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Pakistani Banks Freeze More Than 210 Seminary Accounts

PESHAWAR - Pakistani banks have frozen accounts of more than 200 religious schools in compliance with instructions from the central bank, a media report said on Monday. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has ordered the freeze to track sources of seminaries' funding and choke terror financing under the National Action Plan, The Express Tribune reported. Banks have stopped opening fresh accounts for seminaries before they are registered under a new mechanism introduced by the Religious Affairs Ministry, according to the newspaper.



An unnamed official of the ministry told the daily: "The seminaries have declined to reveal their funding

sources or register under the new mechanism. This has complicated our task to monitor their accounts

under the new policy." Some 211 suspicious accounts, mostly owned by individuals affiliated with

the religious schools, had been frozen. The accounts held deposits worth Rs5 million. Additionally, 32 unregistered seminaries, which are believed to be receiving foreign funding, have been sealed.

"A private bank refused to open my madrassa's account. I have been waiting for seven months. But finally, I received a big 'No'. My madrassa is registered," said Abdul Qadoos Mohammadi, spokesman for Wafaq-ul-Madaris Pakistan. He believed if the government allowed the religious schools to open accounts in their names, checking their sources of funding would become easier. ...*(More on P4)*...*(7)*

Noor Promises Justice for Slain Bus Passengers

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - Atta Mohammad Noor, the acting governor of northern Balkh province, said on Monday that the gunmen involved in the killing of 13 bus passengers in Zare district of the province are being sought and that once arrested they will be brought to justice. Noor ...*(More on P4)*...*(8)*



Bring Killers of 12 Balkh Anchorcivilians to Justice, Govt Urged

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - People of the Zare district of Balkh province on Monday asked the government to arrest the killers of 12 civilians, who

were shot to death two days ago. The civilians were got down from their vehicles on their way from Koshundi district to ...*(More on P4)*...*(9)*

Afghan Officials Failed to Convince Int'l Community: CSA



KABUL - A number of Civil Society Activists (CSA) have stated that Afghan officials have failed to convince the international community members and representatives who had attended the Senior Officials Meeting SOM, warning if the Government doesn't adopt serious measurements in order to fulfill its commitments given for the International donors, they will decrease their financial supports to Afghanistan. Despite Afghanistan was ...*(More on P4)*...*(10)*

Mansour Dadullah ISI Picks Taliban Leaders

KABUL - Mullah Mansour Dadullah, a senior Taliban commander in southern Afghanistan - says he returned to Afghanistan recently after refusing to work with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and said that the Taliban leaders are selected by the ISI. Mullah Mansour Dadullah, who...*(More on P4)*...*(13)*



70 Rebels Killed in Logar Operation

PUL-I-ALAM - Seventy Taliban fighters, four Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and as many civilians have been killed during an operation in the central province of Logar, officials said on Monday. Afghan security personnel launched the search operation three days ago in the Mohammad Agha district, Logar deputy police chief Major Qari Mohammad Wara told Pajhwok Afghan News. Up to 70 Taliban fighters, four ANA soldiers and four civilians including a woman had been killed and ...*(More on P4)*...*(16)*

Nuristan Needs Special Uplift Package: Governor

JALALABAD - The acting governor on Monday asked the Parliament to pay proper attention to the development of eastern Nuristan province while approving upcoming annual budget. Hafiz Abdul Qayyum told

Pajhwok Afghan News during an interview that the condition of all roads in the province was terrible and still most of the areas remained disconnected from Paroon, the provincial capital. The ...*(More on P4)*...*(11)*

17 Policemen Die in NATO Attack

LASHKARGAH - A senior government official has confirmed that 17 counter-narcotics policemen were killed by NATO-coalition troops in an airstrike in Reg in Sangin district in Helmand province last night. The source said police...*(More on P4)*...*(12)*

Seeking Jobs, Kabul Youth Warn of Swelling Rebel Ranks

KABUL - A number of Kabul youth on Monday protested against joblessness and asked the government for employment opportunities to prevent them from joining rebel groups. The rally started at ...*(More on P4)*...*(14)*

Poll Observers Welcome Selection Committee Reform

KABUL - Election observers on Monday welcomed the proposed reforms omitting names of both houses of parliament speakers from the election commission's selection committee. They said the omission would make the election commission members' selection process more...*(More on P4)*...*(15)*

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