

Quote of the Day

Never discourage anyone... who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.

Plato

Greek author & philosopher in Athens (427 BC - 347 BC)

128 People Killed in Paris

PARIS - At least 128 people were killed in a series of coordinated attacks by suicide bombers and gunmen in Paris at a concert hall, restaurants and the national sports stadium claimed by Islamic State jihadists today.

French President Francois Hollande blamed the Islamic extremist group for the bloodshed and called the coordinated assault last night at six different sites an "act of war".

Authorities identified the body of a French national known to the intelligence services near the Bataclan concert hall, where 82 people were killed by armed men who had shouted "Allahu akbar" ("God is greatest!") before gunning down concert-goers.

Police sources said he was probably one of those who stormed the



building as around 1,500 people were watching a Californian rock band. The discovery of a Syrian passport near the body of another of the assailants at

the concert hall appeared to justify fears over the threat posed to Europe by extremism in the Middle East.

The attacks, which saw the first-ever sui-

cide bombings on French soil, were "prepared, organised and planned overseas, with help from inside (France) which the investigation ... (More on P4)...(1)

U.S. Should Act Quickly to Facilitate Global Financial Reforms

ANTALYA - As the world has gone through one of the worst ever financial crises over the past seven years, no one would doubt that the current global financial system, which has been in place for decades, is flawed and needs to be upgraded in line with the times. However, many of the imperative reforms, proposed by the leaders of the Group of 20 (G20) nations years ago to transform the world financial system, have been procrastinated because of the continued obstruction by some stubborn minds in Washington.

The United States should act quickly to endorse the proposed reforms, and the G20 leaders should spare no efforts to find more common grounds on the issue at their Nov.15-16 annual summit in the Turkish Mediterranean Sea resort of Antalya, so as to carry out the reforms at an earlier date. In layman's terms, the core of the reform proposals is to give greater say to developing countries at the world's ... (More on P4)...(5)

Parliament Rejects Ghani's Decree on Caretaker Law

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) on Saturday rejected President Ashraf Ghani's recent decree to amend the law on caretaker officials.

With a majority of votes the MPs flatly refused to agree to the decree.

In his decree, Ghani had called for an exception to be made regarding the continuation of tenure of caretaker leaders within security institutions.

The majority of lawmakers however raised red cards rejecting the move to amend the law - the fifth presidential decree to be rejected by parliament in recent months.

The decree involved the security



branches - the Ministries of Defense and Interior Affairs and the National Directorate of Security (NDS). Currently, the Defense Ministry is without a minister and is instead led by acting minister Masoom Stanekzai.

"Amendment to the caretaker law is rejected with a majority of votes," said ... (More on P4)...(3)

Ghani Discusses Important Issues of Afghan Forces with Carter

KABUL - In a video conference on Friday night with United States Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, President Ashraf Ghani discussed a number of important issues over the existing capacity and capability of the Afghan security forces, the president's office said in a statement.

The statement said: "President Ghani thanked the U.S. for its continued assistance in strengthening the security and defense of the country, and noted the essential importance of equipment, funding and training as the security partnership between Afghanistan and the ... (More on P4)...(4)

Mogherini Calls on "United" Int'l Community to Deal with Terrorism Threat

BRUSSELS - European Union's foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini on Saturday in Vienna called on the international community to get united in dealing with the threat of terrorism.

She made the remarks ahead of the Syria

Talks in Vienna, hours after overnight attacks in Paris left more than 100 people dead.

"It's another sad day," an EU statement issued in Brussels quoted Mogherini as saying. "The countries sitting around the

table today have almost all experienced the same pain, the same sorrow, the same shock over the last weeks. Paris again yesterday, Lebanon the day before, Russia and Egypt two weeks ago, Turkey a few weeks ago again." ... (More on P4)...(6)

Sartaj Aziz Peace in Afghanistan -Region is a Must



ISLAMABAD - Officials in Afghanistan presidential palace have stated that if Pakistan recognizes Afghanistan's enemies then it's time for Pakistan to take practical steps towards Afghanistan's stability.

President Deputy Spokesman Sayed Zafar Hashmi mentioned that Islamabad should prevent those terrorist groups causing insecurity in Afghanistan. However Pakistan's National security advisor Sartaj Aziz said, "Pakistan is ready to cooperate Afghanistan in security and stability."

Pakistan's National security advisor Sartaj Aziz said, "peace in Afghanistan and the region is a must, regular peace will be maintained through negotiations, International community have also called for re- beginning of the Afghanistan's peace process in between ... (More on P4)...(2)

Electoral Reform Commission Job of Selection Committee Key to Start Reform Process



KABUL - Deeply concerned by government's reluctance to speed up the reform process for Afghanistan's election management bodies, the newly established Electoral Reform Commission (ERC) on Saturday renewed its call to leaders of the National Unity Government to take action so that the selection commission start work immediately.

The ERC warned that further delays in the job of the selection committee can impact the credibility of the government.

After a series of consultations and talks, the ERC proposed a short term reform package to government two months ago, however President Ashraf Ghani asked the ... (More on P4)...(7)

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