

MPs Called Alleged Stoning of Rokhshana Inhumane, Un-Islamic

KABUL - Lawmakers strongly criticized stoning of Rokhshana, 19, accused of adultery, and called it inhumane and un-Islamic. The woman was stoned last week in accusation of adultery with a young man. Reportedly she had fled from the house with the young boy because she was forced to marry with an old man against her will. Abdul Rauf Ibrahim, Speaker of the House said on Wednesday, "stoning of Rokhshana in public was inhumane and un-Islamic. Stoning is legal limit, but without proof and without the verdict of a legal court shakes everyone and we strongly condemn it". Naqibullah Faiq another member of the House from Faryab province



said, " according to the law of Islam, no one can sentence someone to a court based on a claim. There was only a claim over Rokhshana. In most parts of Afghanistan there are a lot of people who things they are God and we have to prevent these people". A number of lawmakers urged for approval of the law on elimination of violence against women by Afghan parliament. "Crimes have been committed under the name of Sharia and no one investigate these crimes. Recently public courts have increased and it is the time to rectify the law on elimination of violence against women, so we can ... (More on P4)...(9)

Municipality Title will Be Selective, Optional: Popal

KABUL - Head of the local Governance in the first celebration of International City Day in Kabul has said, " municipality rank will go in selection process, and mayor will be chosen from the people, saying there some challenges ahead which decrease the speed of the activities. Acting Mayor for Kabul city AbdulHad Wahed said, " 5 million residents of Kabul city are facing series challenges on daily basis, they suffer from lack of transportation, Traffic jams, no standard infrastructures in the city, the over number of the population in the capital has overshadowed the activities of the municipality." Head of the local Governance Abdul Baqi Popal said, " the Kabul mayor post to be ... (More on P4)...(10)

Plane Carrying Relief Supplies from China Arrives in Kabul

KABUL - An airliner carrying much-needed relief supplies provided by China arrived in Kabul after a 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck the country on Oct. 26. The plane brought aid supplies worth 10 million yuan, including 20,000 blankets, 300 tents, and 60 generators. Chinese and Afghan officials signed the documents to hand over the supplies shortly after the plane's arrival. Wais Ahmad Barkam, Afghan ... (More on P4)...(16)

Afghanistan's 'Mother of Education' Wins Wise 2015 Laureate Award



DOHA - The Seventh World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) 2015 has awarded WISE Prize for Education Laureate to Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL) Founder and Executive Director Dr Sakena Yacoobi at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) here Wednesday. Popularly known ... (More on P4)...(11)

China Names New Special Envoy for Afghanistan Affairs

BEIJING - China has recently named a new special envoy for Afghanistan affairs to promote peace and reconciliation in the war-torn country, a spokesperson said on Wednesday. Deng Xijun, who ended his tenure as ambassador to Afghanistan in October this year, has been named as a special representative for Afghanistan affairs, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying confirmed at a regular news briefing. Deng, a veteran diplomat, has mainly been engaged in Asian affairs, including posts at Chinese embassies in Myanmar, the Philippines, Malaysia ... (More on P4)...(17)

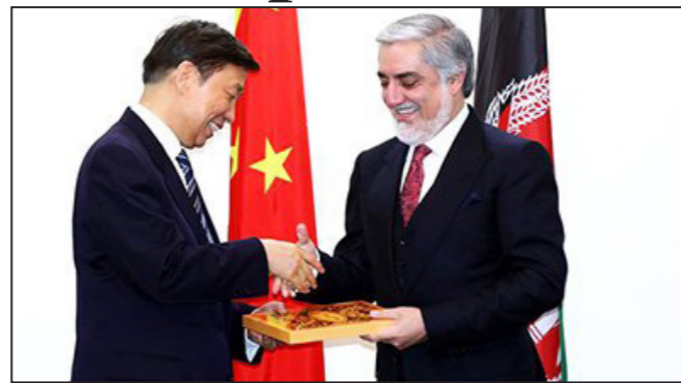
Fired Staff Accuse Administrative Affairs Office of Nepotism

KABUL - The President's Administrative Affairs Office has reportedly fired nearly 200 employees of the office since the establishment of National Unity Government - provoking anger of the workers that have been dropped to the waiting-list. The dismissed

officials on Tuesday strongly criticized the action, accusing the office of nepotism. Mohammad Nasim, who says to have worked for the office for 27 years, was fired last week. "It was around 3 p.m. in the afternoon when I was ... (More on P4)...(12)

Abdullah and Li Discuss Bilateral Cooperation

KABUL - Chinese Vice President, Li Yuanchao, and CEO Abdullah Abdullah held a meeting Tuesday evening in Kabul to discuss bilateral cooperation aimed at further strengthening the historic diplomatic ties between the two nations.



He stated without naming any country that supporting insurgency is not in the interest of any country. "It is important that all countries recognize the fact that supporting terrorism and extremism will not serve any

countries [and] any nations' interests," Abdullah said. He maintained that the National Unity Government (NUG) is making all efforts to achieve a sustainable peace. "The unity government is ... (More on P4)...(14)

Afghans Set up Human Trafficking Network into Europe: German Intelligence

BERLIN - Afghanistan nationals established a network for trafficking illegal migrants into Europe, and it can be expected that the number of refugees from Afghanistan will increase in the near future, according to the data provided to the German gov-

ernment by Germany's Intelligence (BND), according to the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. "A highly professional structure of smugglers has emerged in Afghanistan. The network extends across Turkey ... (More on P4)...(13)

MSF Call for Independent Int'l Inquiry for Kunduz Airstrike

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Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD)
National Solidarity Program (NSP)
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REoI)
For
National Individual Consultant Head, FP Management Department (FPMD)
(Reference # MRRD/NSP III/CN/102)

Country: Afghanistan
Ministry: Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD)
Type: Individual (National) Consultant
Project: National Solidarity Programme Phase Three (NSP III)
Project ID: P117103
Grant #: ARTF (and/or other grants as may be available)
Issue Date: 04th November, 2015
Closing Date: 18th November, 2015

I. General Introduction:

The National Solidarity Program is the largest of the Afghanistan Government's national priority programmes and is the second largest development programme in the world. The Program is implemented by the Afghanistan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and currently into its 13th year and 3rd phase. NSP consists of four core elements:

- Facilitation at the community level to assist communities establish inclusive community institutions known as Community Development Councils (CDCs);
- Building the capacities of CDC and community members;
- Providing direct block grant transfers to fund approved subprojects; and
- Linking CDCs to government agencies, NGOs, and donors to improve access to services and resources.

NSP Phase Three (NSP III) includes two sub phases: a) covering some of the remaining communities in the country through rollout to an additional around 12,000 new communities, and b) providing a second round of block grants to a select 11,400 existing communities that have successfully utilized their first round of block grants. NSP aims to build local governance and provide socio-economic productive infrastructure to rural communities in Afghanistan. In addition to its core structure comprising over 800 national employees, the NSP contracts an international firm to serve as its Financial Management Agent (FMA) and other individual international and national consultants to provide technical assistance to its various departments. The NSP also contracts around 30 firms (including UN agencies and NGOs) to serve as Facilitating Partners (FPs).

II. Introduction to the NSP FP Management Department:

The Facilitating Partners' Management Department (FPMD) is one of NSP PIU HQ's 10 Departments, and the one that serves as the window between the NSP management and NSP's FPs. NSP III currently has 28 FPs formed of national and international non-for-profit Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), national and international private for-profit firms, and 1 UN agency. The NSP III, up to late September 2015, had over 175 FP contracts from NSP I, II, IIIA and IIIB phases. Around 80 of the NSP I and II FP contracts have been closed out. The remaining NSP III FP contracts have been merged into 1 contract per FP, with only the remaining work feasible and the remaining costs included. This then leaves the FPMD with a much easier to manage set of 28 FP contracts with an overall total contracted value of US\$ 70 million. The FPMD thus manages or supports in FP procurement, contracting, contract management, performance management, relationship management, evaluation, etc.

III. Specific Roles/ Responsibilities Expected of the Consultant Position:

The Head of the NSP FPMD is expected to manage all the staff and the work outputs of the Department. The key responsibilities are outlined below:

General

- Preparation, periodic revisions and implementation of the Department's work plans and budgets.
- Day to day management of all activities of the Department.
- Complete ToR is available in ARDS, NSP and ACBAR Websites.

Specific:

Provide support to the NSP management and other NSP departments by ensuring that the FPMD handles the following tasks efficiently and effectively:

- Preparing and revising the FP Terms of References/Scope of Works (ToRs/ SoWs) depending on the changing needs of the Program or changing policies/procedures/guidelines in its various established manuals, procurement and contracting of FPs;
- Complete ToR is available in ARDS, NSP and ACBAR Websites.

IV. Qualification Requirements

Academic:

A Bachelor degree in Community/Rural Development, Social Sciences, and/or Business Administration is required. A Post Graduate in similar fields is highly preferred. Persons with other non-related degrees but with ideal work experience for the position will also be considered.

Work Experience:

A minimum of 5 years of general work experience and a minimum of 3 years of specific experience with mid to senior-level management of development programs with Government, the donor/UN community and/or very reputed international/national NGOs is required. A minimum of 1 year experience in contract management and administration at mid to senior levels is preferable.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **18th November, 2015**.

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