

Quote of the Day

It is the duty of every citizen according to his best capacities to give validity to his convictions in political affairs.
Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

MPs Call for Urgent Action over Security

KABUL - A number of MPs on Monday again raised their concerns over the security situation in the country and said the situation is deteriorating "day-by-day".
During Monday's Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) session, MPs called for immediate and urgent action to be taken.
One MP from northern Sar-e-Pul province, Sharifi Balkhabi said: "All roads into Sar-e-Pul's capital city are closed and the Balkhab district is surrounded [by insurgents]." Musa Khan Nasrat, an MP from northern Farah province painted another bleak picture and said that "the government is very weak. Peo-



ple are openly selling guns and drugs at Friday's market in Khake-Safid district".
MPs also called for more military operations around the country.
The First Deputy Speaker of Wolesi Jirga, Zahir Qadeer said: "The eastern zone situation is very bad specially most of the districts of Nangarhar and they face Daesh threats. Once again I am calling on the government to launch operations in the areas where Daesh is present."
Another MP, from north-eastern Badakhshan province, Nazifa Zaki said: "Our military forces need to launch ... (More on P4)...(1)

Stanikzai Wants Offensive Strategy Changed



JALALABAD - Calling the bloodshed of Afghans in the name of jihad a project of foreign intelligence networks, Acting Defence Minister Masoom Stanikzai on Monday stressed the need for changes to Afghanistan's offensive strategy in the war against Taliban and Islamic State groups.
Stanikzai said this during a visit to Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province to monitor an ongoing search operation against Taliban and Daesh militants.
The operation has been ongoing

for the last three days and likely to be extended to the Shinwari zone encompassing three districts.
Addressing hundreds of local residents and military leaders at the Kot district centre, Stanikzai said: "We should change our strategy and measures and should preserve areas taken (from insurgents)." However, he did not go into details about the changes, but said the Afghan forces should support public uprising groups during their operations ... (More on P4)...(2)

Number of Unregistered Madrasas Set to Rise Dramatically: Research

KABUL - A new study conducted by Afghanistan Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS) found that the number of unregistered Madrasas (religious schools) has dramatically increased in the country, an issue which according to AISS could lead to the promotion of radicalism and extremism.
306 people were interviewed at 50 unregistered Madrasas in ten provinces of Afghanistan with the main focus on suicide attacks.
Asked about suicide attacks, 75 percent of the respondents comprising teachers and students of the unregistered Madrasas termed the act of suicide as contrary to Islamic principles.
In a separate question when asked about Taliban, 60 percent of the respondents called Taliban puppets.
Research also indicates the links of the unregistered Madrasas with external sources.
"75 percent of respondents said suicide attacks weren't legal under any circumstance while 80 percent of respondents ... (More on P4)...(4)

High Peace Council Peace Efforts Continue



KABUL - The High Peace Council (HPC) on Monday said government is still committed to forging a peace deal in the war-ravaged country and will continue to work to bring the Taliban

to the peace talks tables.
The HPC said rifts between the Taliban leadership and the infiltration of regional countries into the fray have hampered ... (More on P4)...(3)

Unemployment Becomes a National Problem in Afghanistan: MoPW

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Works (MoPW) says that unemployment becomes a national problem in Afghanistan and the ministry has intensified efforts to solve the problem.
The minister of public work, Nasrin Orya Khail expressed concern over the current situation, saying closely 1.8 million people are unemployment in the country. "We seriously are



trying to decrease the level of unemployment and programs are underway regarding the issue," Orya Khail, ... (More on P4)...(5)

Iranian Schools Host 400,000 Afghan, Iraqi Students

BAKU - About 400,000 Afghani, Iraqi students are being educated in Iranian schools, the Islamic Republic's education minister Ali Asghar Fani said.
Currently some 13 million students are studying in 105,000 schools in Iran, Fani said, semi-official Fars news agency reported Sept. 21.
He made the remarks in a meeting with Italy's visiting minister of Education, University and Research Stefania Giannini in Tehran.
Fani further said that the ministry's educational material reaches one million people.
Iran finally lifted ban on education of children of approximately three million Afghans in the country, following the order of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei last May.
"No Afghan child, not even immigrants who came to Iran illegally and without documents, must be kept ... (More on P4)...(6)

Etisalat Afghanistan Participates in 2015 mHealth Grand Cycle Tour



KABUL - Etisalat Afghanistan along with other Etisalat affiliate companies, participated in 2015 mHealth Grand Tour from 3 to 12 September 2015. The 1,500km long race began in Brussels on 3 September and concluded in Geneva on 12 September.

11 cyclists from across Etisalat Group's international footprint and a loyal Etisalat customer, who lives in Dubai and suffers from type 1 diabetes, represented Team Etisalat in the tour.
"Diabetes is a growing disease around ... (More on P4)...(7)

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