

Jalalabad	Sunny	Ghazni	Sunny	Kandahar	Sunny	Mazar	Sunny	Herat	Sunny	Bamiyan	Sunny	Kabul	Sunny
32°C	17°C	22°C	6°C	31°C	12°C	29°C	16°C	29°C	10°C	18°C	3°C	23°C	9°C

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# World Bank Offers Financing Package to Power Projects in Afghanistan



The World Bank Group has approved a \$98.8m financing package, comprising a mix of guarantees, a loan, and swaps, for two gas-to-power energy projects in Afghanistan.

KABUL - The financing is aimed at increasing domestically generated electricity through the gas-to-power energy projects, whilst leveraging private financing for the energy sector in the country. World Bank Afghanistan country director Henry Kerali said: "Afghanistan's energy needs are

enormous, and the new package will support a great step forward for the country's development. Investing in the energy sector is key for the country to achieve its full growth potential. "Diversifying sources of electricity supply can help more Afghans benefit from reliable grid connections, improve employment generation and economic growth of the country, and reduce poverty. The World Bank Group stands with the Government of Afghanistan throughout the implementation of the projects to ensure their timely and effective completion." The \$98.8m financing package

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## Trump: It Is Time to Pull U.S. Troops Out of Afghanistan



WASHINGTON - U.S. President Donald Trump stressed that it is time to bring U.S. troops back home from Afghanistan. Speaking at his campaign rally in Minneapolis, Mr. Trump said, "We were supposed to be in Afghanistan for a short period of time. We're now going to be there for close to 19 years. It's

time to bring them home." However, experts and former U.S. military commanders believe that a withdrawal from Afghanistan should be under specific conditions. Former Director of U.S. Intelligence Agency and former Commander of U.S. forces in ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

## Afghan Ambassador Threatens to Shut Down Consulate in Peshawar



PESHAWAR - Mashal protests the removal of the Afghan flag from the Firdous market by Pakistani police. Afghanistan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Shukrullah Atif Mashal, issued a statement on Friday threatening to shut down the Afghan Consulate in Peshawar because of the alleged removal of the Afghan flag on

Afghan-owned property by Pakistani police. The statement said that on Thursday night the Pakistani police entered the Firdous market in Peshawar city and closed the market, which, Mashal claims, is the sole property of the Afghan government: "Over the past few days the Pakistani ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

## Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, UNHCR Seek Additional Funds to Facilitate Refugees' Host, Home Countries

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have agreed to take forward the three pillars strategy of voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees, sustainable reintegration in home country and support for host countries. The agreement was reached at an informal session of informal Quadripartite (Q4) meeting held at Geneva on the sidelines of the 70th session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, said a message received here Friday. (APP)



## Afghanistan's Aghazada Banned for Covering Up Sexual Abuse Scandal

KABUL - The former general secretary of the Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF), Sayed Aghazada, has been banned for five years by FIFA in the latest sanction relating to the country's sexual abuse scandal. Four months after federation chief Keramuddin Karim was kicked out after FIFA's ethics committee found him guilty of abusing his position and sexually abusing female players, Aghazada was also banned and will be removed from the Asian Football Confederation's executive committee. He was also fined CHF10,000. The widespread complaints of

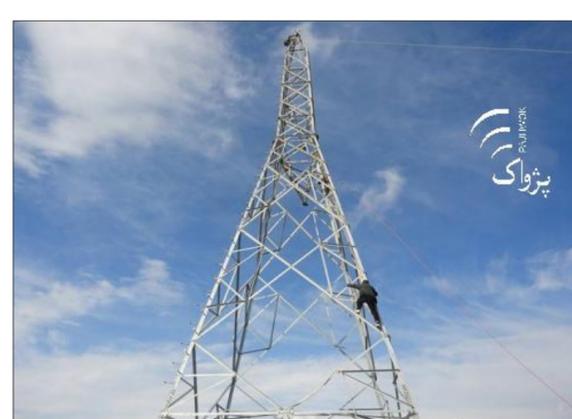


sexual abuse covered the period between 2013 and 2018, at a time when Aghazada was the AFF's general secretary and working with Karim. "Aghazada ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

Request for Expression of Interest	
Procuring Entity	Ministry of Finance
Donor	World Bank
Name of the Assignment & PP Number	Consultancy Services for the Third Party Verification Agency (TPVA) of Disbursement Link Indicators (DLIs) and Disbursement Conditions (DC) for 2019
Deadline for Submitting EOIs	Oct 28, 2019
Address for Submission of EOIs	Interested Consultants can submit their EOIs to the below address: Contracts Department, Directorate of Procurement, Ministry of Finance From 08:30 am till 03:30 pm (Local Time), Or Through email address: <a href="mailto:ajmal.sami@mof.gov.af">ajmal.sami@mof.gov.af</a> and cc to <a href="mailto:hadi.ghaffari@mof.gov.af">hadi.ghaffari@mof.gov.af</a>
Website	Interested Consultants can obtain the REOI document from <a href="http://www.npa.gov.af">www.npa.gov.af</a> . In case, unable to retrieve, the REOI document can be requested from <a href="mailto:ajmal.sami@mof.gov.af">ajmal.sami@mof.gov.af</a>

## Power Supply to Kabul, Other Provinces Resumes

KABUL - Power supply to 11 provinces, including Kabul, resumed on Thursday after the fixing of a fault in Salang area, an official said. Mohammad Nasir Ahmadi, power utility head for central Parwan province, told Pajhwok Afghan News the electricity supply was restored reconnected at 12:30pm. He said the destroyed pylon would be repaired in 10 days. Until then, he added, there would be load shedding of two to three hours daily. On Tuesday night, power supply from Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to 11 provinces was snapped as a result of a pre-dawn blast. The official called on security forces to ensure the protection of



power pylons because their repair was difficult in the winter. (Pajhwok)