

## Quote of the Day

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

Peter Drucker

# Massoud Criticizes Govt's Employment Process

KABUL - Ahmad Zia Massoud, President Ashraf Ghani's Special Representative for Reform and Good Governance, has criticized the employment process in government organizations, saying that a number of officials in security agencies have been hired based on parties' relations and other issues, not merit-based. "Unfortunately, those who are leading the security agencies, most of them lack the required skills or they have been appointed based on relations and Afghanistan witnesses their damages on a daily basis. The durability of the current situation is not



tolerable for Afghans," Massoud said at a gathering commemorating the death anniversary of Ahmad Shah Massoud, former jihadi leader.

At the same event, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah said: "[Ahmad Shah] Massoud stopped terror and terrorism for at least 10 years. NATO faced the similar enemy with all its facilities while Amer Sahib [commander Massoud] fought the enemy with very few facilities." Meanwhile, Haifz Mansour, member of the Wolesi Jirga (the Lower House of Parliament) criticized what he called a lack of coordination among security agencies as well as the rift between ... (More on P4)...(1)

## Ghani's Meddling Deepened National Issues: Nabil

KABUL - Rahmatullah Nabil, the ex-chief of the Afghan spy agency - the National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Tuesday alleged that President Ashraf Ghani's unnecessary meddling in the works of government institutions has fueled political, security and social uncertainties in the country.

"Poor leadership and unnecessary interferences by President Ghani in various fields of politics, security and economy and even social sphere have forced us to move toward a strategic deadlock, this has increased the feelings of desperation among the people," said Nabil.

Speaking to TOLONews, Nabil argued that president Ghani's interventions have deepened the scale of crisis in the country and it has also emboldened the terrorists, suggesting that leaders of the national unity government should either stop meddling or step down. ... (More on P4)...(2)

## US, Pakistan Condemn Terrorist Attack in Kabul

WASHINGTON - The White House on Tuesday strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Kabul, saying the US remained unwavering in its support for a more secure, stable and prosperous Afghanistan.

"The United States condemns in the strongest terms the horrific terrorist attack on September 5 in Kabul, which killed dozens and left nearly one hundred wounded," said the spokesman of the National Security Council at the White House. Ned Price said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the many victims. The US remains unwavering in our support for the people and government of Afghanistan as we work together to build a more secure, stable, and prosperous Afghanistan."

Separately, U.S. diplomatic mission in Kabul strongly condemned yesterday's deadly attack on security forces near ... (More on P4)...(5)

## Kabul Locked Down Amid Deadly Attacks

KABUL - The Afghan capital Kabul came to a virtual standstill on Tuesday after a series of deadly attacks on certain targets that left scores of people dead and at least one hundred others wounded.

Afghan officials confirmed Monday that at least 30 people were killed in two separate explosions outside the Ministry of Defense in Kabul on Monday afternoon. At 11:00 pm another huge explosion rocked the city.

By mid-morning Tuesday Crisis Response Unit (CRU) members had gunned down all insurgents that had been holed up in a building near CARE's office building in Shar-e-Naw overnight.

In addition ... (More on P4)...(3)

## MoI Says Target of Kabul City Attack Was a Charity

KABUL - The ministry of interior said early Tuesday that the target of Monday night's bombing in Kabul city appears to have been a charity by the name of CARE (Pamllarana). MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said the organization was targeted in a bombing and attackers then entered the building in Shar-e-Naw.

He said security forces are combing the building for the gunmen but that it is not known how many there are.

Sediqqi added that at least one civilian was killed and one other wounded. However, there were no details on how many people are inside the Pamllarana building. The attack started off with a heavy explosion, ... (More on P4)...(6)

## Joint Afghan-Iran Industrial Exhibition Opens in Kabul

KABUL - The fourth joint Afghanistan and Iran industrial exhibition kicked off in capital Kabul on Tuesday.

The three-day event is organized by an Iranian institute 'Management of Exhibition Projects' in cooperation with the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and Trade Development Organization of Iran.

Eighty Iranian and 10 Afghan companies have put on display their products at the show.

The products on display include construction materials, food items, petroleum products medical, electronic, agricultural and textile equipment, home accessories, cosmetics, ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Public Support Key to Government's Success: CEO

KABUL CITY - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Tuesday termed as 'vital' public support for the government's survival and warned that no one would be allowed to violate people's fundamental rights.

Abdullah was addressing a gathering commemorating the 15th death anniversary of Ahmad Shah Massoud, a former warlord and head of the northern alliance military wing.

He said Massoud was a committed, wise, independent personal-



ity who fought for the freedom and survival of his people.

Abdullah said public support was vital and an important element for the government's survival and without people's backing the government machinery could not run properly.

He lamented some circles were propagating against Mujahideen who defended the country and rendered huge sacrifices.

The CEO vowed not to allow such elements people to harm the role of Mujahideen ... (More on P4)...(4)

## Allen Recommends Increased US Air Support to Afghan Forces

WASHINGTON - A former top American general on Tuesday said the situation on the ground in Afghanistan was 'more challenging today' but not beyond the capacity of Afghan forces.

"The situation has become more challenging and perhaps worsening, but this is not something which is beyond the capacity of the Afghan forces," retired general John Allen, the former Commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, said.

He said resurgence in Afghan Taliban activities had been seen and the challenge Washington faced was stabilizing of US troop numbers and providing air support to Afghan forces.

Addressing a panel discussion at the Brookings Institute, a top American think-



tank, Allen recommended increasing US air support to Afghan forces and stabilizing US troops in the country.

He believed long term success of Afghanistan was going to be the function of the Afghan security forces and their capabilities to secure the nation.

Noting that the security situation in Afghanistan is

worsening, Vanda Felbab-Brown, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute, said the Afghan government was cut out from large parts of the country.

She said the difficult security situation in Afghanistan was not only because of Taliban and ISIS, but also due to criminality in Afghanistan including kidnapping of ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Justice Ministry Amends Penal Code

KABUL - The amendment law to the penal code has been sent to the Council of Ministers for approval and if given the green light will be presented to the Brussels Summit as one of government's achievements.

The amendment to the penal code relates to the inclusion of the option of imposing a fine on a guilty person or imposing a sentence of house arrest.

Discussing the matter on Tuesday was senior advisor to the Justice Ministry Mohammad Ashraf Rasuli who said the amendments were brought based on justice in punishment and in context with global practices.

He said if approved it would allow for a decrease in capital punishment and imprisonment for some lawbreakers.

"We are committed to preparing the code ahead of the Brussels Summit. Those who are attending the conference will present it as an achievement," Rasuli said.

Meanwhile, a number of law-

yers said they believe that the draft of the code will help executive authorities.

"Government has tried to bring amendments to the penal laws and besides it has drafted a penal code which is technically beneficial for executive authorities; it does not have any benefit for the people," said Shahla Farid, a lawyer

"Alternative sentences were not included in the previous law, but it has been added to the amended one. We had long imprisonment terms which now will be changed to a fine system for a guilty person or the option of sentencing someone to house arrest," said lawyer and university lecturer Nasrullah Stanikzai.

According to the Justice Ministry, Afghanistan's criminal law was drafted in two chapters and 229 articles nearly 40 years ago, but now it stands at 44 chapters and 430 articles, said Rasuli. (Tolonews)

## UN Humanitarian Chief Due in Afghanistan

KABUL - UN humanitarian chief Stephen O'Brien will visit Afghanistan from September 6 to 7 to see firsthand the devastating humanitarian consequences of the conflict and efforts to respond to escalating needs.

During the two-day visit, he is expected to meet displaced communities, senior government officials, humanitarian partners and the diplomatic community to discuss the evolving needs and ways of strengthening the current response. More than 1.2 million people have been displaced from their homes by the conflict over the last four years, including 229,000 people since the beginning of 2016, according to a statement from UNOCHA.

It said alarming levels of malnutrition affect 2.7 million Afghans, including one million children under the age of five. Only 35 per cent of children with acute malnutrition are being reached and of those, only 25 per cent are actually cured.

With more than a million people anticipated to be displaced internally and across borders by the end of the year, Afghanistan is facing a potential humanitarian crisis as highly vulnerable families face the severity of winter, many for the first time. Due to the sudden influx of returnees, the humanitarian community in Afghanistan has decided to launch a Flash Appeal to support the humanitarian response to the needs of more people on the move. (Pajhwok)

## Int'l Community Should Stand by Commitments to End War in Afghanistan: Senators

KABUL - The great supporters of Afghanistan should stand by their commitments and eradicate war in Afghanistan, a number of Afghan senators said.

Afghan senators say the powerful countries of the world are remaining silent against the increase of war in Afghanistan.

"The security situation in the country worsens every day but the countries of

the world do not do something," said senator Layluma Ahmadi.

"Afghanistan's enemies should understand that they will never achieve their aims. We should prevent the casualties because we are losing our tarnishes day by day," said senator Anar Kulay Hunaryar.

Meanwhile, the second deputy speaker of senate ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Abdullah Applauds Security Forces for Efforts to End Siege

KABUL - The Afghan CEO Abdullah Abdullah on Tuesday morning applauded the Crisis Response Unit (CRU) and Afghan security forces for their efforts through the night to end the siege in Shar-e-Naw in Kabul city.

Four insurgents, including a suicide bomber, launched an attack close to CARE's building at 11pm on Monday night.

The siege ended 11 hours later. No deaths were reported -

except for the insurgents. Six people were however wounded in the attack but over 40 were rescued from houses in the immediate vicinity.

Abdullah said via twitter: "I acknowledge our security forces who showed courage and bravery in the face of terror. Their actions saved countless lives."

He went on to say that Afghans are fighting a war against terrorists who are

trained, advised, supported and instructed in the neighborhood.

"I strongly condemn the heinous attack by coward terrorists in Shar-e-Naw Kabul. This was an act against religion, human faith and humanity," he said.

He said that while Afghanistan seeks beneficial relationships with neighbors, "we won't turn a blind eye to blatant ... (More on P4)...(10)



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