakistan's foreign office spokesperson, Qazi Khalilullah, in a weekly media briefing urged the Afghan government to not let Indian spy agencies use the Afghan soil against Pakistan. "Pakistan-Afghanistan bilateral relations stipulate very clearly that we will not allow our respective territories to be used against each other," Khalilullah said. He expressed that Pakistan had shared its concerns with Afghan government that "RAW must not use Afghan territory to create instability in Pakistan." But the Indian Ambassador to Kabul, Amar Sinha, strongly rejected Pakistan's foreign office statements as baseless. "This claim is totally false and



mischievous," Sinha told TOLONews. "Afghan government will be in a better position to respond to this claim." However, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has repeatedly assured the regional countries, especially Pakistan and India that the Afghan government would never allow its soil be used against any other country. But the political analysts urge the government to seriously consider the claims by Pakistani and Indian governments and don't allow proxy war in the country. This comes as recently, the Indian officials accused Pakistan of carrying out ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Massoud Urges Kabul Citizens to Protect Roads



KABUL - President's special representative for reforms and good governance Ahmad Zia Massoud on Thursday urged residents of capital Kabul to play their part in protecting the city's environment and infrastructure. Massoud, who inaugurated asphalt works on a 5-kilometre road in Kart-i-Parwan locality of Kabul, said the project would benefit 5,000 people and would cost \$1.2 million to complete. He said government's duty was to execute development projects and people's responsibility was to protect them. Massoud also asked people to support security forces in maintaining the law and order situation. Acting Kabul mayor Abdul Ahad Wahid said the road was being reconstructed by the Mashriq construction Company in the stipulated one year time. He said nearly 160 km of roads were rehabilitated and asphalted this year in Kabul. (Pajhwok)

Delayed Verdict on Police in Farkhunda Trial

KABUL - Kabul's Third District Primary Court requires further investigation before a verdict can be handed down for each of the 19 police officers charged with dereliction of duty in the Farkhunda murder trial, Justice Safiullah Mujadaddi said on Friday. Mujadaddi's court has already sentenced four of Farkhunda's murderers to death, eight others to 16 years of imprisonment each, and then let 18 others go due to a lack of evidence. After receiving heavy criticism from the international community for the court's handling of the case, which human rights groups say was more like a political show-trial, it would appear Afghan legal authorities



are taking a more patient approach to the police officers who are charged. "We have started investigations and the judicial delegation is busy with the case of the 19 police in Farkhunda's murder and the people do not have the right to interfere in this case," Mujadaddi said on Friday. "This is the authority of the judicial delegation to announce the final result after the investigations." However, members of the Fact Finding Commission appointed by President Ashraf Ghani to ensure justice for Farkhunda, such as Dr. Alema, have stressed ...*(More on P4)...(16)*