

<b>Jalalabad</b>	Clear	<b>Ghazni</b>	Chance of Rain	<b>Kandahar</b>	Clear	<b>Mazar</b>	Clear	<b>Herat</b>	Clear	<b>Bamiyan</b>	Chance of Rain	<b>Kabul</b>	Chance of Rain
	34°C 22°C		22°C 10°C		35°C 22°C		33°C 22°C		33°C 20°C		18°C 9°C		25°C 15°C



## Afghan Treasures Displayed at China Exhibition

Since 2006, the exhibition has toured France, Italy, the Netherlands, the US, Canada, Germany, Britain, Australia, Japan and South Korea.



BEIJING - An exhibition of Afghan treasures and relics was held in Beijing on May 17 as part of efforts to expand cultural engagement between China and Asia Pacific. "A nation stays alive when its culture stays alive" was the words

shown at the entrance of the exhibition at Tsinghua University Art Museum in Beijing. China is one of the many stops on the nomadic journey of these Afghan treasures, which narrowly survived years of conflicts and destruction in the war-torn coun-

try, according to China's state news agency, Xinhua. The exhibition has toured France, Italy, the Netherlands, the United States, Canada, Germany, Britain, Australia, Japan and South Korea since 2006. ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

## Taliban, US Military Trade Barbs on Twitter

The US forces and Taliban have traded barbs after Col. Dave Butler said Americans and Afghans want peace but the militant movement is intent upon fighting.

KABUL - US forces spokesman Col. Dave Butler, in an interview said the bloodshed of Afghans should be stopped as Americans and Afghans desired peace. In reaction to Butler's remarks, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted: "They (Americans) should realize that Taliban movement has not intervened in & occupied the US. Contrarily, the US has intervened & occupied our country. "So long as you occupy our country through force & plots, no true Afghan will seek peace but will want to force you out. Don't try to represent the Afghans; only speak for the Americans & think about ways of ending your occupation," Mujahid wrote.

Replaying to Mujahid's tweet, Butler wrote: "You know this is not true. The Afghans know



this is not true. You have the opportunity to reduce violence but you choose not to. "The Taliban are choosing to ignore the will of the people and bring harm to this country. Peace is the right way." Butler added. "Are you suggesting it is untrue that you have forcibly based thousands of troops in our country? Or dropped

countless bombs? Raided homes? Imprisoned thousands of Afghans?" Mujahid asked. In reaction, Butler said the people "you (Taliban) claim you are fighting for want peace. You know the truth. You are not even in this country but sending Afghan sons to die while you attack the Afghan security forces. You claim to fight us but only attack Afghans." (Pajhwok)

## Daikundi Residents Stressed as Food Prices Surge in Ramadan

NEILI - Some residents of central Daikundi province complain the prices of essential food items have increased during the holy month of Ramadan.

The residents expressed concern over the hike in prices of food items in Ramadan as a bag of flour before the holy month was sold for 1,800 afghanis and but now it is sold for 1,950 afghanis. Salem, an inhabitant of Neili City, said people were facing problems due to the rising food items prices and poor people would face more issues if the price-hike was not controlled. Mohammad Akhlaq, a shopkeeper in the city, confirmed the prices of all food items had increased by 50 to 100 afghanis in Ramadan.



Gul Naz, a private university student, complained against the hike in food items prices and said many university students went to sleep with empty stomachs due to the increased food items prices. Niamatullah, another shop-

keeper in the city, linked the price-hike to the devaluation of the afghani against US dollar in Kabul and insecurity on highways. Mayor Khadija Ahmadi said: "We have no right to intervene in open market ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

### Request for Bids Goods

(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Afghanistan

Name of Project: Modernization of Afghanistan State Owned Banks (MASOB)

Contract Title: Procurement of Server and licenses for Bank-e-Mili Afghan (BMA) MASOB/AF/G-43/NCB

Grant No.: D2830-AF

RFB Reference No.: MASOB/AF/G-43/NCB

- The Ministry of Finance has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Modernization of Afghanistan State Owned Banks (MASOB), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract "Procurement of Server and licenses for Bank-e-Mili Afghan (BMA) MASOB/AF/G-43/NCB"
- The Ministry of Finance now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders "Procurement of Server and licenses for Bank-e-Mili Afghan (BMA) MASOB/AF/G-43/NCB"
- Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 edition ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Finance Procurement Directorate, Mr. Shafiqullah Eshaqzai, Shafiq\_eshaqzai@yahoo.com and inspect the bidding document during office hours 8:00 to 17:00 Kabul Time at the address given below
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **30/June/2019 at 2:00 P.M Kabul Time**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **30/June/2019 at 2:00 P.M Kabul Time**.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of AFN 300,000 (Three hundred thousand).
- The address (es) referred to above is (are):

Procurement Directorate of Ministry of Finance

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## Rabbani Hails Uzbekistan Offer to Host Afghan Peace Talks



KABUL - Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani says Afghanistan is willing to attend peace talks Uzbekistan has offered to host, a statement said on Saturday.

During a meeting with Uzbekistan counterpart Abdul Aziz Kamilov, Rabbani said achieving peace was not an easy task and stressed participation of regional and international actors. Rabbani said Germany had

become more interested in the Afghan peace process and they appreciated their efforts. Kamilov sought more efforts from regional countries and international community and said regional consensus on the Afghan peace was expanding. He said Afghanistan's security issues could be better resolved through dialogue and added Samarkand was an appropriate place for that. ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

## Kabul-Based Iranian Bank Closed Over Money Laundering Charges

KABUL - According to Iran Watch website, Arian Bank is an Afghan-based joint venture between Iran's Bank Melli and Bank Saderat.

The Central Bank on Sunday confirmed that a Kabul-based Iranian bank, the Arian Bank, has been closed over money laundering charges.

Arian Bank, located in Wazir Akbar Khan in downtown Kabul, was established on June 25, 2004, and received a com-

mercial banking license from the Central Bank in December 2004.

According to Iran Watch website, Arian Bank is an Afghan-based joint venture between Iran's Bank Melli and Bank Saderat.

Central Bank spokesman Aimal Ashoor said the Arian Bank's license was canceled by the Central Bank due to "money laundering" and because the bank "could ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

## Trump, Imran Want Stability in Afghanistan: Qureshi



ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan may meet US President Donald Trump in case of progress in the America-Taliban negotiations.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said an interview a breakthrough in the ongoing dialogue in Doha would pave the ground for the Khan-Trump meeting.

Speaking to Urdu News, he suggested headway in the Qatar parleys was not a condition but "I think that the environment for the meeting will be more favourable if the talks move forward."

The two leaders were massively interested in bringing stability to the region, the minister said, noting progress in establishing peace and stability. ...*(More on P4)...(9)*