

Quote of the Day

I want freedom for the full expression of my personality.

Mahatma Gandhi

Constitution

The number, area, parts, and structures of the provinces and the related administrations are regulated by law on the basis of population, social and economic conditions, and geographic location.

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Turkmenistan Offers to Hold Inter-Afghan Talks Under UN Auspices

ASHGABAT - Turkmenistan reiterated its readiness to deliver its political area for holding the inter-Afghan peaceful dialogue under the UN auspices and to take an active part in working out new political and diplomatic mechanisms to resolve this issue, the government of Turkmenistan said May 27.

The statement was made during a meeting between President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and the Afghan president's Special Representative for the CIS countries Mohammad Shaker Kargar.

President Berdimuhamedov stressed his country's interest in the sustainable development of Afghanistan. Ashgabat stands for the peaceful settlement of the situation and the establishment of peace in the neighboring country by using ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

Afghani Bank Notes Wearing out Prematurely

KABUL - Carelessness and misuse are said to be the causes of over 193 million AFN worth of paper money deteriorating prematurely, officials from the Afghan Central Bank said on Tuesday. The Central Bank is now expected to foot the bill to replenish the market with new bank notes.

According to officials, Afghani bank notes are expected to have a shelf-life of three years. However, the reality appears to be that a large amount of newly minted bills wear-out as quickly as six months.

"Proper use of bank notes can result in them lasting for as long as six years, but there are also people who don't use the bank notes properly and this causes a majority of the notes to wear-out early," Central Bank Second Deputy Muhammad Eisa Turab said.

University professor Akbar Ahmadi explained that replacing the prematurely ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

Obama Calls on NATO Members to Help Stabilize Afghanistan



WASHINGTON - U.S. President Barack Obama on Tuesday called on all NATO member countries to help stabilize Afghanistan. Speaking after a meeting with NATO

Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at the White House, Obama said not only the United States, but also all NATO members should offer training and other support to Afghan forces following

the drawdown of NATO troops. Obama said the issue will be discussed at a NATO summit in July in the Polish capital city of Warsaw. "We had ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

New British Envoy Taliban Committing Acts like Terrorists



KABUL - New British ambassador to Afghanistan Karen Pierce, who presented her credentials to President Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday, said the Taliban were committing acts like terrorists by killing and targeting civilians and posing threat to Afghanistan's security.

Speaking to reporters at the British Embassy in Kabul after her meeting with Ghani at the Presidential Palace, the UK envoy said she spoke to the Afghan leader on various issues of mutual interest, including the situation in Afghanistan, challenges and ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

Li Yuanchao China will Support Afghan Reconciliation Process

KABUL - Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao met with former president Hamid Karzai on Wednesday at the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing, Chinese media reports.

Li said China and Afghanistan are friendly neighbors that understand, trust and support each other.

As this year marks the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic ties between the two countries, Li said China stands ready to work together with Afghanistan to further boost cooperation on trade, investment and security to benefit the people of the two coun-



tries. China will continue supporting the process of reconstruction and reconciliation in Afghanistan, and helping to achieve peace, stability and development in the country at an early date,

Li added. Hailing the traditional friendship between the two nations, Karzai thanked the Chinese side for the contribution to Afghanistan's process of peace and ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Unity Govt. Unconstitutional Until Loya Jirga Convened



KABUL - The unity government would continue to wield "extra-constitutional authority" until a loya jirga is called into session, which needs electoral reforms before con-

ducting parliamentary and district council polls, a member of the newly-created electoral reforms body said on Wednesday. The power-sharing agreement ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

Fatemi Reiterates Pakistan Support for Afghan Reconciliation Process

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and Afghanistan on Wednesday agreed that the two countries should work closely for peace, stability and security in Afghanistan, which is essential for peace and

socio-economic development in the region. Pakistan's contribution for Afghanistan's reconstruction, rehabilitation, peace and security was appreciated. The agreement ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

Abidi Appointed as Deputy Head of NDS

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani appointed Ajmal Obaid as the Deputy Head of the Afghan Intelligence - National Directorate of Security (NDS).

Abidi was serving as spokesperson for President Ghani and was appointed for the post earlier in February this year.

In an online message posted on President Ghani's Twitter account, he said Hamdullah Mohib "will be covering media until we appoint a new spokesperson. I hope media colleagues will extend their full support to him."

In another Twitter message, President Ghani said "Thanks to ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

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