

Quote of the Day

There is nothing new under the sun but there are lots of old things we don't know.

Ambrose Bierce

Constitution

If parties involved in a case do not know the language in which the trial is conducted, they have the right to understand the material and documents related to the case through an interpreter and the right to speak in their mother language in the court.

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Germany, US Stress Sweeping Electoral Reforms

KABUL - The US and German special representatives for Afghanistan and Pakistan have stressed the need electoral reforms without further delay. Speaking at a press conference after the Afghanistan Contact Group (ACG) meeting, Daniel Feldman, the US special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, stressed it was necessary that the elections were acceptable to everybody in Afghanistan. "We all want electoral reforms commission be established and start work soon."



Feldman welcomed unity government's efforts in completing its council of ministers, calling it very good news. He praised Afghan security forces' performance for having full responsibility in providing security for Afghan people. He said his government would lend full support for Afghan forces. Michael Koch, German special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, said the ACG meeting in Kabul was a representative ... (More on P4)...(1)

Rula Ghani to Oversee RS Gender Integration Projects, Expenditure



KABUL - Rula Ghani, First Lady of Afghanistan, was named Honorary Chair of a high-level advisory committee established to oversee the Resolute Support (RS) Gender Office's priorities, during a meeting at Resolute Support Headquarters in Kabul ... (More on P4)...(2)

Karzai, Modi Discuss Issues of Mutual Interest

KABUL - During his stopover in New Delhi, former president Hamid Karzai on Saturday held a meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and discussed with him issues of mutual interest. Following invitation of Chinese government, the former president left for Beijing on Saturday morning. A statement from the office of former president said that Karzai left for China 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 ... (More on P4)...(4)

Gen. Campbell

ISIS Actively Recruiting in Afghanistan

KABUL - The commander of international forces in Afghanistan says ISIS is actively recruiting in Afghanistan but is not yet operational there. General John F. Campbell said on Saturday the group's sophisticated social media campaign is attracting Taliban fighters in Afghanistan and Pakistan who are disgruntled with the lack of progress in more than 10 years of fighting to overthrow the Kabul government. ... (More on P4)...(5)

Mohammad Khan

Lack of Political will Behind Electoral Reform Impasse

KABUL - With still no progress on electoral reform, and no date yet set for parliamentary elections, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah's First Deputy, Mohammad Khan, spoke out on Friday to criticize what he sees as a lack of political will among the country's leaders. Implementation of fundamental reforms in Afghanistan's electoral system was one of the central tenets of the national unity government agreement, which brought President Ashraf Ghani and



Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah under the same roof. However, with eight months passed, the leaders have reached an impasse over the formation of a committee to oversee the reform agenda, highlighting their lack of common ground and ... (More on P4)...(6)

CJTF

Govt. Officials Involved in Smuggling Being Punished

KABUL - Special attorney general of the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) said on Saturday cases of government officials allegedly involved in drug trafficking would be referred to courts for action. Baz Mohammad Hussain Hussainkhel during an exclusive ... (More on P4)...(3)

Computerized System Introduced for Revenue Collection: MoF

KABUL - The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on Saturday established computerized system for revenue collection of custom and revenue departments of the country. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in this regard was signed on Saturday



between Mia Gul Maqsood Sabit, secretary of custom and revenue departments, and Esa Khan Turab, deputy director of the Afghanistan Central Bank. Najibullah Wardak, director of the custom and revenue ... (More on P4)...(7)

Indian Consortium Scraps Gigantic Afghan Project

KABUL - After developing cold feet over the proposed \$10.8 billion steel Hajigak iron ore mine project in Afghanistan, conceived in November 2011, the SAIL-led consortium of leading Indian steelmakers has now decided to scrap the project altogether, Indian media reports. The Financial Express reports that an inter-ministerial group is learnt to have come to the conclusion at its



latest meeting that it would be prudent not to pursue the project. Though some perceive Afghan president Mohammad Ghani's pro-Pakistan leanings could ... (More on P4)...(8)

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