

## Quote of the Day

Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.

G. K. Chesterton

## Constitution

The Administration of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan shall be based on central and local administrative units in accordance with the law.

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# Govt. to Review Controversial NDS-ISI MoU

KABUL - Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Sunday said the recent memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Afghanistan and Pakistan's intelligence service (ISI) is not practical and that it will come under review by a panel of experts who will report directly to the president.

This comes after a major public outcry erupted last week following the signing of the accord.

In a statement issued by the NDS, the agency said that in order to make the accord practical and to legitimize it a five-step process has been implemented. This process includes the following steps:

- Determine the framework, scope and authority of the agreement by Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani.



- Refine the draft text agreement by experts from various government agencies - including the NDS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chief Executive

Office and the Office of the National Security Council. This team will report

directly to the president.

- Discussions will be held on the draft agreement at a meeting of the National Security Council.

- A consultative meeting will be held to create a national consensus with political leaders, jihadi leaders and MPs

- Depositing of the agreement text to Pakistan

In the statement, the NDS said it is committed to putting the best interests of the country first in terms of considering such moves with foreign agencies. According to sources, there is reportedly a six month deadline attached to this MoU in terms of bringing changes. Sunday's statement comes after the controversial MoU was signed about 10 days ago between the NDS and ISI committing them to "intelligence sharing and ... (More on P4)...(1)

## Indian Envoy Indian Consortium Not Scraped Hajigak Project



KABUL - Indian ambassador to Afghanistan Amar Sinha on Sunday rejected reports that Indian consortium scraped gigantic Hajigak iron ore mine project in Afghanistan.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News the company in its recent meeting discussed other related issue to the project and focused over

ways in connection of the project.

Amar Sinha retweeted Pajhwok Afghan News, "Not correct. Meeting only did a SWOT analysis of opportunities and strengths. No decision of this sort."

On Saturday Indian media reported the SAIL-led consortium of leading Indian ... (More on P4)...(2)

## Senate Stresses Parliamentary Elections be Held Soon

KABUL - The Meshrano Jirga or upper house of parliament on Sunday asked the government to conduct Wolesi Jirga election as soon as possible.

In a general session, the Meshrano Jirga warned legal term of parliament was about to expire and as per the law the new member of the parliament should join the lower



house before the expiry of its mandated term. Senator Safiullah Hashimi said Wolesi ... (More on P4)...(4)

## Stanikzai Introduced to Wolesi Jirga for "Vote of Confidence"

KABUL - Mohammad Masoum Stanikzai has been introduced to Wolesi Jirga or the lower house of parliament for a vote of confidence for the position of minister of defense.

Ajmal Obaid Abedi, spokesman for the President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has confirmed the report.

He says Mohammad Masoum Stanikzai who was nominated for the position of minister for the Ministry of Defense by the president has been introduced to the House of Representatives for a vote of confidence. If Mohammad ... (More on P4)...(7)

## HPC, Taliban Hold Parlays in China

KABUL - The High Peace Council (HPC) of Afghanistan held a meeting with a four member Taliban delegation in Ürümqi, the capital of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China, a well-placed source said on Sunday.

The source wishing to go unnamed told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban's four-member delegation had traveled to China recently where they met with the HPC Secretary Masoum Stanikzai. The HPC also confirmed Stanikzai visit to China. Mullah Hassan Rahmani, Mullah Jalil, Mullah Abdul Razaq and Mullah Noorul-Din ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Gen. Campbell

### Daesh Recruiting in Afghanistan

KABUL - In a meeting on Sunday with Afghan First Lady Rula Ghani, US Gen. John Campbell, Resolute Support Mission commander, said that Daesh was actively recruiting in the country, but was not yet operational in Afghanistan. Associated Press quoted Campbell as saying: "It is absolutely a concern." He



said the group was using a sophisticated social media campaign to attract Taliban fighters in Afghanistan and Pakistan who were disgruntled at the lack of progress they were making in overthrowing the Kabul government. He said Daesh's presence in Afghanistan has grown considerably in the past six months. ... (More on P4)...(5)

## Officials

### NUG Leaders Resolve Issues on Electoral Reform Commission

KABUL - The Office of the Chief Executive has said that President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah have agreed on issues relating to the electoral reform commission and an announcement by Ghani to this effect is imminent.

However, the Presidential Palace is yet to comment on the matter.

This comes after recent comments by the international community that unless government committed to electoral reforms urgently, aid for this process would be scrapped. However at the recent International Contact



Group on Afghanistan ... (More on P4)...(3)

### Pakistan in State of Undeclared War with Afghanistan: Ghani

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Sunday while introducing Masoum Stanekzai as acting defence minister, said Pakistan was in a state of "undeclared war" with Afghanistan and peace with the neighboring state was of paramount importance.



Ghani introduced Massoum Stanikzai as acting defence minister, Lt. Gen. Abdul Khaliq as deputy defence minister and Lt. Gen. Qadam Shah as Chief of Army Staff, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

"Our ... (More on P4)...(6)

### Afghanistan to Have Sea Access through Chabahar Port by 2016-End

KABUL - Afghanistan is expected to have sea-land access through the strategic Chabahar port in Iran by the end of next year, it has been reported.

The strategic port will also enable the Central Asian countries to bypass Pakistan. "Work has already begun on the Chabahar port. There is a joint venture

of Kandla Port Trust (KPT) and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)," India's Road Transport, Highways and Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari told PTI in an interview.

Gadkari further added "We will start port activities in a year or a year-and-a-half," Road ... (More on P4)...(9)

### Pakistan to Host Regional Meeting on Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan will host senior officials meeting of the "Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process" on Monday to discuss the upcoming ministerial conference to be held in Islamabad later this year. The Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process was launched in 2011 to bring together regional countries to promote peace and prosperity in Afghanistan through concerted efforts of participating and supporting countries as well as international and regional organizations engaged in the process.

Representatives from other 12 participating countries, 16 supporting countries and 12 regional and international organizations have been invited to attend the meeting, the Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

The deliberations in these senior officials meetings would form the basis for the Islamabad Declaration, to be endorsed by Heart of Asia countries and organizations during the ministerial conference.

The meeting will be co-chaired by Pakistan's Foreign Secretary of Aizaz Ahmad ... (More on P4)...(10)

### Ghor MPs Meddling in District Affairs Paralyzes System

FIROZKOH - A number of residents of Lal-o-Sarjantal district in western Ghor province allege lawmakers' interference in affairs of local officials have interrupted and paralyzed work in the entire district.

Lal-o-Sarjantal is a remote district of Ghor province bordering Bamyan province. It is among the safest districts in the province, but people complain about challenges in administrative, education, and reconstruction sectors.

The district has 130,000 inhabitants and has three representatives in the national assembly and four representatives in the provincial council.

The residents complain the administration of the district is in the hands of some lawmakers. They say despite challenges they voted last year, but now they regret why they go for vote process.

They alleged that difference of opinion between provincial council members and parliamentarians caused them only work for their interest and pay no attention to resolve problems of the people.

Mohammad Reza Arif, a resident of Lal-o-Sarjantal, said they voted for their representative amid great hopes but now their representatives had turned into a headache ... (More on P4)...(11)

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