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Dadullah Besieged in Zabul as Taliban Cracks Widen

KABUL - Some Taliban sources on Wednesday said supporters of the group's new supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour had besieged a senior Taliban military commander Mullah Mansour Dadullah in Khak Afghan district of southern Zabul province. The sources said differences between supporters of the two intensified after Dadullah refused to pledge allegiance to Mansour as the Taliban's new leader to replace the late founder and longtime chief Mullah Mohammad Omar. After Omar's death, the Taliban leadership council elected Mullah



Mansour as the new leader, but Omar's family and a number of supporters opposed the election. Some reports say supporters of Mansour and Dadullah have fought several clashes over the leadership issue in Khak Afghan district during the past one week. Mansour reportedly sent a delegation to Dadullah asking him to pledge allegiance to the new supreme leader, but Dadullah refused. A commander of Dadullah's group, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News a number of their ... (More on P4)...(7)

Kabul New City to be Equipped with Renewal Energy

KABUL - Barikab City Development Authority (DCDA), Independent Board of Kabul New City Development (KNC), announced Wednesday that the New Kabul City will be equipped with the renewable energy. "During a visit to DCDA Headquarter in Kabul, the German ZalusArrow Group of Companies presented a technical proposal for equipping ... (More on P4)...(8)

Another 2,500 Bamyan Homes Go Green

BAMYAN CITY - More than 2,500 families on Wednesday extended solar power in central Bamyan province amid complaints the charges exceed those in other provinces. Governor Tahir Zuhair and Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat's (DABS) central zone director Ghulam Haider Sadiqi inaugurated the 2.1 megawatt solar power plant in Bamyan City, the provincial capital. The project that cost \$1.2 million donated by the Norwegian Embassy in Kabul lights homes of 2,500 families in Zargaran, Jagra Khail and ... (More on P4)...(9)

Miseries of the Afghan Refugees Risking their Lives to Reach Europe Continue

KABUL - As Europe confronts a rapidly escalating migration crisis driven by war, a large number of Afghan youths and residents are still suffering difficult problems to reach European countries. Some of those Afghan youths

who reached to European countries say that the struggles they faced led to an unexpected conclusion: "The difficulties in Afghanistan were better than the difficulties they face today in Europe." ... (More on P4)...(10)

Taliban's Shadow Governor for Faryab Detained in Herat

MAIMANA - Taliban's governor for northern Faryab province has been detained, officials said on Wednesday, hoping the arrest would help stabilise the security situation. Qari Salahuddin Ayubi led recent insurgent operations in the northwestern zone, particularly in Faryab province, said the National Directorate of Security (NDS) - the Afghan spy service. Ayubi was arrested last night on the Herat-Shindand highway, a statement from the intelligence agency said, claiming ... (More on P4)...(11)

24 Afghan Refugees Found in Sealed Truck in Austria

KABUL - Austrian police have found 24 Afghan refugees in a small truck, whose doors and windows were welded shut. Austrian media outlets said on Wednesday that police officers, who found the truck on Monday night, rescued the refugees, aged between 16 and 17, who were in danger of suffocation. Thomas Keibinger, police spokesman, was quoted by APA Austrian news agency as saying that the teenagers were lying on top of each other in a very small space. The ... (More on P4)...(12)

Nimroz Customs Revenue up by 1b Afs: Official

ZARANJ - Customs officials in southwestern Nimroz province claim their department's revenue has increased by one billion afghanis during the first nine months of this solar year compared to the corresponding period last year. Wais Sultani, the Customs Department head, said more than five billion afghanis had been collected so far - 20 percent up against previous year's returns. Sultani was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) at the port in Zaranj, the provincial



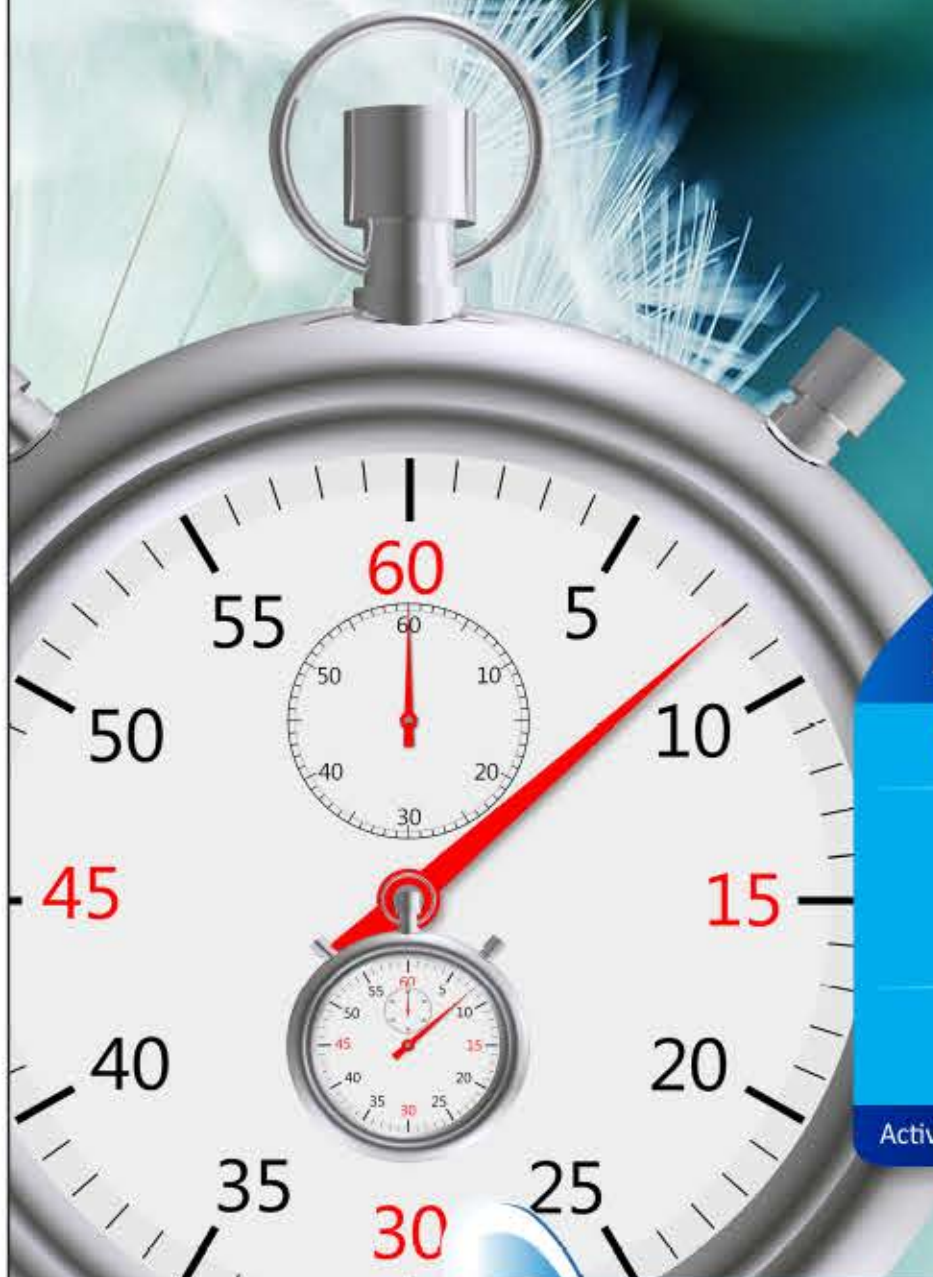
capital. ASYCUDA, a computerised customs management system, covers most foreign trade procedures and handles manifests and customs declarations, accounting procedures, transit and suspense procedures.

Sultani said 20 percent of the total revenue came from duty charges on oil imports from Iran and the remaining from textile, electronic equipment and spare-parts. He linked in the increase in ... (More on P4)...(13)

500 Displaced Families Get Food Aid

FAIZABAD - Five hundreds internally displaced families were assisted with food items in the northeastern province of Badakhshan on Wednesday, officials said. A total of 45 tonnes of food items were provided by the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) to IDPs from Yangan, Jurm and Warduj districts. The affected families are currently in Jurm and Baharak districts, ANDMA provincial head Syed Abdullah Humayun, told Pajhwok Afghan News. Each family received a 50-kg bag ... (More on P4)...(14)

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