

Quote of the Day

Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace.

Amelia Earhart (1897 - 1937)

Constitution

After listening to his defense, when the Supreme Court regards the accusation to be valid, it shall present a proposal about the judge's dismissal to the President.

Article 133

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Pakistani Ulama Declare Suicide Attacks Un-Islamic

KABUL - Some 200 religious scholars have issued a Fatwa (decree) against suicide attacks and termed them unlawful under Islamic law.

The Dawn.com reports that the decree issued at a conference of Ulama on Sunday said the philosophy behind the self-styled Islamic State (IS), banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, Al Qaeda, Boko Haram and other so-called jihadi outfits was misleading.

"Such groups operated in an un-Islamic manner and their thinking was flawed because it was based on poor knowledge and ignorance," ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Monday said reforms in the Ministry of finance (MoF) was vital for overall performance and accountability of government institutions.

He expressed these views during a meeting with high officials of the MoF, including finance Minister Eklil Hakimi in which the latter presented a 100-day plan, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

The president stressed the need for transparent and clear financial ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

President Stresses Accountability, Tax Payment



Ministry of Defense Taliban Growing Too Weak to Fight Afghan Forces



KABUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) has said that 1,600 insurgent have been killed during the past four months and military offensives have considerably weakening the strength of rebels. Maj. Gen. Afzal Aman, (MoD) operational director, told a press conference the beleaguered militants used various

tactics such as armed attacks, suicide, explosive and other assaults. The rebels did not have any achievements on the ground while Afghan security forces primarily the Afghan National Army (ANA) succeeded in eliminating Taliban's sanctuaries and thwarting their attacks. ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

MPs Demand Answers Over NDS and ISI MoU

KABUL - A number of MPs in Monday's session of the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) vehemently opposed the recent signing of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Pakistan's Intelligence Service (ISI).

MPs said that the agreement serves no benefit to the country and called on the National Security Council (NSC) to clarify the situation. The first deputy of the Wolesi Jirga, Zahir-Qadeer, told the security, international relations and defense commissions to summon NSC officials to explain.

NDS and ISI Sign MoU

KABUL - Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Pakistan's Intelligence Service (ISI) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will see both countries working closely together to fight terror, officials have confirmed. ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

According to government officials the MoU will enable closer working ties with both countries in order to jointly fight terrorism. Based on the agreement, ISI will also train ...*(More on P4)...*(5)



IEC Seeks Financial Support to Ensure Timely Polls

KABUL - Chairman of the Independent Elections Commission (IEC) on Monday pledged to hold parliament elections without further delay if provided with financial support.

Ahmad Yusuf Nuristani said the IEC had taken necessary steps, but alleged other organizations and presidential office had shortcomings. He addressed a general session of the lower house on parliamentary elections amid

protests from some lawmakers.

Ahmad Shah Ramazan, a lawmaker from Balkh province, said thanks to last year's presidential elections a democratic process has been tarnished and people have lost trust over the commission. "The election commission has caused all the miseries in the country," he said. Shukria Barakzai, another MP, said in line with laws the commission had ...*(More on P4)...*(4)



Iran, Afghanistan Resolved to Boost Peace and Security: Fazli

TEHRAN - Iranian Minister of Interior Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said Monday that Iranian and Afghan governments and nations are determined to strengthen bilateral relations and live together with peace and security.

[Iran, Afghanistan resolved to boost peace and security: interior minister] He made the remarks speaking to reporters after a meeting in Tehran with ...*(More on P4)...*(7)



Russia Closes NATO's Transport Corridor to Afghanistan

MOSCOW - Russia has closed a transport corridor that had allowed NATO militaries to deliver supplies to Afghanistan through Russian territory, according to a decree signed by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and published on a government website Monday.

The pathway through Russia had been a symbol of Russia-U.S. cooperation amid otherwise frosty relations between the two former Cold War rivals.

Moscow's decision to close the transport corridor, which NATO used extensively to supply its decade-long deployment in Afghanistan, was made "in connection with the termination of the provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1386," said the decree, dated May 15. Resolution 1386 was the 2001 UN Security Council decision that authorized international forces to operate in Afghanistan. Under the resolution, Russia offered its airspace to NATO forces to transport equipment into Afghanistan.

NATO, a Western military alliance, ended its operations in Afghanistan in December, but continues to keep a small military force in the country. It also provides financial and ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

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