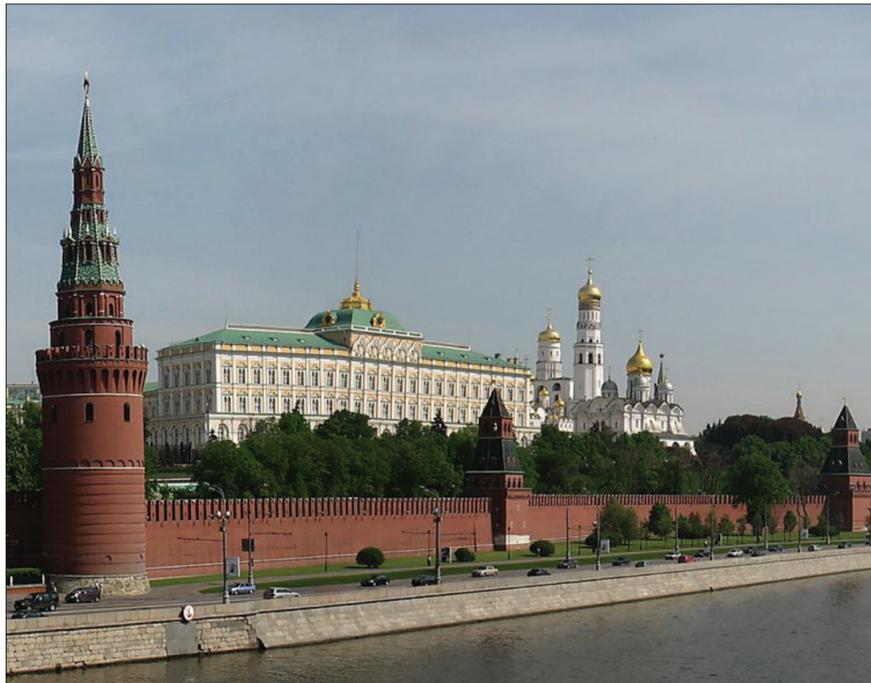


## MoFA Says High Peace Council Might attend Moscow Summit

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Sunday said that discussions are still ongoing between Afghanistan and Russia about the nature and details of a possible peace meeting on Afghanistan in Moscow.*

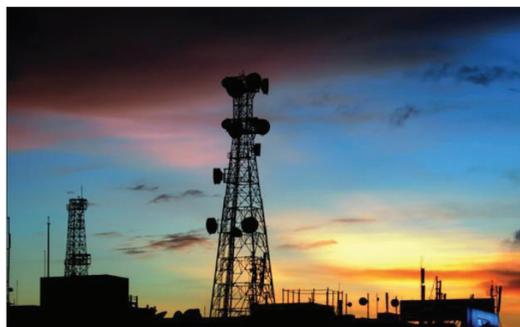


KABUL - "We are in consultations about the modality, nature and timing of Moscow meeting, these items are still under discussion, but what could happen is that a High Peace Council delegation could attend the Moscow peace meeting; but the government until now has not finalized its decision about the Moscow peace meeting," said MoFA deputy spokesman Sibghat Ahmadi. However, the Afghan government

has not clarified its position on the possible meeting. But sources have said that it is unlikely that the Afghan government will attend the meeting. Kabul has been pushing for both Afghanistan and Russia to co-host such a meeting. But the Russians have reportedly not responded positively to this suggestion in the wake of the Taliban's opposition to such a move. Meanwhile, officials from the Af-

ghanistan High Peace Council (HPC) have said that a delegation from the peace facilitating body will attend the Moscow conference on behalf of the Afghan government. "A delegation from the High Peace Council will participate in the Moscow peace conference on behalf of Afghanistan," said HPC spokesman Sayed Ehsan Tahiri. "Ten countries have been invited to the ... (More on P4)...(10)

## Ghazni Residents in Troubles as Taliban Suspend Telecom Services



GHAZNI CITY - Residents of the capital of southern Ghazni province on Sunday said Taliban insurgents again suspended mobile phone services in the province that faced them with great trouble. Taliban confirmed suspending mobile phone services in Ghazni. It is the third time telecom services have been shut in the province after the insurgents' coordinated attack on the provincial capital. Habib Rahman, a resident of Ghazni city, told Pajhwok Afghan News that only Salaam and Roshan telecom companies were working and the rest other companies suspended their services from the last three days. "The voice call quality using Roshan and Salaam companies is also very poor, but they, however, function," he said. Rahmatullah Marjankhel, a journalist in Ghazni city, said

they were faced with great trouble due to halt in telephone services in the province. "I cannot contact my office in capital Kabul from the last few days, I cannot send reports," he said. A number of other residents of Ghazni city had similar complaints. They say people worry Taliban would again attack Ghazni city after telephone services halted. Governor's spokesman, Mohammad Arif Noori, said that they were unaware about the reason of halt in telephone services in the province. "The officials of telecom companies are invited to the governor's house to talk about the issue and find a solution to it," he said. Noori said that Afghan forces were in control and Taliban would not be able to attack Ghazni city again. A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, ... (More on P4)...(11)

## 17 Taliban, Daesh Rebels Killed in Laghman, Nangarhar Airstrikes

JALALABAD - Ten Taliban militants and seven Daesh or so-called Islamic state (IS) rebels have been killed in separate airstrikes in eastern Laghman and Nangarhar provinces, officials said on Sunday.

Maj. Mohammad Haroon Yousufzai, spokesman for the ANA's 201st Selab Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan that the foreign troops drone strike targeted the Daesh rebels' hideouts in Nangarhar and Laghman provinces. He said seven Daesh rebels had been killed in the airstrike in Dwakholi Nazian locality of the Nazyan district of Nangarhar province late on Saturday.

In Laghman, four rebels were killed, during foreign forces airstrike in Gulakhle locality of the Alishang district late on Saturday, the governor's spokesman said.

According to another report, six Taliban militants had been killed in Badpakh district late on Saturday night.

Asadullah Dawlatzai confirmed to Pajhwok that the foreign forces airstrike targeted the Taliban hideouts in Badpakh district where some power abducted employees were kept.

Taliban and Daesh have not yet commented in these regards. (Pajhwok)



## Samangan Pistachio Yield Witnesses 26pc Hike this Year

AIBAK - The pistachio yield in northern Samangan province is estimated to have risen 212 tonnes this year, showing an increase of 26 per cent and farmers have earned 265 million afghanis from the business, an official said on Sunday. Samangan agriculture director, Mohammad Usman, told Pajhwok Afghan News pistachio had been harvested from 32 hectares of land in Aibak, the provincial capital, Hazrat Sultan, Dara-I-Suf and Firoz Zankhichir districts. He said the farmers have earned 210 million afghanis last year and 265 million afghanis the ongoing year. Usman added, per seven kilo-



grams of quality pistachio produced in the province last year accounted for 1,250 afghanis.

Farmers expressed happiness over the increase in the fruits production and the income accruing from it. ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Six Afghans 'Missing' after Failing to Return from Invictus Games

KABUL - Five Afghan athletes and one coach failed to return home last week from Australia after having taken part in the Sydney Invictus Games. According to the UK's Telegraph and Australian media, the team, consisting of eight athletes and three coaches, were all due to fly out last week. However six of them failed to arrive at the airport in Sydney to fly home with the rest of the team.



Media reports indicate that the whereabouts of the missing team members is currently unknown

but that a volunteer who assisted the Afghan team during the competition believes they plan to formally seek asylum.

"One of them actually said when he came and saw the people here - basically it was his first time coming ... (More on P4)...(9)

### Invitation for Bids (IFB) For Procurement of Telemedicine Equipment in Three Hospitals and Establishment of a Medical Data Centre in MOPH Premise (3 Lots)

IFB No: NPA/MOPH/97/G-2228/ICB

National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Procurement of Telemedicine Equipment in Three Hospitals and Establishment of a Medical Data Centre in MOPH Premise (3 Lots)**, IFB No: NPA/MOPH/97/G-2228/ICB.

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law and Procurement, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Sources/Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

Interested eligible bidders may download bid document in English version from NPA Website:

[www.npa.gov.af](http://www.npa.gov.af), or obtain by email from address: [nooria.parsa@aop.gov.af](mailto:nooria.parsa@aop.gov.af).

[Monaza.wafa@aop.gov.af](mailto:Monaza.wafa@aop.gov.af) copy to: [faridsamadi1994@gmail.com](mailto:faridsamadi1994@gmail.com),

[fanoossargand@yahoo.com](mailto:fanoossargand@yahoo.com), or receive by flash memory at the address given below from 8:00

AM to 4:00 PM on any working day from Saturday to Thursday.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) mentioned as below in USD or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency

Bid Security For Three Lots	Amount In USD
Lot One	6,000
Lot Two	6,470
Lot Three	16,000
<b>Total Lots</b>	<b>28,470</b>

Bank Security should be valid for 148 days from bid submission deadline till **04 May, 2019**

Pre- Bid meeting shall be held at 10.00 Am on **26/11/2018** (Monday), at MOPH, Procurement Directorate, Medicine procurement Department, first floor of the admin and finance building, Kabul, Afghanistan

Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **10.00 AM** (local time) on **8th - December- 2018**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids are not being opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

The address referred to above is:

**National Procurement Authority (NPA)**  
**Administrative Office of the President**  
**Geodesy Building**  
**Telephone: 0791045597**  
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