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**Daily Outlook Weather Forecast**

# Millions Embezzled in Ghost Teacher Scam: Baghlan Officials

SARE-E-PUL - The Baghlan attorney general's office is investigating claims that over 100 so-called ghost teachers are registered in the Baghlan-Markazi district of the province, which in turn costs the department millions of Afs a year. The attorney general's office has said that evidence received by the court indicates that millions of Afs are embezzled in salaries for these non-existent educators. According to the officials, the appeal court has launched an investigation into the case. Reacting to the allegations, the acting head of Baghlan education department has called the accusations groundless, stating that no ghost



teachers exist in the province. According to some officials from the Baghlan education department, millions of Afs have been embezzled in the province under the name of ghost schools over the past few years. They say they informed the legal and judicial institutions in the province after receiving reports about ghost teachers. "At least 113 ghost teachers including 49 ghost civil servants were reported during 2013," Abdul Jalil Dawlatzai, acting head of Baghlan Markazai education department said. Initial assessments show that nearly four ... (More on P4) ... (9)

# Heavy Clashes Underway Between Security Forces and Taliban in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - Heavy clashes have been underway between security forces and Taliban insurgents in southern Helmand province. Local officials say that Taliban launched coordinated attacks on a number of security posts in Kofka and Loy Manda areas of Nad Ali District and Babaji area, located between the provincial capital and Nad Ali

District, this morning. General Nabi Jan Mullahkhalil, Police chief of Helmand province said that Taliban have suffered heavy casualties, however, he did not have a number of them. Omar Zwak, spokesman for the governor of Helmand province also confirmed the clashes but said that details would ... (More on P4) ... (10)

# Over 300 Afghan Trucks Stuck at Torkham Crossing



KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga's (the Lower House of the Parliament) fact finding team in Kunduz on Sunday said a lack of intelligence was the main reason behind the fall of Kunduz city to the Taliban late last month. The team also said the infiltra-

tion of the enemy within the security force ranks in Kunduz was another reason for the collapse of the city. They warn that such an incident will be repeated in Kunduz if the Taliban are not completely suppressed in the province. "The ... (More on P4) ... (11)

# Peaceful Afghanistan Guarantees Regional Stability: Asif

BEIJING - Addressing a security forum in Beijing on Sunday, Pakistan's Defense Minister Khwaja Asif called for regional peace and stability while welcoming China's role in finding a peaceful resolution of the Afghan problem. "A stable and peaceful Afghanistan is a guarantee for

peace and stability of Pakistan and the region. It is only through peace and stability that the real benefits from projects like China-Pakistan Economic Corridor could be accrued ushering in a new era of development and prosperity," he said. Speaking at the event, Asif ... (More on P4) ... (12)

# MSF Says Bombing of Afghan Hospital No Mistake

KUNDUZ - The head of an international medical charity whose hospital in northern Afghanistan was destroyed in a U.S. airstrike says the "extensive, quite precise destruction"

of the bombing raid casts doubt on American military assertions that it was a mistake. The Oct. 3 attack on the compound in Kunduz city, ... (More on P4) ... (13)

# Iran Deal closer to Reality as U.S. Prepares Sanctions Waivers

NEW YORK - The United States was set to issue conditional sanctions waivers for Iran on Sunday, though it cautioned they will not take effect until Tehran has curbed its nuclear program as required under a historic nuclear deal reached in Vienna on July 14. Several senior U.S. officials, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, said that despite Washington's move on Sunday, actual implementation of the deal was likely several months away. That means the sanctions relief Tehran is looking forward to is unlikely to come this year. They said the timing of nuclear-related sanctions relief



will depend on the speed at which Iran takes the steps needed to enable the U.N. nuclear watchdog to confirm Tehran's compliance. "We cannot imagine it taking less than two months," one of the U.S. officials said.

Sunday was so-called "adoption day" for the deal, which came 90 days after Iran, the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China reached an agreement under which most sanctions on Iran ... (More on P4) ... (14)

# Nearly 200 Insurgents Reportedly Killed in Ghazni Attack

GHAZNI CITY - A number of local officials from central Ghazni province on Sunday said that nearly 200 Taliban insurgents were killed in an attack on the province. In addition, 50 other insurgents were injured. Mohammad Ali Ahmadi, deputy provincial governor has said that "a number of bodies

of Taliban commanders were also seen in the areas." Ahmadi said that the insurgents last week closed the Kabul-Kandahar highway in parts of the province for three days and also attacked the security officials. "Six civilians were killed and 16 others including four police ... (More on P4) ... (15)

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