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Kabul Discusses Refugee Problems with European Envoys

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation discussed the refugee problems with a number of envoys of the European countries where Afghan refugees are residing.

In the meeting with ambassadors of Germany, Italy, Britain, Czech, Sweden, France, Holland, Finland, Denmark, and Norway Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani called the problem of Afghan asylum seekers in European Countries a bilateral problem and emphasized the commitment of the Afghan Government for talks with these countries in order to find a bilateral and comprehensive solu-



tion to this problem. "We expect European Countries to deal with Afghan asylum seekers according to the situation in Afghanistan and the international conventions frame work and the memoranda of understanding that some of these European countries have signed with Afghanistan." Minister Rabbani said.

Sayed Hussain Alemi Balkhi Minister of Refugees and Repatriation said "Afghanistan is interested in reopening negotiations on MoUs that were signed in the previous years with some of the European countries and wants to start negotiations ... (More on P4)...(8)

Germany Launches Campaign in Kabul to Deter Refugees

KABUL - Germany launched a campaign in Afghanistan on Sunday to deter refugees from paying criminals to organize the long and often deadly journey they would have to take to start a new life in Europe.

A couple of posters appeared in the capital Kabul with the message in both Dari and Pashto, the country's main languages, "You are leaving Afghanistan: Are you certain?"

The billboards include a hashtag and a link to a Facebook page called Germany in Afghanistan with information on migration laws, among other posts.

"Do not believe the rumours and false information deliberately spread by human traffickers about the allegedly easy trip and the easy life in Germany," the most recent post on the page read Sunday.

"Do not risk your lives by trying ... (More on P4)...(9)

Iran Dismisses 'Selective' Fight Against Terrorism

TEHRAN - Iran's First Vice President Es'haq Jahangiri has dismissed a "selective" approach to the fight against terrorism, calling for firm determination at the international level to battle the phenomenon.

Jahangiri said on Sunday that terror acts threaten global peace and security whether in

Iraq, Syria, Lebanon or in Paris, adding, "They are victimizing innocent humans."

He emphasized that those who are organizing terrorist groups and providing them with financial and arms support should be confronted.

Jahangiri said some countries have definitely played a role in the ... (More on P4)...(10)

Rokhshana's Family Appeal for Action Against those who Stoned Her to Death

KABUL - More than 800 incidents of violence against women took place during the first six months of the ongoing solar year, compared to 764 incidents during the same period last year.

Statistics with the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) show incidents of violence against women increased this year mainly due to the presence of illegal armed groups, insecurity, corruption and failure to pass the law that prevents violation of women's rights by parliament.

According to the statistics, 815 incidents of violence against the gender were registered during the first six months of the year compared to 764 incidents during the same period last year. Last year's crimes against the gender included 36 murders, 21 suicides, 32 sexual ... (More on P4)...(12)

Obama Vows Effort to Eliminate IS as G20 Seeks Common Syria Strategy



BELEK - U.S. President Barack Obama vowed on Sunday to step up efforts to eliminate Islamic State in Syria and prevent it from carrying out attacks like those in Paris, while European leaders urged Russia to focus its military efforts on the radical Islamists.

Speaking at a G20 leaders summit in Turkey, Obama described the killings in Paris claimed by Islamic State as an

attack on the civilized world and said the United States would work with France to hunt down those responsible.

The two-day summit brings Obama and fellow world leaders just 500 km (310 miles) from Syria, where a 4-1/2-year conflict has transformed Islamic State into a global security threat and spawned Europe's largest migration flows since World War Two.

"Traditionally the G20 has been a forum primarily to discuss economic issues facing the globe ... (but) the sky has been darkened by the horrific attacks that took place in Paris just a day and a half ago," Obama said in a statement after meeting Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan.

"The United States and its allies will redouble efforts to find a ... (More on P4)...(13)

India to Build three Healthcare Centers in Badakhshan

KABUL - India is building three healthcare centers in three remote districts of north-eastern Badakhshan province.

Head of the province's public health directorate said that the healthcare centers would be built in Darayem, Shahr-e-Buzurg and Arghanchkhwa districts.

Noor Mohammad has told Radio Killid that one of the three healthcare centers going to be built in Arghanchkhwa would be a 20-bed hospital.

He said the estimated cost of the project is \$480,000 being paid by the government of India. ... (More on P4)...(14)

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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 Program Advisor for Agricultural Development to the H.E Minister (Reference # MRRD/NSP III/CN/108)

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: 16th November, 2015
Closing Date: 29th November, 2015

I. General Introduction:

The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) was established to develop and implement programs promoting responsible social and economic growth in rural areas, primarily in the non-farm sector. It has employees in all 34 Provinces of Afghanistan, and delivers a wide range of programs funded both by the Ministry itself and the International Community. MRRD aims to reduce poverty amongst the approximately 80% of Afghans who live in rural areas by implementing a made-in-Afghanistan "Pro-Poor" growth strategy which calls upon the government and civil society to address the macro economic constraints, the small size of the formal private sector, and the realities of rural poverty in order to implement realistic poverty reduction and development strategies. MRRD, given its wide reach across rural communities in Afghanistan, has been requested by the President's Office to contribute towards agricultural development and to collaborate with other relevant line ministries to realize the government's vision of an agricultural transformation that leads to greater food security and decreases the reliance on imported food.

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

1. Contribute to the operationalization of MRRD's mandate in terms of its contribution to agricultural development that will support the agricultural transformation agenda of the GoA
2. Liaise, build productive relationships, and collaborate with other relevant line ministries, particularly the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL), in terms of planning and strategy to arrive at common and complementary approaches to accelerate agricultural development
3. Complete ToR is available in ACBAR and NSP websites.

Academic Qualifications:

Master's in Agricultural Development, Agronomy, Agricultural Economics or Economic Development or closely related field with 6 years of relevant experience and / or a Bachelor's experience in the same field with 8 years of relevant experience.

- Practical knowledge of rural development issue and specialist knowledge in one or more of the following areas: agriculture, food security, natural resources, sustainable rural development, and regional development. Demonstrated understanding of rural poverty, social, political and economic marginalization in Afghanistan.
- Demonstrated multi-sectoral analysis skills and the ability to outline and promote the enhancement of synergies between various sectors.
- Demonstrated ability to work responsively and proactively in a wide-ranging consultative manner, including with civil society, NGOs, as well as in Government
- Demonstrated ability in negotiation skills and of the ability to influence others at senior level
- Practical working knowledge of Microsoft Office software.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English

Submission of Expression of Interest:

The NSP/MRRD now invites eligible Individuals-Afghan Nationals ONLY ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:00-16:00hrs Saturday to Wednesday.

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 29th November, 2015.

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