

## Quote of the Day

Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.

Baruch Spinoza

Dr. Abdullah

# No One Can Justify Taliban Crimes

KABUL - The Chief Executive of the National Unity Government (NUG) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday said that the Taliban's crimes are being justified by some elements within government who also try to cover up these deeds.

He said that no one has the right to justify crimes committed by the Taliban.

He added that insurgents do not recognize religion, nation nor tribe and that they kill people indiscriminately.

He accepted the government's shortcomings in the fall of Kunduz, saying that a number of circles within government - knowingly or unknowingly - justify



Taliban's crimes. "It will not be allowed to justify the Taliban's crimes. We all know that terrorism does not know religion, nation nor tribe. It is unfortunate that their [Taliban's] crimes are justified from the government's tribune," Abdullah said.

He said Kunduz residents were warned months ago that their province will face such a fate, but the government did not pay enough attention to this matter. Meanwhile, at least 400 residents on Monday carried out a sit in along roads near the Parliament House in Kabul, saying that they lost everything in the Kunduz battle. They claimed that a ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

## Exercise Trident Juncture 2015 Underway: NATO

BRUSSELS - Exercise Trident Juncture 2015, NATO's largest exercise for over a decade is underway, the security organization said in a press release Monday.

Military and civilian staff from various commands throughout NATO started the Command Post Exercise portion of the

exercise last Saturday. This portion of the exercise will continue until Oct. 16, aiming to test the command and control elements of the NATO Response Force (NRF) and assess NATO's ability to work with external organizations. The Live Exercise will commence on Oct. ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

## Erdogan in Brussels for Migration Talks

BRUSSELS - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was to meet Monday with the EU's top officials for urgent talks on the migration crisis and the Syrian war that is producing so many of the refugees.

Erdogan's visit comes as it emerged that 630,000 people have entered the

European Union illegally this year, many coming via Turkey, and that Germany could receive up to 1.5 million asylum-seekers in 2015.

Facing the worst refugee crisis since World War II, Brussels and Ankara are reportedly set to discuss a plan that would see Turkey...*(More on P4)...*(3)

## Rights Groups Call for Kunduz War Crimes Probe

KABUL - Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) has called for a probe into reports of so-called war crimes committed this past week by the Taliban in Kunduz city.

AIHRC has called for the investigation following reports of death squads, mass murder and gang rapes

having been committed by the insurgents following Monday's siege that lasted six days. The organization has appealed to security and judicial organizations to identify the perpetrators and see to it that justice is carried out as Taliban's insurgency gathered momentum in Afghanistan's northern...*(More on P4)...*(5)

## UN Refugee Chief Urges West, Muslim World to Ally on Crises

GENEVA - The head of the U.N. refugee agency says a "positive relationship between the Western and the Muslim worlds" is essential to overcome refugee crises

like those facing Europe. Antonio Guterres is insisting on an urgent need to fight prejudice against Islam and reduce the lure of ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

## Officials Kunduz War Leaves 6,000 Homeless

KABUL - At least 6,000 people have been left homeless after fleeing the city of Kunduz last week, deputy minister of refugees and repatriations Fazel Ahmad Azimi told lawmakers on Monday, adding that the majority of those who left the city sought refuge in Badakhshan, Kabul, Takhar and Baghlan provinces.

On Sunday, Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) summoned the minister of refugees and repatriations and the minister of social affairs to answer questions on the overall situation and issues facing the refugees who fled their homes in Kunduz in an effort to escape the brutality of the Taliban, following the fall of the city to the insurgents.

"Unrest in recent months in Kunduz has left hundreds of residents homeless and more were added to the number after the fall of the city - can you explain what you have done for these families," Kunduz MP ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

## Ghani Commends Troops in Teleconference

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani held another video teleconference from Tawheed Center at the Presidential Palace on Monday where he again spoke with commanders of army corps and brigades and provincial chiefs of police and NDS about the country's security situation. In a statement issued by his office, the president



thanked the defense and security forces for successfully conducting the recent operations, and said that those who exhibited bravery and valor in these operations should be commended.

He said to the commanders and officers of the security forces that it is up to them to encourage their personnel to treat ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

## NPC Approves 10 Contracts Worth of Nearly 500 Mln Afghanis

KABUL - The National Procurement Commission (NPC) has approved 10 contracts worth of nearly 500 million Afghanis. NPC reviewed 25 contracts in its latest meeting under the chairmanship of President Mohammad

Ashraf Ghani at Presidential Palace. A statement released by the Presidential Palace 'Arg' late on Sunday states that 10 contracts worth of 492,250,042 were approved. The statement adds one contract

was rejected for being against the norms of NPC and the remaining were referred for rectification.

The 10 contracts approved belong to the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior and Office of Ad ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

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