

Quote of the Day

Justice does not come from the outside. It comes from inner peace.

Robert Half

SIGAR

USAID Pays for Afghan Hospitals that do not Exist

KABUL - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has come under serious criticism after America's federal watchdog found out that the agency provided "inaccurate" data about the location of nearly two dozen health facilities in Afghanistan's western zone. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction's (SIGAR) inspection of the \$259.6 million Partnership Contracts for Health (PCH) program has found "substantial inaccuracies" in the GPS coordinates USAID provided for 23 of the 63 health-



care facilities it was funding in Herat province.

The inspection has revealed that the location of the 23 facilities were up to 6 miles from the GPS coordinates provided by USAID - seven were more than three miles from the coordinates and 16 that were located less than three miles from the provided location data, the inspector general John Sopko said in a letter to the agency a week ago. SIGAR stated that it could determine that only 19 facilities actually existed of the remaining 40 medical ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

UN Won't Abandon Afghanistan Until Peace Restored: Haysom



KABUL - Highlighting United Nations' continued commitment to Afghanistan, Nicholas Haysom, UN Secretary General's Special Representative to Afghanistan said on Thursday that the organization will continue to remain alongside the Afghans until peace and stability is restored in their country.

"We have chosen this way of recognizing the 70 years of the UN existence, because it also symbolizes the partnership between the UN and the Afghan people. But more importantly it recognizes is they can do nothing through its capacity to work with Afghans," he told an event in Kabul to mark ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

Taliban, IS May Invade Central Asia, Warns Russian Intelligence



MOSCOW - Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) has warned that Taliban or Islamic State (IS) fighters may invade central Asia. FSB director Alexander Bortnikov said that a concentration of Taliban fighters, some of whom had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, at Afghanistan's northern border make the risk of invasion tangible, Russian news agencies reported on Wednesday.

Russia's biggest concern is Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan towards which Taliban are nearing. Besides Taliban, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) that ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

China will Provide Emergency Relief Supplies of 10 mln Yuan to Afghanistan

BEIJING - China will provide emergency relief materials worth of 10 million yuan to the Afghan Government in its relief efforts for the areas hit by the earthquake. According to the Chinese government, the humanitarian assistance goods including blankets, tents and electricity generators, are under preparation and will be airlifted to Afghanistan very soon.

Afghanistan was struck by an earthquake on October 26, which has caused more than 100 deaths and over 7000 houses damaged up to now. Chinese President Xi Jinping ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

Global Emissions Pledges not Enough yet: UN

BERLIN - Governments' emissions-cutting pledges ahead of a global conference in December are a good step toward achieving an international global warming goal, but they aren't yet enough, the U.N. climate chief said Friday.

The plans submitted by 146 countries for the climate conference in Paris could cut average global emissions per capita of greenhouse gases by up to 8 percent by 2025 and 9 percent by 2030 compared with 1990 levels, a U.N. assessment

found.

U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres' office didn't directly assess the pledges' impact on the goal of keeping the rise in global temperatures below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of this century compared with pre-industrial times.

Figueres, however, pointed to an International Energy Agency assessment that they would result in a 2.7-degree increase, compared with 4 to 5 degrees with no action.



"It is a very good step, it is actually a ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

Dostum Links Jihadi Council's Success to Cooperation with Govt.

KABUL - First Vice President Abdul Rashid Dostum declared on Friday that the newly-established Jihadi Council will be helpful at resolving national issues if it is committed to working with the government in a bid to strengthen the political system.

Referring to recent movement of a number of former Jihadi figures, Dostum made it clear that the council will remain ineffective in solving issues facing the country if the body preferred making decisions without coordinating the government.

"I have respect towards all of them," Dostum said, adding that "if their activities are coordinated with the government,



they will be helpful otherwise they will not succeed."

These statements came after unconfirmed reports emerged that the jihadi figures were pushing the government towards convening the Loya Jirga - a grand council rarely being held for big national issues. However the council members refrained from commenting on the issue.

Meanwhile, CEO Abdullah's cultural advisor, Sayed Aqa Fazl Sancharaki supported establishment of jihadi council. He said the council was working to strengthen ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

Sigmar Gabriel German Government's Ability to Act on Migrants Threatened

BERLIN - German's Social Democrat vice chancellor, Sigmar Gabriel, warned on Friday that a dispute among the conservatives over how to handle record inflows of migrants into the country was jeopardizing the government's ability to act.

Merkel and Horst Seehofer, the leader of her Bavarian sister party, have frequently clashed over how Germany should deal with the estimated 800,000 to 1 million it expects this year, many of them from war zones in the Middle East.

Merkel, the leader of the Christian Democrats (CDU), has favored an open-door policy and says Germany can cope. Seehofer, head of the Christian Social Union (CSU) in Bavaria, the entry point in Germany for many of the migrants, has said the existence of the conservative bloc was at stake if she did not "correct" her asylum policy.

Gabriel, leader of the Social Democrats, the junior partner in the ruling coalition, said in an interview with Spiegel Online that the conservative parties were acting "irresponsibly" and creating even more uncertainty among the population as concerns mount that Germany cannot deal with the new arrivals. "Given the big challenge our country is facing due to strong immigration of refugees, the dispute between the CDU and CSU is now threatening the ability of the government to act," he said. He cited no examples of government work being held up. "The longer the dispute in the conservative bloc lasts, the more people will turn away from politics and the more ground the right-wing radicals will gain," Gabriel, who is also Germany's economy minister, said. *(Reuters)*

BF Assists Quake Survivors of Nangarhar

KABUL - The Bayat Foundation (BF) on Friday rushing tents and foods to Camma district of Nangarhar province hit by a major earthquake this week as hundreds of survivors including children face the harsh Himalayan winter under open skies.

"The Bayat Foundation's aids will soon reach to other provinces of the country," Haji Muhammad Ismail, deputy of Bayat Foundation said.

Praising the Foundation's efforts to assist survivors, Salim Khan Kundozi, governor of Nangarhar said, "The Bayat Foundation is the first aid agency that helped the victim's families of recent quake in Nangarhar." Noor Muhammad Noor, deputy of Nangarhar governor has ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Govt. to Strengthen Electronic Payment System

KABUL - Following a directive from President Ashraf Ghani, high-level representatives from the Ministries of Commerce and Industries, Communication and Information Technology, Finance, Education, Justice, Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and the Disabled, and the Governor of the Central Bank held an "Electronic Money Summit" sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

President Ghani has said that a cash-only system is risky, inefficient, and vulnerable to corruption. He has ordered government agencies to use non-cash payments, or electronic money, whenever practical. Electronic payments can be used for everyday purchases as well as to pay salaries, custom tariffs, utility bills, taxes, and other fees via mobile money or electronic bank transfers. Electronic payments make it easier for people to pay and for the government to receive taxes and fees.

"The Government of Afghanistan fully supports implementation of Mobile Money and the Ministry has started working on bio-metric registration of SIM cards, which will make Mobile Money registration much easier," said Abdul Razaq Vahidi, Minister of Communication and Information Technology. In Afghanistan, some teachers, policemen, and soldiers have been receiving salaries via mobile technology for nearly ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

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