

Jalalabad	Sunny	Ghazni	Sunny	Kandahar	Sunny	Mazar	Sunny	Herat	Cloudy	Bamiyan	Sunny	Kabul	Sunny
33°C	23°C	31°C	22°C	22°C	13°C	23°C	17°C	5°C	11°C	7°C	0°C	23°C	7°C



# Azerbaijan, Afghanistan Discuss Role of Oil and Gas Cooperation in Developing Economic Relations



BAKU - The role of oil and gas cooperation in developing Azerbaijan-Afghanistan economic relations has been discussed as President of Azerbaijan's State Oil

Company (SOCAR) Rovnag Abdullayev met with a delegation led by Acting Minister of Commerce and Industries of Afghanistan Ajmal Ahmadi.

The meeting also focused on the role of Azerbaijan's oil products in Afghanistan's fuel market over the recent years. Minister Ahmadi highlighted the

current situation on Afghanistan's fuel market. He expressed Afghanistan's interest in raising cooperation with SOCAR in order to diversify sources of import. (AZERTAG)

## Taliban Group Joins Peace Process in Ghor



FIROZKOH - A six-member Taliban group and their commander have joined the peace process in western Ghor province, an official said on Sunday. Police spokesman Abdul Sami Nazhad told Pajhwok Afghan News recently dozens of Taliban militants joined the peace process in Chaharsada district of the province.

He said six militants, including their commander, shunned violence and reconciled with the government after their two comrades were killed by a rival commander. Meanwhile, civil society activists welcomed the development and termed it good message for peace in the country. Najibullah, ... (More on P4)... (7)

## Parwan Appellant Court Chief Shot Dead



KABUL - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead the appellant court head for central Parwan province, an official said on Sunday. Mohammad Haqqarast was gunned down in the Dolana village of Charikar, the provincial capital. late Sunday

night. Abdul Wase, deputy police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News Haqqarast came under attack while attending a function in the area. There has been no claimed of responsibility for the attack so far.. (Pajhwok)

## Nangarhar Journo's Find It Hard to Access Information

JALALABAD - Journalists in eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday said except a few most of government departments refused to share information with them. They said the government was

allowed to speak to the media. Most of the district chiefs say the same." Shakil Ahmad Sayeed, a worker with Enikas Television in Nangarhar, barring the police headquarters and the gover-



not committed to the spirit of the law on access to information. According to Article 64 of the Constitution and second chapter of access to information law and article five of the law, all citizens of the country have right to have access to information. But Nangarhar based Journalists complain that government officials often refuse allowing them access to information. Zabihullah Ghazi, a Voice of America (VoA) reporter in Nangarhar, said that only the governor's spokesman was sharing information with them. He said, "When we report about a polio case, the relevant authority tells us they are not

nor's house, the rest of government departments did not share information with them. He said, "I have several times tried to conduct an interview with the former customs chief, but he has not been replying." Baz Mohammad Abid, a journalist with Mashal Radio, said access to information was every Afghan's right. He said, "I have been working as a media person in Nangarhar for the past nine years and I have only been getting information from the governor's spokesman." Rahmatullah Zirmal, Journalists and Writers Independent Association committee's head in eastern zone, told Pajhwok Afghan ... (More on P4)... (8)

## NATO MPs Summit in London: Afghanistan on Agenda

KABUL - The situation in Afghanistan is among main topics on the agenda of NATO Parliamentary Assembly's Annual Session which began in London on Friday.

A statement on the official website of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly said "the pace of developments in and around Ukraine, as well as the situation in Iran and Afghanistan, is among the main issues on the agenda."

"The parliamentarians are set to adopt a series of draft reports and resolutions on key security issues ranging from developments in Ukraine five years after the pro-European Maidan demonstration, to border controls, sanctions policy, terrorism in Africa, and climate change," the



statement read. Over four days of debate hosted in Westminster, the parliamentarians will examine ways to respond to Russia's decision to abandon the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty - a

pillar of European security - and how to move forward with arms control in the post-INF era. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, British government ministers, top military officers, and a host of experts are expect-

ed to join hundreds of delegates for the October 11-14 meeting in London to reaffirm NATO's core values as the world's most powerful defence alliance celebrates 70 years since its founding. "As ... (More on P4)... (9)

## Kabul Asked to Review Peshawar Consulate Closure

KABUL - Pakistan on Saturday rejected the Afghan Foreign Ministry's statement regarding a market in Peshawar and regretted 'a distorted and misleading account of the issue'. A statement issued by the Foreign Office in Islamabad said "It is pointed out that the market issue was between a private citizen and a purported bank from Afghanistan." The statement said the case was decided in favour of the private citizen in 1998 and the recent enforcement action by the local administration occurred after le-

gal remedies were exhausted by the Afghan party to this legal dispute. "We reject any comments casting aspersions on the judicial process in Pakistan. We further regret the announcement that the Consulate General of Afghanistan in Peshawar has been closed in protest at this point." "We hope that this step would be immediately reviewed and that a private legal case would not be allowed to adversely affect the relations between the two brotherly countries." (Pajhwok)

