

<b>Jalalabad</b> Clear 39°C 21°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Clear 26°C 09°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Clear 36°C 19°C	<b>Mazar</b> Clear 29°C 15°C	<b>Herat</b> Clear 30°C 13°C	<b>Bamayan</b> Clear 17°C 03°C	<b>Kabul</b> Clear 28°C 12°C
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## Bamyan Lawmakers Oppose New Governor's Appointment



KABUL - People's representatives of central Bamyan province opposed the appointment of new governor Mohammad Tahir Zahir for the province, saying the new governor could not deal with the emerging challenges in the area. Two days back, the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) introduced Tahir as new governor of Bamyan province. Mohammad Akbari, a lawmaker from Bamyan province, expressed concerns over the appointment of Zahir as governor and said: "Zahir had poor track record in Bamyan. We believe he would put people into more trouble." He urged President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani to review his decision about choosing Zahir as governor of Bamyan and said that most of the people would oppose him. Akbari did not provide details about Zahir's past performance in Bamyan. Abdul Rahman Shahidani, another ... (More on P4)... (10)

## India's NSA Pak-Afghan Intelligence Deal Based on Wrong Assumptions

KABUL - India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has said the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on intelligence sharing between Pakistan's military intelligence - Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) with Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) was based on wrong assumptions. "What Pakistan wanted was to take assurance and pressurize Afghanistan that they will not allow their territory to be used for any security



related work by India. That is the crux of it. This is based on a faulty assumption that India probably uses Afghan soil or Afghan nationals for its security purposes," Doval quoted by Indian newspapers said. Reports regarding the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ISI and NDS emerged last week. Sources privy of the development said the two intelligence ... (More on P4)... (9)

## Former President Karzai Leaves for China

KABUL - On the invitation of Chinese government,



former president Hamid Karzai left for Beijing on Saturday. A statement from the office of former president said Karzai left for China in the morning on an unofficial visit. He would stay in China for four days but the statement had no details about his possible meetings with Chinese officials. It merits mention that it is Karzai's second visit to Beijing. Earlier, the former president visited India, Australia, Germany and a number of other countries. (Pajhwok)

## Uruzgan Forces Tactically Retreat from Some Check Posts

TARINKOT - Some residents of Dahrawad district in central Uruzgan province on Saturday claimed militants were about to capture the main district bazaar but security forces said they tactically retreated from some check posts. At least 167 militants, seven Afghan security forces and as many civilians have been killed in fierce clashes that erupted in several parts of the province. For the last few days, insurgents had intensi-



fied attacks on security forces in different districts. Meanwhile, Ibrahim Akh-wndzada, former head of provincial council, said rebels had reached close to the main district bazaar and they were about ... (More on P4)... (11)

## Kunar Elders Want Govt. to Expedite Uplift Projects

ASADABAD - Hundreds of local elders in eastern Kunar province on Monday urged the government to pay more attention on the development of the province. The gathering was held in Asadabad, the provincial capital, in which hundreds of elders, religious scholars, Jihadi leaders, civil society activists and provincial council members participated.

Haji Yar Mullah Khan, a local elder, said they wanted their rights from the central government. "We have professionals and academic cadres in each field. We want the government to give us active role in capital and other provinces." Haji Mohammad Rozi, another elder, said in critical conditions they supported both the presidential candidates during the elections for positive change in the country. Now that both candidates had become president and CEO, they should pay special attention to the province. Provincial council head Mohammad Peelot stressed the people ... (More on P4)... (14)

## US Warns Americans Against Travel to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - The United States on Friday warned its citizens against travelling to



Afghanistan. "The security situation in Afghanistan is extremely unstable, and the threat to all US citizens in Afghanistan remains critical," the State Department said in a travel advisory. The US government remains highly concerned about possible attacks on its citizens (whether visiting or residing

in Afghanistan), facilities, businesses, and perceived American and foreign interests, the advisory said. Attacks may target official government convoys and compounds, including Afghan and US government facilities, foreign embassies and military installations, as well as restaurants, hotels, airports, non-governmental organization (NGO) offices, international organizations, religious institutions, educational centers, foreign guesthouses, and other commercial entities, it said. Extremists associated with various Taliban networks and members of other armed opposition groups are active in every province of the country, the State Department said. Despite numerous security operations and checkpoints by Afghan and coalition forces in and around the capital, Kabul is at high risk for militant ... (More on P4)... (12)

## Soldiers are Still Dying in Afghanistan, Obama Honors

WASHINGTON - President Obama highlighted the stories of three Afghanistan veterans, including one who died as April, in his weekly radio address in advance of his Monday visit to the Arlington National Cemetery. John Dawson was from Massachusetts and "gave his life as an Army combat medic" in April in Afghanistan on a mission to train and advise



Afghan forces, said Obama. Obama said that Wyatt Martin grew up in Arizona and loved fishing and the outdoors, while Ramon Morris was born in Jamaica and came to Queens as a teenager. ... (More on P4)... (13)

## Parwan Residents Accuse PC Members of Inefficiency

CHARIKAR - Some residents of central Parwan province on Saturday expressed grave concern over the performance or work done by the new Provincial Council (PC) in the province. But PC members say some of the work has been done and they were planning to initiate more development projects. The PC members that

emerged successful in the last year's provincial council elections included Ghulam Bahawuddin Jilani, Abdul Martin Quddosi, Saleh Mohammad, Khwaja Mir Mohammad Azim, Asmatullah Mohammad, Mohammad Mujib Shores, Mohammad Khalil Fazli, Qari Abdul Aminullah Shokori, Shams-ul-Haq Shaikhani, Maleka Mayel Zada, and Hasiba Efat.

Mir Hamdullah Munib, Abdul Zahir Salangi, Rahman Ahmadi, and Hosi Bayani are among members who served in previous terms as well. Ghulam Bahawuddin Jilani has been elected as the council's head, while Aminullah Shokori was named as deputy and Shams-ul-Haq Shaikhani as secretary. Some residents of Parwan expressed ... (More on P4)... (15)

## Another Senior Kandahar Official Faces Graft Charges

KANDAHAR CITY - The sanitation and canalization department head for southern Kandahar province and three other workers of the department have been referred to the attorney's office on charges of corruption and negligence in duty. Samim Khpalwak, the provincial government spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the action had been taken in compliance with orders from the new provincial governor, Dr. Humayun Azizi. He said Azizi had recently been appointed as the provincial governor, who had launched a series of investigations into the affairs of provincial departments.

As part of the investigations, Khpalwak said activities of the provincial sanitation director, Abdul Wahab Turabi, had been found unsatisfactory. He said Turabi had been accused of misappropriating funds of some projects and negligence in duty and failing to provide Kandahar City dwellers with clean drinking water. Similar charges have been framed against the three other officials of the department. About 80 percent of residents of Kandahar City lack access to clean drinking water and the department concerned has been unable to resolve the issue over the past 14 years. Previously, the Kandahar Football Federation chief, Mohammad Nabi Niazi, was introduced to the prosecutor's office on corruption charges. Niazi has been accused of collecting two million afghanis in revenue, but it is unknown where and how he spent the money. (Pajhwok)

## Consultative Meetings on Polls Begin in Paktia



GARDEZ - Independent Election Commission (IEC) officials say they have started holding consultative meetings with civil society activists and tribal elders on elections related problems in southeastern Paktia province. They say the meetings are aimed at identifying problems in the previous elections to avoid their repetition and work for their solution so that the future elections are transparent. IEC official Sher Ali Faizi told Pajhwok Afghan News that they had been in contact with tribal elders and civil society groups over the past one month discussing elections related subjects. He said the civil society had mentioned up to 15 problems that plagued the previous elections. He said they had acknowledged those problems to the greater extent and would work jointly with elders and the

society to avoid their recurrence. He said few of the important problems discussed included the distribution of ballot boxes beyond the voter lists, issuance of more than one voter cards to a single person, the absence of observers, lack of transparency in appointment of election duty officials, insecurity, lack of coordination between observers and police and negligence in duty. Faizi said some of the problems were related to the IEC and others to other departments and claimed they had tried their level best to maintain transparency in issues relating to the IEC. Civil society activists and experts welcomed the IEC for initiating consultative meetings with them, but they stressed practical steps to resolve electoral problems. Loya Paktia Culture Centre head Syed Jamaluddin Asafkhel said such consultative meetings with civil society groups would have a positive ... (More on P4)... (17)

## AUAF Confers Honorary Degree on Hamid Karzai

KABUL - In a graduation ceremony held on Friday at the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF), former Afghan president Hamid Karzai was awarded an honorary doctorate for his service to the education sector in the country. The doctorate degree was awarded to Hamid Karzai by the AUAF founder Sharif Fayeze and its president Mark A. English, a statement from Karzai's office said. Karzai said the honorary doctorate was in his name but in reality it belonged to the peo-



ple of Afghanistan. "Whatever today Afghanistan has in education and higher education sector is thanks to the efforts by the youth and people of this country." He said meeting with bright and educated Afghans had given him the feeling that Afghanistan was moving on the path of development. "When my term as president came to an end, I first used to meet with elders. But afterwards I kept meeting with educated youth and those who have studied in domestic as well ... (More on P4)... (16)