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# Kabul Police Failed to Foil Attack on Mosque: Danish

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani's second VP Mohammad Sarwar Danish on Monday accused the Kabul police headquarters and garrison of negligence after Monday's deadly bombing at the Baqir-Ul-Olom mosque in Kabul. He also called for a full inquiry into the incident that left dozens of the civilians dead and wounded. Talking on the motives behind such attacks, meanwhile, top Afghan government officials including President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah have termed the attack on the Kabul mosque a deliberate



attempt by terrorists to escalate sectarian violence in Afghanistan. Danish had been speaking at the swearing-in ceremony of the new commission-

ers for electoral bodies. "Such incidents, and the unsatisfactory presence of security forces at the Baqir-Ul-Olom mosque yesterday is a clear sign of negligence which needs to be investigated and there should be clear answers to the questions the people have," said Danish. "The terrorists and Daesh by conducting such inhumane attacks on lives of innocents want to target our integration and unity, through such acts they (terrorists) want to spread the seeds of division," said Ghani at the same ceremony. "The crime which was conducted by Daesh in fact was an at-

tack against the people of Afghanistan, it was an act of oppressions and suppression, these attacks are aimed to create sectarianism among the people of Afghanistan," said Abdullah. Meanwhile, the ministry of interior has said that security officials of PD6 have been suspended. The statements come a day after a suicide bomber detonated explosives inside a crowd of people in Baqir-Ul-Olom mosque in Kabul killing at least 32 people and wounding dozens more. The attack drew strong condemnation from the public and the international community. (Tolonews)

## India Condemns Attack on Baqir-Ul-Olom Mosque

KABUL - The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has strongly condemned Monday's attack on Kabul's Baqir-ul-Olom mosque that killed at least 32 Afghan mourners and wounded dozens of others. "For regional peace and security, all sanctuaries, safe havens and support to such terrorists must end," Modi wrote tweeted. He stated that the Indian government and people stand with Afghanistan in its fight against terrorism and strongly condemn the heinous terrorist attack on a Shia shrine in Kabul on Monday. Iranian embassy in Kabul and the Pakistani foreign affairs ministry have also condemned the attack. (Tolonews)

## Iran Condemns Terrorist Attack in Afghanistan

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qassemi strongly condemned terrorist attacks on a mourning ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan, and voiced Iran's concern over the recurrence of similar tragic incidents in the neighboring country. "Growth and expansion of terrorism in the region is the source of concern," Qassemi said on Monday in reaction to terrorist explosions in Afghanistan. The Iranian foreign ministry sympathized with the bereaved families of the victims of Kabul incident. "Overt and covert supports by some countries in the region for terrorist groups and instrumental use of them to attain their sinister goals are the route causes of extremism in the region," Qassemi added. He underlined that sooner or later such warmongering and seditions will backfire to the terrorists' supporters. At least 27 civilians were killed and 35 others were injured in a terrorist attack on Baqer al-Ulum mosque in Kabul. Iran's embassy in Kabul issued a statement on Monday to condemn the terrorists' move which claimed lives of many civilians. (FNA)

## Bamyan Women Complain about Lack of Jobs

BAMYAN CITY - Women in central Bamyan province say they are interested and have the ability to work, but there are no jobs for them so they use their skills. Though women's affairs have improved in Bamyan over the past 15 years, but some problems facing women remain. Poverty, working as farmers, lack of access to health-care services and joblessness are main problems of the women in the central province. Fatima, a housewife whose husband is a soldier, told Pajhwok Afghan News she daily worked hard to earn 150 afghanis per day to buy firewood to keep her home warm during winter. "I work in a potato farm and collect potatoes and receive 150 afghanis in return every



day," she added. "My husband's salary cannot meet our family needs, the house rent, other expenses of my children, all these have obliged me to work," she said. Basma, 45, another woman, said she earned 200 afghanis every day by peeling woods in a wood selling market.

Many other women also work in the market but such opportunities are not permanent or long term, she said. "Labor work is hard for women, they should work in tailoring, sewing, weaving, offices and sales, but these opportunities are unavailable so we must work in labor to earn something,"

Basma added. Businesswomen in Bamyan also complain about their jobs and ask the government to provide them job opportunities. Zahra Lali, who owns a handicrafts shop in Bamyan City, said her business was very weak and her products were rarely sold. The number of foreign tourists traveling to Bamyan has declined and the increased insecurity on the Kabul-Bamyan highway has negatively impacted handicrafts sales, she said. Lali asked the government to pay attention to women's problems in Bamyan. A number of educated girls and women in Bamyan also complained about unemployment. Marzia, a resident of the ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Religious Scholars Denounce Attacks on Shia Community



KABUL - Religious scholars said on Tuesday that suicide attacks have no legitimacy in Islam and instead tarnishes the image of this sacred religion. "Islam has strongly condemned the killing of innocent people, it is a major sin," said religious scholar Mohammad Aslam Shiwa. This comes after Monday's deadly bombing during a Shia ceremony at a mosque in Char Qala in Kabul, which killed over 30 people. Critics have claimed that the recent spate of attacks against Shias in Afghani-

stan is a deliberate attempt to sow the seed of sectarian violence in the country. But Afghans feel such a move by the enemy will not destroy the national unity. Rassould Dad lost two nephews in Monday's attack - one was six years old and the other was 12 years old. "Allah blessed us with two sons after twenty years, but these oppressors snatched both from us and we buried both of them," said Rassould Dad. Najib also lost his 13-year-old ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Shiite Mosque Bombing Draws Strong Denunciation



WASHINGTON - The United States and the UN on Monday strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the Baqir-ul-Uloom mosque and offered help in bringing the perpetrators to justice. "The United States strongly condemns the terrorist attack at the Mosque in Kabul, which killed dozens of innocent civilians, many of them worshippers, and wounded more than 40," said a spokesman for the National Security Council at the White House. Ned Price said the cowardly attack was clearly intended to stoke sectarian tensions in Afghanistan. "We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims and fully support efforts to bring those responsible to justice." He added the United States

and its international partners remained committed to the people and government of Afghanistan as they worked together to build a more stable, prosperous and peaceful Afghanistan. Neighbouring Pakistan also strongly condemned the suicide attack and conveyed profound condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and prayers for the early recovery of the injured. Pakistan reiterated its unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all forms and manifestations while reaffirming its commitment to continued efforts and cooperation in eliminating this menace. Meanwhile, UN Secretary-General's Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan Pernille Kardel said: ... (More on P4)...(10)

## China Condemns Terrorist Attack on Mosque in Afghanistan

BEIJING - China on Tuesday condemned a terrorist attack on a mosque that left at least 27 dead and 35 others wounded in Afghanistan. A suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest inside Baqir-ul-Uloom Mosque on Monday in the Afghan capital of Kabul while Shiite Muslim worshippers were holding a religious procession at the site. "China strongly condemns the terrorist attack, expresses profound condolence to the victims and sincere sympathy to the injured and the families of the victims," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said at a regular news briefing. China hopes Afghanistan can achieve peace and stability on an early date, and will staunchly support the Afghan government and people to fight terrorism, maintain national stability and people's safety, Geng said. (Xinhua)

## 800 Returning Afghan Families Get Wheat Assistance

PESHAWAR - The UN food agency has started distributing wheat provided by the Pakistan government to Afghan refugees returning home from Peshawar, officials say. In collaboration with the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), the World Food Program (WFP) is assisting 800 Afghan refugee families with wheat. Each returning household is given a 300-kilogram bag of wheat -- sufficient to feed a family of six for approximately four months. The distribution is expected to be completed by November 30. WFP head for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bai Mankay Sankoh and SAFRON Secretary Muhammad Shehzad Arbab visited the distribution site. "WFP's assistance to SAFRON will support transparent and rapid wheat distribution to Afghan families," said Sankoh. Seven WFP technical staff members are at the distribution point in Peshawar, with the required facilities to ensure rapid online refugee registration and data verification process in accordance with UNHCR database. Arbab said: "We are grateful to WFP for its assistance in distributing food." The government remained committed to facilitating a smooth process for returning Afghan refugees, he added. (Pajhwok)

## 700 Newly Graduated Officer Commissioned to Afghan Army

KABUL - About 700 Afghan youth including 141 girls after completion of a one-year training course in Kabul Military Training Center graduated Tuesday and commissioned to the national army. "All the newly 700 graduated officers after receiving their certificate today will be deployed elsewhere in the country to defend motherland," General Qadam Shah Shahim, the Afghan Chief of Army Staff, said in his address at a ceremony. He said that the Taliban and other armed militant groups will not be able to disrupt security, saying all the insurgent outfits are deemed to defeat. Afghanistan currently owns 352,000-strong national security forces including 195,000 service members of army, fighting the armed opposition groups including Taliban militants to ensure lasting peace in the militancy-plagued country. (Xinhua)

## Afghan Citizen's Plea for Release of Identity Card Rejected

PESHAWAR - An Afghan citizen's petition, seeking Pakistani computerised national identity card (CNIC), has been dismissed by an Islamabad-based court. Khan Badshah, whose card was blocked by the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) earlier in the year, filed an application against the decision. A civil judge had ordered on April 30, 2016 the restoration of the CNIC by overruling NADRA's notification regarding. However, NADRA challenged the

civil judge's order in the additional district and sessions judge (ADSS) court. On Monday, NADRA's counsel Sardar Amir Mumtaz argued that Badshah being an Afghan citizen could not be issued with the Pakistani identity documents. The judge cited relevant sections of the Pakistani Citizenship Act, 1951 which explains the procedure for obtaining Pakistani nationality. He dismissed the suit seeking restoration of the blocked CNIC. (Pajhwok)

## Uruzgan Edu Director Jailed Over Dispute with Revenue Official

TIRINKOT - The attorney's office has detained the education director of central Uruzgan province over a dispute with a revenue official, a source said on Tuesday. A local official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the education director, Ehsanullah Nasher, entered a dispute with the provincial

revenue manager about four months ago. The revenue manager then lodged a complaint with the attorney's office against the education director. Nasher was called to the attorney's office two days ago and sent to jail, he said. Governor's spokesman, Dost Mohammad Nayab, also confirm the education director ... (More on P4)...(11)