



# Terrorists on the Verge of Destruction: Ghani

**Reacting to a deadly Taliban attack in southern Kandahar province, President Ashraf Ghani on Thursday said the perpetrators achieved nothing but barbarism and massacre of humanity.**

KABUL - The president said elements involved in such barbaric attacks were being eradicated and they were living the last moments of their lives. "These criminals after hitting targets in Paktia and Ghazni provinces, attacked the military base in Maiwand district and they killed and wounded some security personnel and civilians." "In this critical phase, the people of Afghanistan stand behind their security forces and are ready to respond to the new phase of attacks with full force", the statement said. The president said security forces were defending every inch of the country with their blood, courage and their remarkable gains would be remembered for decades to come. Praising the courage and valor of security forces, ...*(More on P4)...*(10)



## Recent Attacks Beyond Taliban's Ability: Waziri



KABUL - The Afghan Ministry of Defense (MoD) on Thursday accused Pakistan intelligence agencies of being behind recent attacks in Afghanistan, saying the assaults were beyond Taliban's ability. MoD spokesman, Dawlat Waziri, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News said the Taliban used all its resources this spring to achieve their strategic goals, ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

## China Strongly Condemns Latest Taliban Attacks

BEIJING - China has strongly condemned recent attacks in Afghanistan by Taliban militants that killed at least 71 people, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said Thursday. Media reported that the attacks happened on Tuesday in several provinces of Afghanistan, injuring about 170 people. Spokesperson Lu Kang told a daily news briefing that China was shocked at the heavy casualties and extended condolences for those killed, and conveyed sincere sympathy to the injured and families of ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

## Women Entrepreneurs Join Startup Revolution

KABUL - The first group of young female entrepreneurs graduated from Startup Valley, Afghanistan's first private business incubator, the USAID said on Thursday. Of more than 150 applications and 30 selected candidates, 17 young women completed the incubation programme and are now taking their business concepts to market. Operated by AGHAEZ Professional Services and supported by USAID: Promote Women in the Economy (WIE), Startup Valley encourages the entrepreneurial mindset in youth, especially female ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

### Publication of the Award of Contract by NCB

Name of Project: AFG (SF), Road Asset Management Project (RAMP)  
Grant No: G0508 AFG (SF),  
Bid/Contract Description: Periodic Maintenance of Kabul-Jalalabad Highway Subproject. Start from KM 51+294 up to 86+294 KM (35 KM), NPA/MPW/96/W-1702/NCB  
Scope of Contract: Works

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
M/s Mashriq Engineering Construction Company, Nangarhar Province	4,842,598.00 USD	4,842,597.73 USD

The ground for protest is open, starting from date of announcement of this intention for award and will close within one calendar week. Protest shall not be accepted beyond the deadline. Protest must be addressed in writing to PMO of Ministry of Public Works located at Abdul Haq Square, 1<sup>st</sup> Block, 1<sup>st</sup> Maccorayan, Kabul Afghanistan. This notice doesn't constitute a contract, until deadline completion stipulated herein and completion of further processes.

## Over 8,000 People Compete for 700 Govt. Posts

KABUL - At least 8,175 people wrote an exam on Thursday as part of a new hiring process for 700 procurement positions in 43 government agencies. The exam was held at Kabul University and Kabul Polytechnic University. Nader Naderi, head of the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission, said the individuals will be hired based on merit and not according to their ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

## US Will Remain as Long as Taliban Keep on Fighting

KABUL - The US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said at a debate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC on Wednesday, the United States will remain in Afghanistan as long as the Taliban refuse to join the peace process. "So it is about a commitment, a message to the Taliban and other elements that we're not going anywhere. And so we'll be here as long as it takes for you to change your mind and decide you want to ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

**Publish Date: 21 October, 2017**  
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Ministry of Finance  
Afghanistan Customs Department  
Second Customs Reform and Trade Facilitation Project – Additional Financing  
Project ID: P155443  
Grand No: D076-AF  
**Procurement of IT and Electrical Equipment for Data Centre at ACD**  
**MOF-ACD/SCRTFP-PIU/16-G/KBL/0056**

1. The Ministry of Finance, Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received fund from World Bank under International Development Association (IDA), a toward the cost of **Procurement of IT and Electrical Equipment for Data Centre at ACD** of Ministry of Finance, Ref. No: **MOF-ACD/SCRTFP-PIU/16-G/KBL/0056**

2. The Afghanistan Customs Department, Ministry of Finance now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the above tender.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Procurement Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Pashtoonestan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, email: [walidnoori.piu@gmail.com](mailto:walidnoori.piu@gmail.com) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:30 – 15:30 HRS Local Time on any working day from Saturday to Wednesday.

5. Qualifications requirements include:

a) **Financial Capability:** the Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s):

- i) The bidder must have credit line (unconditional) or cash in bank account as follows: **USD 198,000 (One Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand US Dollars)**
- ii) Annual turnover for each of the last five years in excess of: **USD 791,000 (Seven Hundred Ninety One Thousand US Dollars)**

**b) Experience:** the Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it has executed and meets the following experience requirement(s):

The Bidder has satisfactorily completed at least one contract for supply of similar goods in the preceding on of the five years of: **USD 475,000 (Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand US Dollars)**

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below:

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Procurement Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Pashtoonestan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan or before **04 December 2017 at 10:00 HRS Local Time**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids

will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person on the same day.

All bids must be accompanied by a *Bid Security* of as follow or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. The amount of bid security shall be: **USD 15,900 (Fifteen Thousand and Nine Hundred US Dollars)**

8. The address referred to above is:

Attention: Ah. Walid Noori  
Procurement Officer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Procurement Directorate  
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