



# NUG Committed to Delivering on Past Promises: Abdullah

*The CEO said women play a key role in the police force but that more need to be recruited and that corrupt officials need to be removed.*

KABUL - Addressing the closing ceremony of the third Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in Kabul on Thursday, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah said the National Unity Government is committed to delivering on all commitments made over the past three years. "Let me assure you that the National Unity Government is committed to deliver, in the timeliest fashion possible, on all the commitments made over the last three years. These commitments are all geared towards making Afghanistan a better governed and more self-reliant country, which is the wish of every Afghan," he said. He said reforms top the Afghan government's agenda. "Over the last three years, despite a challenging environment, the NUG has put the reform agenda at the heart of its strategic planning. Fighting corruption, enhancing service delivery, improving governance and rule of law, empowering women and private sector are the priorities," he stated. He praised the Afghan Security and De-



fense Forces, saying that "the efforts of government are stepping toward ending the conflict imposed on the people." "The ANDSF, more professional and accountable than ever, is the backbone to our strategy to bring security to the country," he said. He said the mission carried out under Resolute Support is critical, adding that "the training, advising, assisting, equipping and mentoring that will be provided based on conditions and not timelines are welcomed". Meanwhile, he appreciated the media role in portraying the... (More on P4)... (11)

## Women's Councils Being Set up in Remote Area: Rula Ghani



KABUL - Women's economic emancipation was emphasised on the sidelines of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in Kabul, with First Lady Rula Ghani saying women councils -- also involving men -- will be formed in remote areas. President Ashraf Ghani also attended the meeting at the Presidential Palace on Wednesday evening. Rula Ghani briefed participants, including representatives of donor nations, on Afghan women's activities and achievements over the last three years. The first lady thanked international partners and the government for supporting and cooperating with the initiatives to empower Afghan women, according to a statement from the Presidential Palace. She said the Afghan women had made... (More on P4)... (12)

## US Troop Deployments to Afghanistan Delayed Due to Hurricane Relief Efforts

PENTAGON - American troop deployments to Afghanistan to support the Trump administration's new strategy there have lagged due to the military's ongoing support of hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico, a top U.S. general said Thursday. Joint Staff Director Lieutenant General Kenneth "Frank" McKenzie, Jr. categorized the delays as "minor," adding that some forces were flowing into Afghanistan but the number of American troops there remains "in the vicinity of 11,000." He explained the delays are due in part to the U.S. military having a finite number of transport aircraft, some of which were moved to transport relief items to Puerto Rico and help with other aid activities on the island. "That will inevitably slow movement to other theaters and (cause) the slight delay in the flow of forces to... (More on P4)... (16)

## UNAMA Chief Hails NUG's Reform Policy

KABUL - The two day Senior Officials Meeting wrapped up in Kabul on Thursday where representatives of the international community reaffirmed their longstanding support to Afghanistan's long term development, peace and stability. The senior officials and international delegations met to review progress, achievements and challenges in implementing the Brussels commitments and the Afghanistan National Peace and Development Framework (ANPDF). "Today's meeting is part of a larger conversation about how Afghanistan can be an effective partner with the international



community to build a better future for our children, a future that is free from terrorism and violence," said President Ashraf Ghani. Meanwhile, Tadamichi Yamamoto, the head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has said that government's reform agenda deserves recognition. "On behalf of the United Nations, I appreciate the frank exchanges we have had with the President and his team, and I affirm our commitment to continuously advancing our efforts to deliver as one UN, in line with the development aspirations so... (More on P4)... (14)

## Afghan Ambassador Faults Iran's Stance on Drought

KABUL - Iran blames Afghanistan whenever the Persian Gulf country is hit by a drought, an Afghan diplomat says, calling Tehran's criticism unjust and misplaced. Ambassador Naseer Ahmad Noor told an Iranian media outlet: "Afghanistan remains committed to implementation of the

1973 Helmand Water Treaty with Iran." However, he hastened to reject Iran's complaints in case of drought. The envoy saw no reason for Tehran's criticism of his country, saying certain elements were out to defame Kabul. "During the past 40 years of war imposed... (More on P4)... (13)

## Rights Group Blames EU for Endangering Afghan Deportees

KABUL - European leaders are putting the lives of thousands of Afghans in danger by forcing them back to war-ravaged Afghanistan, where they face risk of severe human rights abuses, an international human rights body

said Thursday. In a new report titled "Forced Back to Danger: Asylum-Seekers Returned from Europe to Afghanistan", Amnesty International details harrowing cases of Afghans... (More on P4)... (15)

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Ministry of Finance now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Frame work Contract Procurement Maintenance and Repair of ACD Scanner** against IFB No. MOF/96/ICB/119 .Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)**.

A complete set of **bidding Documents in English may be obtained** by interested bidders by downloading the same from the MOF website [www.mof.gov.af](http://www.mof.gov.af). In case of problem in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact to: Ministry of Finance, 2th Floor, Procurement Directorate, Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan

Mobile: +93 (020)2106772

E-mail: [ghayoor.zahoor@mof.gov.af](mailto:ghayoor.zahoor@mof.gov.af) Copy to: [zalmi.hassin@yahoo.com](mailto:zalmi.hassin@yahoo.com)

All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)** in USD or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

No	Description	Bid Security amount (USD) or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency
1	Maintenance and Repair of Customs directorate Scanners	15,000.00 USD

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before **10.00 Hrs (local time) on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

### EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN KABUL

#### ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Embassy of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Kabul intends to hold an Essay Writing Competition in English, Dari and Pushto, on Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Poet of the East, among Afghan students (boys and girls).

The Top three winning students of the Competition will be awarded cash prize of US\$ 500 (US dollars five hundred) each and subsequently their Essays will be published in the leading Afghan newspapers in English, Dari and Pushto.

The top three students of each language will be invited on the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, at a function to be organized in Embassy of Pakistan, Kart-e-Parwan, Kabul on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The Embassy will also sponsor their visit to Lahore at the Mazar of Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

The Essays should reach at the email address ([presswingkbl@gmail.com](mailto:presswingkbl@gmail.com) & [shkhokhar@hotmail.com](mailto:shkhokhar@hotmail.com)) latest by 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, positively.

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