

## Quote of the Day

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Abraham Lincoln  
16th president of US (1809 - 1865)

# Qadir Lashes Out at NSC over 'Daesh Support'

KABUL - First deputy speaker of Wolesi Jirga, Abdul Zahir Qadir, on Monday accused the National Security Council of supporting Daesh and putting the country on a path towards destruction.

He said the "national security advisor does not have executive authority to make decisions but has taken the whole system hostage".

According to him, he is convinced Daesh commanders are living in Kabul and often pay visits to embassies and government offices - including security agencies.

Qadir also stated he has proof



about the interference of the National Security Council into Nangarhar affairs. However, he went on to say that now was not the right time to discuss this issue.

"What can we do? People within government and in the National Security Council support Daesh. If we do not stop Daesh today, tomorrow it will be a massive problem."

He also said local police were far better equipped than the national police in the province but that Daesh was so well equipped that all they lacked was tanks and helicopters.

Qadir urged government to provide local ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

## Afghanistan Situation "Still Fragile": Khalilzad

KABUL - The situation in Afghanistan is getting worse and if the US assistance would not continue to Afghan government, Afghanistan will face a major crisis, said United States former ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad said.

US former ambassador for Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad in an interview with Ariananews said he considers Afghanistan situation is still fragile; citing in some cases there are risks of deterioration. "If US assistance would not continue to Afghanistan, the country would fail to grapple with these challenges," said Zalmay Khalilzad.

Khalilzad declared that



Pakistan is the main factor for Afghanistan's challenges and attempts to dominate Afghanistan with high costs.

"The United States also wants to change Pakistan's policy against Afghanistan but does not have enough influence on Pakistan," noted Khalilzad. ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

## Pakistan, Afghanistan Hold Key Economic, Trade Talks



ISLAMABAD - Finance Minister Eklil Ahmad Hakimi visited Pakistan on Monday for important day-long talks on economic cooperation and trade issues as both countries have kept communication, officials said.

The Pak-Afghan Joint Economic Commission meeting was earlier scheduled to be held in August but was postponed in view of tensions that had also derailed the Pakistan-brokered peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

A Pakistani Finance Ministry's official said that the issues to be discussed include taxation, trade facilitation, motorways, highways and railways projects, increase of scholarships for Afghan students in Pakistani medical and engineering colleges, transportation, energy projects, as well as potential joint ventures in various other sectors.

An Afghan diplomatic source said Afghan side will raise "problems of the ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

## Security Worsened Following Security Agreements: Ibrahimi

KABUL - Wolesi Jirga or Lower House of the Parliament said on Monday that the security situation in Afghanistan worsened after security agreements were signed.

Abdul Rawouf Ibrahimi said that Afghanistan signed several security accords one-after-the-other with America, NATO, Italy, Britain and Germany expecting that the security situation would get better



but it has turned opposite.

"Unfortunately, in comparison to the government of Karzai, today, our situation is worse," he said.

Meanwhile, MP Rababa Parwani claimed that Afghanistan has signed security pacts with several countries but they have not assisted in security.

A number of MPs believe the contents of the Bilateral Security ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

## Afghani Drops Value by 15 %

KABUL - The Afghan currency has been rapidly losing its value against foreign currencies as it lost value by 15 % in the current year, said chairman of the Central Bank.

Khalil Sidiq, head of Central Bank declared that they have taken serious measures to reduce the exchange rate and will have legal interventions in currency market.

The Afghani is dropped value 15 percent in the current year because of insecurity, capital flight, and absence of investments in the country.

The continuing fall of the local currency has not only worsened the Afghan economy but also dampened the Afghan spirit to rebuild their country, particularly at a time when they are preparing for an intense "Winter Offensive" against the armed Taliban group.

The fall of the Afghani has caused concerns not only among ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

## Weather Disasters Occur Almost Daily, Becoming more Frequent: UN

GENEVA - Weather-related disasters such as floods and heatwaves have occurred almost

daily in the past decade, almost twice as often as two decades ago, with Asia being the hardest hit region, a U.N. report said on Monday.

While the report authors could not pin the increase wholly on climate change, they did say that the upward trend was likely to continue as extreme weather events increased.

Since 1995, weather disasters have killed 606,000 people, left 4.1 billion injured, homeless or in need of aid, and accounted for 90 percent of all disasters, it said. ...*(More on P4)...(5)*



## Anti-Polio Drive Kicks off in Faryab

MAIMANA - A three-day anti-polio vaccination campaign kicked off in northwestern Faryab province on Monday.

The program will reach about 340,000 children below the age of five in a bid to eradicate the disease in the province.

The drive was launched only days after a new case was registered ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

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