

Jalalabad	Clear	Ghazni	Clear	Kandahar	Clear	Mazar	Clear	Herat	Clear	Bamayan	Clear	Kabul	Clear
36°C	26°C	31°C	34°C	29°C	19°C	28°C	23°C	16°C	24°C	6°C	13°C		
23°C	16°C	16°C	24°C	16°C	6°C	13°C							



CEO Calls on MPs to Cast Ministerial Votes Wisely

Abdullah urged lawmakers to put the national interests first during upcoming vote for new ministers.

KABUL - CEO Abdullah Abdullah on Wednesday said government will introduce the ministerial nominees to the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) in the next few days, and that government expects the MPs to cast their votes in line with the interests of Afghanistan.

Meanwhile parliament's committee of chairmen has announced that it has decided to call two ministerial nominees on Monday, but some MPs said this is not in line with the law.

They said all ministerial nominees should be introduced to the house at the same time.

"Honorable ministers will be introduced in the next few days and you (lawmakers) will issue your judgments on the basis of your responsibilities, we hope that lawmakers put the national interests of Afghanistan at the top of their decision making (process)," said Abdullah.



Government announced the appointment of at least ten candidates for the ministries that are currently being run by caretaker ministers. However candidates

for the ministry of foreign affairs, ministry of education and ministry of information and culture remain uncertain. "We suspended several ministers and gov-

ernment still insists on its own stance and does not value our decision," said MP Akbar Stanekzai.

The following candidates are expected to be introduced to parliament for a vote of confidence.

- Tariq Shah Bahrami as minister of defense
- Wais Ahmad Barmak as minister of interior
- Yama Yari as minister of public works
- Faizullah Zaki as minister of social affairs, martyrs and disabled
- Mustafa Mastoor as minister of economy
- Hamid Tahmasi as minister of transport
- Abdul Latif Roshan as minister of higher education
- Shahzad Gul Aryoubi as minister of communications and IT
- Gul Agha Sherzai as minister of borders and tribal affairs
- Nargis Nehan as minister of mines and petroleum (Tolonevs)

Afghan Forest Rehabilitation: Ghani Seeks Finnish Help

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani met his Finnish counterpart on the sidelines of the 72nd United Nations General Assembly and discussed cooperation in different areas, including forest rehabilitation in Afghanistan.

A statement from the Presidential Palace in Kabul said on Wednesday, Ghani thanked Sauli Niinistö for Finland's continued cooperation with Afghanistan. He said Afghanistan's forests had been damaged during decades of war.

Finland's experiences would be useful in rehabilitation of the war-ruined forests in his country, the president believed.

Sauli Niinistö promised the government... (More on P4)...(9)

MPs Urge Govt. to Root out Discrimination

KABUL - Parliament members (MPs) on Wednesday said provoking any type of ethnic, linguistic or geographically-based discrimination against Afghans is a crime and those involved in this need to be prosecuted.

MPs claimed that groups within the Presidential Palace act against the national interests and incite ethnic division in the country.

Their remarks come after a classified document was accidentally shared to a social media chat group - Telegram... (More on P4)...(11)

President Ghani to Meet His US Counterpart Today

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani is all set to meet his US counterpart Donald Trump on Thursday and the two leaders are expected to confer on bilateral relations, terrorism and building capacity of the Afghan forces, a presidential spokesman said Wednesday.

Shah Hussain Murtazavi, acting spokesman for the president, told a press conference here that President Ghani would be meeting the United Nations Secretary General and leaders of some countries.

He said President Ghani, who is in New York to attend the 72nd UN General Assembly meeting, was scheduled to call on President Donald Trump on tomorrow (Thursday).

Ghani, heading a high-level del-



egation, arrived in New York on Sunday. In his speech to the UN assembly, the Afghan leader praised the new American policy for Afghanistan and South Asia and renewed his offer of dialogue with the Taliban and Pakistan.

"With President Trump's recent announcement of his strategy to counter terror and stabilize

South Asia, Afghanistan's enduring partnership with the United States and the international community has been renewed and redirected," Ghani told the audience at the UN headquarters in New York.

He said the new strategy about US military engagement in Afghanistan on conditions rather than... (More on P4)...(12)

Pak PM, US Vice-President Discuss Afghanistan, Regional Security

KABUL - Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has met US Vice President Mike Pence and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on the sidelines of 72th UN General

Assembly (UNGA) meeting and discussed regional issues, including Afghanistan.

Abbasi and Pence agreed to work together to carry forward the... (More on P4)...(10)

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)

Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

Declared Deemed University

First Tribal University in the World

Fully Free Fully Residential



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KISS University with Students

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has been granted University status by the Ministry of Human Resource Govt. of India, vide its Letter No. F.9-14/2011-U-3 (A) dated 25/08/2017 under De-Novo category. It has become the 1st tribal university in the entire world.

In the early 1990s, when literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribe was only 29% and nobody was paying any serious attention to our plight, Prof. Achyuta Samanta thought for our emancipation through education. He founded KISS in 1992 - 93 with only 125 tribal students in a rented building. At present, student strength of KISS has touched 37,000 (27,000 existing students and 10,000 graduated). We believe that only a visionary like him could see beyond the future.

It has received Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council by the United Nations. The University will introduce seven new innovative departments in the 1st phase to provide impetus to research on tribal studies and help KISS achieve a place of prominence in tribal education and research in the world. Students will get residential education absolutely free of cost like before.

It is now our turn to pay back. We know our limitation but we believe in the strength of our appeal to the world to help this 'Man on a mission' not for himself but for developing this unique University. Please rush your donations and help to Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, A/C No. 01221170000013, HDFC BANK, Janpath Branch, Trishna Arcade, 1-Janpath, Bhubaneswar-75100, Odisha, India, IFSC Code: HDFC0000122, Swift Code: HDFC IN BB CAL.

Denmark to Help Afghanistan Manage Energy Sector

KABUL - The prime minister of Denmark says his country is ready to provide technical support to Afghanistan's energy management. Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen signaled the willingness at a meeting with President Ashraf Ghani on the margins of the 72nd UN General Assembly.

A statement from the Presidential Palace in Kabul said on Wednesday the two sides exchanged views on the stability of regional countries, economic cooperation.

Ghani said Afghanistan had enough capacity to transfer and produce energy... (More on P4)...(13)

Austria to Help Afghanistan Collect Renewable Energy

KABUL - Austria is ready to cooperate with Afghanistan in collecting renewable energy and imparting vocational skills to the Afghan youth. Austria President Alexander Van der Bellen met President Ashraf Ghani on the sidelines of the 72nd UN General Assembly meeting in New York.

A statement from the Presidential Palace in Kabul on Wednesday said the two presidents discussed regional cooperation, transit trade and other issues of mutual interest.

Ghani thanked Austria for her cooperation with Afghanistan in various fields and urged Austria's contribution... (More on P4)...(14)

China to Build Homes for Badakhshan Flood Victims

KABUL - The Chinese Embassy in Afghanistan has expressed its country's readiness to build homes for victims of natural calamities in north-eastern Badakhshan province, a statement on Wednesday.

The statement from CEO Abdullah Abdullah office said a number of representatives and influential figures from Badakhshan on Tuesday met the CEO and briefed him about the situation of the homeless people in Darwaz districts. They told the CEO that dozens of homes had been destroyed... (More on P4)...(15)

US Increases Number of F-16s to 18 in Afghanistan

KABUL - US air force generals also stated that air refueling tankers are also back in Afghanistan, for the first time in about five years.

The United States Air Force has increased the number of F-16 multi task Fighting Falcons to 18 from 12, two generals, quoted by Military.com said Tuesday at the Air Force Association's Air, Space and Cyber Conference.

In addition air refueling tankers are in Afghanistan for the first time in about five years, they said.

The Air Force now has 18 multi-role F-16 fighters in country, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigian, commander of US Air Forces Central Command, told reporters at the conference. "We just plussed up... (More on P4)...(16)