#### **Quote of the Day**

Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil

C. S. Lewis English essayist & juvenile novelist (1898 - 1963)





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## Reconstruction of Ruined Palace Begins in Afghan Capital

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani dedicated an ambitious reconstruction project on Monday to restore the ruins of historic Darul Aman palace, an initiative aimed at signalling a new future for the war-torn country. Much of Kabul has been repaired since devastating civil wars, but the palace has gathered dust atop a hill on the outskirts of the capital, a scarred memorial to the country's shattered past.

"Today, we witness returning to the past while building a foundation for the future," Ghani said, standing inside the bombed-out shell of the structure. Built in a more peace-



ful time in the early 1920s, the tempts to bring peace to Afghanistan. It was viet occupation in 1979, before being heavily Abdul ... (More on P4)...(1)

Aman palace has been a symbol of failed at- repeatedly burned, including during the So-

lamaged by fighting and abandoned during the civil war in the

Until recently, curious visitors who made friends with the guards could pick their way around the collapsed roofs and crumbling, bullet-marked walls. Now Darul Aman and the neighbouring Tajbeg Palace, also ruined, sit within view of a new, nearly \$100 million Afghan National Assembly building, which was inaugurated in December. Fundraising for the Darul Aman palace reconstruction began with a government campaign in 2012. The project is expected to cost \$16.5 million to \$20 million and take three to five years, said

#### **Gov't Mounts Pressure on Taliban** since Mansoor's Death

KABUL - Afghan government forces have increased pressure on anti-government militants since the death of Taliban supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mansoor as armed insurgents have been killed across the militancy-plagued country over the past week.

According to security officials, more than 100 armed insurgents, including several commanders have been killed and hundreds others injured since confirmation of Mansoor's death.

In the latest push against Taliban, Afghan security forces cleared several villages including Kokchinar the bastion of Taliban

militants in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of the northern Baghlan province early Monday and the insurgents fled away, according to Dawlat Waziri, spokesman of the Afghan Defense Ministry. Meanwhile, Baghlan provincial governor, Abdul Satar Bariz, in talks with Xinhua confirmed a clash Baghlan-e-Markazi

district and said that aircraft attack on a Taliban battle tank Sunday evening killed four insurgents and injured six others.

The governor also said that over two dozen Taliban fighters have been killed in parts of Baghlane-Markazi district over ...(More on P4)...(2)

#### **Kabul Wants Registered** Afghans to Stay in Pakistan Until 2020



PESHAWAR - Pakistan has received a formal request from the Afghan government for a four years extension to 1.5 million registered refugees, a media report said on Monday.

The legal stay of registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan will expire by the end of June, but the Ashraf Ghani administration is not yet ready to meet the needs of the returnees due to problems, including

Led by Minister for Refugees and Repatriation Syed Hussain Alemi Balkhi, a high-level delegation recently requested Pakistan to extend the stay of refugees until 2020.

But Islamabad is yet to respond to the request, Dawn said, adding: "Afghanistan wants its citizens to remain in Pakistan till 2020," he added.

Hosting more than three million registered and undocumented Afghans, Pakistan has been granting extensions to the documented refugees since 2009. The newspaper quoted an official as saying that Pakistan was willing to grant extension to registered refugees until 2017 -- an offer that was held out at the tripartite commission meeting in Kabul.

Afghanistan and UNHCR say refugees should not be forced to return to their country and that the process should be completed through aUN-sponsored voluntary repatriation programme.

"However, four to five families were returning under the voluntary repatriation plan on a daily basis. It would take decades to complete the process if it was left to voluntary repatriation," Pakistani officials say. (Pajhwok)

# Wolesi Jirga Seeks Return of Draft Law on Basic Govt. Structure

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Monday asked the government to resend the draft law on 'government basic structure' to the lower house for approval.

The draft law on the basic structure of government once landed in parliament in August 2006 after being approved by the Council of Ministers, but the Wolesi Jirga sent the draft back to the government for a review after 13 months.

A lawmaker from central Bamyan province, Fakoor Behishti, told Monday's general session the government should resend the draft law

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mats from Pakistan and Af-



on basic government structure as soon as possible.

Without elaborating, he said the government had established many entities including the High Peace Council without consulting the parliament.

'We have repeatedly asked the government and have sent official letters to the government to dispatch the law on government basic structure, but the government is yet to do so," Wolesi Jirga speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahimi said.

He said the law on basic government structure was important and highly required. (Pajhwok)

## Zakhilwal, Aziz Meet on Peace **Prospects after Mansour's Death**

GHAZNI CITY - Thirty villages in the Khogyani district of southern Ghazni province have been cleared of militants as a result of a clearing operation, officials said on Monday. They conducted clearing operations two days ago in Khogyani district, killing a Taliban commander Mullah Mohibullah along with three others, a commander of 3rd brigade of th 203rd Thunder Military corps, Lt. Col. Toryalai, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said several others militants were wounded during the op-

Deputy provincial police chief Asadullah Shujaee said several villages had been cleared of the presence of militants in Khogyani. "We have captured areas from Taliban where they had established trenches and would fire at security forces from ...(*More on P4*)...( 3)

#### 30 Villages Cleared of Insurgents in Ğhazni: Officials

#### Women's **Participation** Weak in Kunduz **Public Sector**

KUNDUZ CITY - Women's participation in government departments is weak in northeastern Kunduz province where even a single female official could be seen in judiciary organs.

Civil society activists in Kunduz say women have the lowest presence in government departments in violation of the government's employment rules. Raheela Shirzad, a civil soci-

ety activist in Kunduz city, said widespread corruption in government entities and the lack of a safe working environment for women are main problems in Kunduz. "Women get education and accept hardships, but male officers do not regard women as colleagues and try to use them for personal pleas-

ure," she said. A female provincial council member, Fawzia Yaftali also complained the government always promised empowering women but did nothing in practical.

"The government has completely failed in promoting women, the government does not use women's ability in ensuring good governance," she said. She asked the Kunduz governor to take decisive action and employ women to local departments.

A women's activist, Marzia Rustami, said many vacancies reserved for women in Kunduz were just symbolic. "After the collapse of Kudnuz City to the Taliban, the women's participation in government offices has further ...(*More on P4*)...( 4)

#### an official told Pajhwok Afghan April 18, the Quadrilateral Coor-News. After Mansour's death on May 21, Aziz blamed Wash-

ghanistan met on Monday on prospects of the peace process after the killing of the Taliban leader in last week's US drone strike. AfghanAmbassador Dr. Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz in Islamabad to discuss the moribund peace drive. Issues of bilateral interest, including the Afghan peace campaign following the death of Mullah Akhtar Mansour in the Naushki district of Balochistan province, figured at the meeting,

ington for adding a new complexity to the Afghan conflict. "We believe that this action has undermined the Afghan peace

dination Group (QCG), involving Afghanistan, Pakistan, the US and China, had agreed that a political settlement was the most viable option and efforts must go on to bring the Taliban to the neprocess," he told reporters. On gotiating table. (Pajhwok)



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#### **Indian PM to Inaugurate** Salma Dam on June 4

KABUL - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Afghanistan this week to inaugurate a major dam project in Western Herat province, a news channel reported. After his trip to the wartorn country, where India is sponsoring several reconstruction schemes, Modi would fly to the US to address a joint session of the Congress on June 8, NDTV said on Sunday.



Modi will go to Afghanistan on June 4, where he will inaugurate the Salma Dam in Herat that has been funded by India, the

channel quoted unnamed sources as saying. Afghan officials from the Ministry of Water and Energy ...(More on P4)...(5)

## Air Force Needs U.S Support: MoD

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Daesh in Kunduz and

forces] have contribut-

ed in the destruction of

KABUL - Afghan Ministry of Defense (MoD) on erates with us against Monday said that until the air force is self-sufficient it will need U.S air force support.

The Ministry said that the enemy," said MoD U.S forces have helped to the Taliban.

Afghan armed forces in tough situations and brought heavy casualties "Besides our air force,

More than 20 months have passed since the signing of the Kabul-Washington pact - the Bi-

lateral Security Agreement - and in this time, Afghan armed forces have been Nangarhar and they [U.S equipped with advanced technology by the U.S but it still needs more. "A number of articles of

spokesman Dawlat Wathe agreement regarding the Afghan security forces' salaries and providing technical assistance are partially implemented but it is ...(*More on P4*)...(*6*)

### Over 2,000 People on Afghan 'Blacklist'

KABUL - The Interior Ministry has said the names of nearly 2,400 people are on Afghan security agencies' blacklist and that they continue their efforts to arrest them.

The Interior Ministry spokesman, Sediq Sediqqi, said it has

been part of their duty for the past few years to arrest blacklisted people accused of various crimes - including drug smuggling and terror activi-

ties, among other crimes. "There are a number of systems that we work on in collaboration with other security agencies. There are a number of individuals that we are chasing who are suspects or criminals and some that the



court has announced a verdict against," he said.

According to TOLOnews' Tamim Hamid, there is limited information about the identities of blacklisted individuals and that security agencies have not provided further details in this regard. "If they are in cities and if police see them, they will be recognized or their place will be identified and then they will be arrested, ...(*More on P4*)...(7)