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Industrialists Ask Govt. to Honour Vows, Review Tax Hike

KABUL - Industrialists on Sunday asked the government to honour its pledges about resolving problems being faced by the private sector and industries.

They complained the current and previous administrations had failed to deliver on their promises about domestic products and reduction in taxes.

The issues were raised at a conference titled "National Conference in Support of Afghanistan Industries; opportunities, challenges and solutions," held jointly by the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) and the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA). Humayun Rasa, the commerce minister, said the conference was aimed at evaluating the growth



challenges facing industries and industrialists and resolving them. He said his ministry had prepared

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Nangarhar Residents Worry about Growing Daesh Threat



KABUL - Nangarhar residents from the Pachir Agam district on Sunday voiced their concerns over what they claim is the growing number of Daesh members in their area.

Speaking to TOLONews, residents said at least 13 civilians have been killed and 14 wounded in a recent attack

by Daesh in the district. Tribal elders also said that at least 23 residents from Pachir Agam have been taken hostage by the group. Hassan Jan, a tribal elder in Pachir Agam, who recently sustained injuries in an attack by Daesh, told TOLONews that he was wounded some days... (More on P4)...(10)

190 Insurgents Captured in 2 Months: NDS

GHAZNI CITY - Up to 190 insurgents have been detained over the past two months in the southern province of Ghazni, a National Directorate of Security (NDS) official claimed on Sunday.

The detainees were involved in the assassination of government officials, abductions and attacks, NDS Director Ali Ahmad Mubarez told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The captives had confessed to their crimes during interrogations, he said adding the arrest of the insurgents had helped improve the security environment in the province.



"Taliban fighters will never achieve their aims and cannot fight face to face against the security personnel. They are misled people who are destroying their own country to please outsiders," he remarked. The Taliban had been trying over the past few months to capture Giru, Gilan and Qarabagh districts of Ghazni, but their plans had failed, said the former governor of the province, Musa Khan Akbarzada. "The detainees should be awarded harsh punishment to set a deterrent example for others," observed a resident of Ghazni City, Mohammad Anwar. The security personnel... (More on P4)...(11)

Taliban Rejects Ulema Council's Fatwa on War

KABUL - The head of Badghis' Ulema Council, Mawlawi Ibrahim, on Sunday said the council has issued a fatwa against the Taliban's war on security forces, but that the insurgent leaders have rejected it.

He said the foreign leaders of the Taliban have refused to renounce violence.

Mawlawi Ibrahim said that the local Taliban has sent the text of the fatwa to their leadership in Quetta Shura in Pakistan - the main council comprised of the top leadership of the Afghan Taliban. He said that the Quetta Shura members have warned the Taliban leadership in Badghis that they will be eliminated if they adhere to the fatwa.



Mawlawi Ibrahim said the religious scholars issued the fatwa based on instructions in the Holy Quran and messages of the Prophet, but the Quetta Shura members are preventing the Afghan Taliban from joining the peace process. "They [the Taliban rebels] are not taking any steps without orders from the foreigners

[those in Quetta Shura]; even they took our fatwa to Quetta Shura in Peshawar and they ordered the Taliban in Badghis not to renounce violence," Ibrahim told TOLONews. "Their madrassas in Pakistan are not for training on religious books; the madrassas are for training suicide attackers and for subversive activities,"... (More on P4)...(12)

Eastern Zone Elders Reject E-ID Cards

KABUL - Elders from eastern provinces on Sunday warned against not mentioning "Afghan" and "Islam" in the computerised national identity (ID) cards. More than 100 elders and their supporters coming all the way from from Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan provinces to Kabul held a gathering here to discuss the security situation in the eastern zone. The elders blatantly announced their support for the induction of Afghan and Islam in the computerised ID cards as the farmer identified their nationality and the later determined their religion.

Senate Chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar told the gathering that the word Afghan was their nationality and they would accept ID cards without the two words.

He asked President Ashraf Ghani to resolve the issue through a decree and not wait for the Wolesi Jirga to return from the summer break.

Ustad Tayyab Atta, a lawmaker from Nuristan province, said: "We are Afghans and those who shy to be called as Afghans should leave Afghanistan."

MPs Eng. Mohammad Alim Qarar from Laghman and Hazrat Ali and Mirwais Yasini from Nangarhar also... (More on P4)...(14)

US Upbeat About RECCA-VI, SOM Outcomes



KABUL - US Deputy Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Laura Miller on Sunday said the recent Regional Economic Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA) and the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) were positive signs for Afghanistan and hoped the conferences would prove effective in the future.

The US official, who called on Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabani, said the latest multinational summits had been successful.

Rabbani highlighted the importance of regional cooperation with Afghanistan, which

he said was rich in natural resources but needed foreign support to tap its underground wealth.

He said the government of Afghanistan had assured the international community that it would work to eradicate corruption, fight terrorism, implement reforms, support the private sector and improve relations with neighbouring and regional countries.

The sixth RECCA conference was held in capital Kabul on Thursday and Friday. High-level delegations from 30 countries and representatives from 40... (More on P4)...(15)

School Building, Water Supply Schemes Completed



AIBAK - At least three development projects, including the construction of a school building and drinking water supply, have been completed in northern Samangan province, officials said on Sunday.

With the construction of the school building in Dara-i-Sauf Bala district, 200 students will be able to study in a proper environment.

Abdul Wahab Zafar, education director, told Pajhwok Afghan News earlier students used to study under the open sky and confronted multiple problems.

The new school building has been constructed on 1,200 square metres area at a cost of 2,540,000 afghanis provided by the government of Canada. Separately, two drinking... (More on P4)...(16)

Work on New Building for University Launched

FARAH CITY - The foundation stone of a new building for the Farah University was laid on Sunday, an official said.

The governor, provincial council members, university students, lecturers and others participated the foundation stone-laying ceremony. Governor Mohammad Asif Nang said construction of the building was important for the university and the beginning of implementation of development projects in Farah.

Nang added Farah province lacked professional individuals, but the university would help produce qualified individuals to fill the vacuum. University Chancellor Eng. Ruknuddin Mushkani told Pajhwok Afghan News the Farah Higher Education Institute that was founded in 2012 did not have a proper building.

A part of 2,000 acres plot of land in the capital of Farah province, approved by the central government, has been allocated for the university building. Construction of the building would cost 41 million afghanis to be paid by the Ministry of Finance and would take 18 months to complete, Mushkani added. Farah University currently has agriculture and education training faculties. Economics and Sharia Law faculties are being added to the university. The official said currently 600 students including 42 females were... (More on P4)...(17)

Unrest Behind Trampling of Women's Rights

MAIMANA - Groups advocating women's rights and members of the provincial council say though the situation of women has considerably improved during the past one decade, their participation in important political decision-making and social activities remains lukewarm in northern Faryab province.

They say after the ouster of the Taliban regime, women got some freedom and started going to seminaries, schools and formed dozens of cultural, civil society and rights



groups and have joined media and vocational organizations.

However, insecurity, male dominance and lack of trust in government and non-governmental organisations by their families have restricted

women from having a broad participation in decision-making.

Faryab provincial council chief Syed Abdul Baqi Hashmi said a number of families had a negative perception about... (More on P4)...(13)

Over 60,000 Rice Farmers Trained in 5 Years



KABUL - The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) on Sunday said more than 60,000 farmers across the country had received training on best paddy cultivation methods over the past five years.

The MAIL in a statement said nearly 220,000 hectares of land was brought under rice crop cultivation in Kunduz, Takhar, Baghlan, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, Badakhshan, Balkh, Khost, Paktia, Dai Kundi, Sar-i-Pul, Bamyan, Kabul, Kapisa, Ghor, Parwan and Badghis provinces this year. It said 537,000 tonnes of rice was produced in the country last year.

The statement said 11,000 paddy growers were directly trained and 50,000 others indirectly on paddy cultivation techniques with the help of donor agencies. It said the process of supplying rice from producers to... (More on P4)...(18)

One in Every Three Afghan Children Faces Uneducated Future in Iran

KABUL - Tens of thousands of Afghan children who have fled the country with their parents because of war and poverty face uneducated future in Iran.



Even though, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has ordered that all Afghan refugees in his country be permitted to schools but reports suggest that barricades still exist to prevent these children from schooling. The order put aside the residency status of these children in Iran. "No Afghan child, not even immigrants who came to Iran illegally and without documents, must be kept from an education and all of them must be regis-

tered in Iranian schools." In May, Iran's Tasnim News Agency quoted Khamenei as saying.

However, Ibtikar which is another Iranian media reports that one of every three Afghan children is still out of school because of various barricades lying in front of them.

Masoumeh Abad, member of Tehran Islamic City Council is quoted by the media as saying that about 1.5 million Afghans are residing in Iran, adding that children rights expect the country's government to provide opportunities for them to study. Envoy of Afghanistan's Ministry of Education in Iran says that Iran has been sheltering Afghan refugees for several years and should the burden but still one in every three Afghan children is out of school because of preventions. Shams-ul-Rahman urged Iranian officials to assist these kids. (KP)