## Quote of the Day

People are difficult to govern because they have too much knowledge.

Chinese philosopher (604 BC - 531 BC)





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# IS Plans to Create Emirate in Afghanistan: Russia

SOCHI - Plans of the Islamic State, an international terrorist organization outlawed in Russia, to establish a province in northern Afghanistan pose a threat to Central Asian states, Iran and China, Yevgeny Sysoyev, a deputy chief of Russia's Federal Security Service and chief of the administration of the National Anti-terrorist Committee, said on Tuesday.

"The Islamic State is stepping up its positions in Afghanistan. Its leaders in January 2015 declared the creation of the Khorasan emirate," he said at the 7th regional conference of the International Association



Eastern European and Central Asian states. "Under these plans, Afghanistan is to become a starting point for creating a new province of an Islamist quasi-state that is to include along with Afghanistan the territories of Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Iran and China's northwestern provinces."

Another factor of increased threat is the fact that a number of terrorist groups acting in Afghanistan, such as the Islamic Party of Turkmenistan, have joined the Islamic State, which creates prerequisites for recruiting ... (More on P4)...(1)

#### Afghanistan is **Important Partner** of China: Deng



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani met with Deng Xijun, the special representative of China for Afghanistan and Pakistan in Kabul, president's office said in a statement.

"In the meeting that was held in Arg [Presidential Palacel, Mr. Deng Xijun said that Afghanistan is an important partner of China and to that end we work jointly with Afghanistan to eliminate terrorism in the region and ensure lasting peace and economic development in the country," the statement

At the meeting, Xijun underscored the importance of Afghanistan's role in improving security in the

"President Ghani thanked the People's Republic of China for its assistance to Afghanistan in different areas and commended the efforts of China towards development and progress of Afghanistan and ensuring security in the country and region," according to the statement. ... (More on P4)...(4)

#### Senate, Civil **Activists Accused Govt.** of Negligence in **Releasing Abductees**



KABUL - Mashrano Jirga (Upper House of the Parliament) on Tuesday accused the National Unity Government (NUG) of incompetence in releasing the civilians who abducted by Daesh group.

The Senate House declared that beheading of seven civilians by Daesh is against humanity and its perpetrators will be ashamed in front of Allah.

Afghan Senators noted that the insecurity and injustice are increasing day by day and the government is reckless against the issues.

Those who were responsible for releasing the abductees should be brought to the court," said Senator Faisal Sami. ... (More on P4)...(5)

#### Senate

#### **US Interest in** Pakistan would Further **Strengthen Terrorists**



KABUL - Upper House of the Parliament or Meshrano Jirga says that America's interest in Pakistan would further strengthen terrorists.

Pakistan's Chief of Army General Raheel Sharif is scheduled to pay a state visit to the United States in coming days and besides other issues he will also discuss Afghanistan's security with US officials. ... (More on P4)...(6)

#### Ghani's Adviser Responsible for Housing **Project: Minister**

KABUL - Minister of Urban Development said Tuesday that President Ashraf Ghani's legal adviser, Abdul Ali Mohammadi, is responsible for the housing scheme project signed with Khalilullah Frozi, a criminal in Kabul Bank scandal.

Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi, the minister, told TOLOnews that president's adviser had sent three letters to his ministry in order to get permission to build the "Smart City Township" - kicked off last Wednesday in a ceremony attended by the Mohammadi, Naderi and Ghani's special envoy for reform and good governance Ahmad Zia Mas-

However after mounting criticism of government, Ghani ordered cancellation of the project worth \$900 million USD. ...(More on P4)...(7)

## **Defense Ministry**

## Security to Improve Within a Month

KABUL - As the fighting season of the Taliban is coming to an end, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) assured on Tuesday that the security situation of the country will be improved within a month.

Coherent and effective plans have been drafted to maintain law-and-order, especially in restive areas, the ministry added.

"The security situation will change in next two to three weeks," MoD spokesman Dawlat Waziri said. "Also, we have made comprehensive plans for next year's spring [fighting] season and fresh troops will be deployed to the insecure areas," he added. According to MoD, currently ... (More on P4)...(2)

## India, Afghanistan Hold Extensive **Talks on Regional Security**

KABUL - India and Afghanistan have held extensive discussions on various aspects of regional security, particularly terrorism which threatens peace and stability of the region as also ways and means to strengthen defence capabilities of Afghan security to deal with the menace.

The discussions took place during the meetings Afghan National ... (More on P4)...(3)







#### KABUL SERENA

Kabul - Kabul Serena Hotel celebrated its 10th Anniversary on 8th November 2015.

The Hotel was inaugurated on 17th Agrab 1384 or 8th November 2005 by His Excellency Hamid A. Karzai former President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, in the presence of His Majesty Mohammad Zaher Shah Baba-e-Milat and His Highness the Aga Khan. The Hotel was originally built in 1945. However, it was completely refurbished and extended by the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development after the civil war.

Recently, the Kabul Serena Hotel



was awarded Afghanistan's Leading Hotel at the World Travel Awards at the Asia & Australia Gala Ceremony 2015 held in Hong Kong. The international recognition reinstates the fact that Kabul Serena Hotel is the leader in Afghanistan's hospitality

ABOUT KABUL SERENA HOTEL - Kabul Serena Hotel is ideally located in the center of the city and stands amidst landscaped gardens that offer an oasis of serenity in the heart of the city. Overlooking Kabul's famous Zarnegar Park, the hotel is also conveniently located within easy reach of the

stan's local artisans, the hotel also acts as a showcase for some fine examples of decorative and contemplative Islamic art. Offering two restaurants, a welcome lounge and a vibrant pool deck, the hotel also features an international conference center, state-of-the-art business center, a gracious banqueting center and the Maisha Health Spa. The spa is equipped with a gymnasium, steam room, sauna room, temperature-controlled swimming pool and a wide range of holistic health and

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