

Quote of the Day

To design the future effectively, you must first let go of your past.

Charles J. Givens

WJ Dismisses Ministers over Failure to Spend Development Budgets

KABUL - The Afghan parliament sacked the minister of foreign affairs and two of his cabinet colleagues on Saturday citing poor performance, in a sweeping move that underlined the fragility of President Ashraf Ghani's struggling government. Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani, Public Works Minister Mahmood Baligh and Social Services Minister Nasreen Oryakhel all failed to win confidence votes in parliament and were declared to have been dismissed by the speaker. All three were dismissed for their performance and failure to spend all allocated budget-



ary funds on time, in accordance with provisions in the Afghan constitution which gives parliament the power

to sack ministers. Fourteen other ministers are due to face similar confidence votes. At a time when the Taliban

insurgency is threatening security across Afghanistan, the move creates further confusion for the national unity

government which has been mired in infighting ever since it was set up following the disputed election of 2014. A suicide attack by Taliban militants on the German consulate in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif this week killed four people and wounded more than 100 others. Former rivals Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah have presided over an uneasy alliance that also includes the volatile vice President General Rashid Dostum and has featured regular rows between the main leaders. ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

Nearly 400 Children Still Die Daily from Measles

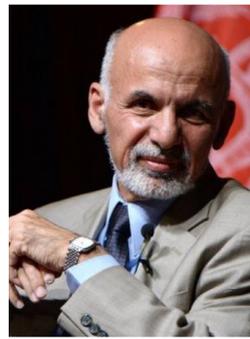
UNITED NATIONS - A report on measles by the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and partners said that despite a 79 percent worldwide decrease in measles deaths between 2000 and 2015, nearly 400 children still die from the disease every day and progress has been uneven, a UN spokesman told reporters here Friday. "The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Nigeria and Pakistan account for half of the unvaccinated infants and 75 percent of measles deaths," Farhan Haq, the deputy UN spokesman, said at a daily news briefing here. "Making measles history is not mission impossible," said

Robin Nandy, the UNICEF immunization chief. "We have the tools and the knowledge to do it; what we lack is the political will to reach every single child, no matter how far. Without this commitment, children will continue to die from a disease that is easy and cheap to prevent." Mass measles vaccination campaigns and a global increase in routine measles vaccination coverage saved an estimated 20.3 million young lives between 2000 and 2015, according to UNICEF, WHO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). But progress has been uneven. ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

New Anti-Graft Court Hears First Cases in Kabul

KABUL - New anti-corruption court heard its first cases on Saturday, a small step forward in President Ashraf Ghani's efforts to combat graft at the highest levels of government. The Anti-Corruption Criminal Justice Centre was created by Ghani's administration in June to bolster the legal system's ability to tackle corrupt ministers, judges and governors, who have largely been immune from prosecution.

The first two cases heard by the court, which included a female judge, did not involve top government officials but a Supreme Court prosecutor and a private bank official - a fact highlighted by defense lawyers. "I wish the start of this court was by a million dollar corruption case, not by a 50,000 afghani (\$761.04) corruption case," Farid Arabzai, a lawyer representing the prosecutor, told the ...*(More on P4)...(3)*



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has said a transparent spending of budget needed a detailed discussion, asking lawmakers

Transparent Budget Spending Needs National Dialogue: Ghani

to press Cabinet members and share their assessments with him and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). In a series of consultative

meetings with lower house members, the president held a meeting with Wolesi Jirga's administrative board and other members

at the Presidential Palace on Friday evening. Pointing to importance of national dialogues, Ghani told the lawmakers that

EU Says Working Actively with Afghan Govt. on Budget Execution

KABUL - The European Union and its Member States in Kabul work actively with the Afghan government on its budget execution through the Public Financial Management (PFM) reform process. The past two years have seen encouraging progress. The recent Brussels Conference on Afghanistan underscored the international ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

UN Suspends Afghan Refugee Repatriation till March 1

PESHAWAR - With the onset of the harsh winter season, the United Nations has suspended the repatriation of Afghan refugees, but the prescheduled returns will proceed. The repatriation of refugees would resume from March 1, 2017, UNHCR spokesman Asif Shehzad told a Pakistani newspaper. The UN agency has repatriated more than 377,749 refugees to their homeland from Pakistan. From January 1 to November 10, the return of around 58,945 registered Afghan families was facilitated under the ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

Drug Control Officers in Iran for Expert Training

KABUL - An official with Iran Drug Control Headquarters Mahmoud-Reza Pour Mansour said that 15 Afghan drug control officers were dispatched to Iran to get professional trainings for the second time during the current Iranian calendar year (started on March 20). Afghan drug control officers in Iran for expert training Pour Mansour said that the officers in partnership with Italian police will participate in expert training courses for one week. Based on the agreement between Iran and Afghanistan police, some of Afghan ...*(More on P4)...(8)*



Taliban Demand Ransom to Release Deminers

PUL-I-ALAM - Local officials on Saturday said the Taliban militants had demanded money for releasing deminers in their captivity in central Logar province. Four days back, Taliban kidnapped four drivers along with seven vehicles of Sterling Global Operations, a demining organization, in Khoshi district of Logar. Khoshi district chief, Abdul Hamid Hamid, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban militants had demanded ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

Officials Fired by Ghani Last Year behind Kunduz Crisis: Hashimi

KABUL - Mohammad Masoom Hashimi Safi, head of Kunduz security department, said Saturday that security officials who were fired last year by President Ashraf Ghani are behind the Kunduz crisis. Safi added that last year, when Ghani visited Kunduz, he fired or changed the duty station of more than 200 security officials, heads of checkpoints and security forces over negligence in doing their duties. But a number of these security forces and security officials ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Kabul Not Bound to Stop Mobile Signal Spillage: PTA

KABUL - Afghanistan is not bound to prevent its cellular phone signals from spillage into Pakistan, a top official informed the Senate on Friday. Islamabad has made a formal request to Kabul through the Foreign Office and the General Headquarters (GHQ) to reduce the strength of cellular frequencies. However, Afghanistan has not yet responded to the request, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Chairman Dr. Ismail Shah told the Senate Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, chairman of the ...*(More on P4)...(9)*



NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL

OPEN TENDER

Bore Wells and Latrine

NRC SO160009

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) would like to invite competent companies to submit bids for Bore Wells and Latrine Blocks

REQUIRED ITEMS	QUANTITY	LOCATION	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
BORE WELLS	31	NANGARHAR	19 NOVEMBER 2016
LATRINE	8	NANGARHAR	19 NOVEMBER 2016

Essential criteria for bidders:

Interested national companies should have previous experience of digging **Bore Wells** and construction of **Latrine** for international organisations (IOs), national or international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or United Nations (UN) agencies.

Collection of tender documents:

Prospective bidders may collect the tender documents from NRC offices in Kabul or Jalalabad between the hours of 08:00 - 16:00, Sunday-Thursday.

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Bids must be delivered in a **sealed envelope** before the deadline at **16:00 on Saturday 19 November 2016**.
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