

Jalalabad	Clear	Ghazni	Clear	Kandahar	Clear	Mazar	Clear	Herat	Clear	Bamayan	Clear	Kabul	Clear
36°C	24°C	25°C	10°C	32°C	17°C	33°C	21°C	29°C	14°C	18°C	5°C	28°C	13°C

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US and Russian Envoys Meet at UNGA Over Afghanistan

Russia's media has reported that Russian and US representatives for Afghanistan have met on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and discussed ways to cooperate over Afghanistan.

KABUL - US special acting representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Alice Wells met with Zamir Kabulov, who reportedly told her that Russia is ready to cooperate with the US in Afghanistan if the US lifts sanctions against Russia. "Alice Wells said Washington is interested to cooperate with us in Afghanistan, while she knows there is little chance of this. Wells knows about the sanctions, but the sanctions were approved by the US. If you want us to work together, you should lift the sanctions," said Kabulov. Meanwhile the Afghan government has said it welcomes US and Russia cooperation and coordination over Afghanistan. "Afghanistan has good relationships with both US and Russia. We hope that by considering the situation and the shared enemies that threaten the interests of all the countries, the countries in the region and in the world increase their cooperation," CEO deputy spokesman Omid Maisam said. Tension between the US and Russia has



affected Afghanistan and analysts said if tensions increase, it will have a negative impact on the country. "An increase in tensions between America and Russia will have a negative impact

on Afghanistan's situation. Russia practically supports specific groups in Afghanistan's war," Fazlulhadi Vazin, a university lecturer said. This comes after Afghanistan recently an-

nounced it would replace Russian MI-17 and MI-35 helicopters with US Black Hawks due to the difficulty of getting spares and maintaining the aircraft. "The spares ... (More on P4)...(6)

Afghan Forces to Receive 6,500 Humvees from US

KABUL - An Indiana-based US firm has been awarded a \$45.8 million contract for the procurement of 6,576 supplemental High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles for the Afghan forces. A news item on the manufacturer's website, quoting the US Department of Defense, indicated the AM General was expected to complete the work by Aug. 31, 2018. Announced on Thursday by the Department of Defense, the contract falls under foreign military sales and provides the expanded capacity M115 HMMWV. The M115 HMMWV is a four-wheeled vehicle designed as a



troop and weapons carrier, with modern variants capable of receiving a variety of armor upgrades and including a ring-turret for medium and heavy weapons such as machine guns, automatic grenade launchers and anti-tank weapons.

Other versions have been produced to serve as light cargo carriers, ambulances and command-and-control vehicles. It has served as the standard utility vehicle for the US military for decades and has been widely exported. (Pajhwok)

Jawzjan: 20 Killed, Wounded in Taliban-Daesh Clash

SHIBERGHAN - At least 20 people have been killed or wounded in a clash between Taliban and Daesh militants in the Qosh Tepa district of northwestern Jawzjan province, officials said on Saturday. The district's administrative chief, Aminullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News the three-hour

clash erupted between the two insurgent outfits at 5pm on Friday and continued till 8pm. He said the Taliban and Daesh engaged in fighting in Biksar and Khanaqah villages. Civilians suffered no casualties. Daesh also seized some of Taliban weapons and ammunition. A large ... (More on P4)...(10)

5 Police Killed, 8 Wounded in Taliban Attack on Checkpoint

GHAZNI CITY - Five policemen manning a check-post were killed and eight others wounded in a Taliban attack in southern Ghazni province on Saturday, an official said. Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked the check-post in Bagh-i-Attar area between Jaghori and Qarabagh districts. He said five police personnel were killed and eight others wounded. Reinforcements arrived at the site and repulsed the attack. The militants also suffered casualties, but Noori was unaware of the exact figures.



Mohammad Ali, a resident of the area, said the Taliban had torched the check-post. ... (More on P4)...(11)

All Health Centres in Uruzgan Closed after Taliban Threat

TIRINKOT - After 'a serious warning' from Taliban militants, all health centres in central Uruzgan province have been closed, local residents said on Saturday. Over the past few days, dozens of health centres were shut down in Tirinkot, the provincial capital, and districts. The Civil hospital in Tirinkot situated 10 metres from the governor's house was also finally closed today (Tuesday). Residents, patients, and public representatives lashed out at the government for failing to prevent the successive closure of health clinics. Nani, a patient who had come to Tirinkot, said he was told activities in the hospital had been suspended and patients were not being checked. He said the hospital was closed due to Taliban's warning. According to him, dozens of ailing men and women admitted in the hospital were all expelled today morning. Another patient, Naqibullah, confirmed all patients were discharged from the civil hospital following Taliban's threat. He said currently no medical centre all over ... (More on P4)...(12)

Kabul Farmers Struggle as Livestock Numbers Drop

KABUL - Residents from Kabul districts claim that livestock numbers have decreased by at least 50 percent in their areas in the past year due to a shortage of fodder and grazing land. They also claim that grazing land has been usurped by powerful men, and that drought has also impacted their businesses.

"In Char Asiab district (in Kabul), livestock was affected when we faced droughts and also farmers lost their grazing land," said Mohammad Noor, a resident of Char Asiab district. Char Asiab residents said in the past they would have at least three dairy cows permanently at their homes ... (More on P4)...(8)

Band-I-Amir Dragons Clinch Shpageeza League Title

KABUL - Band-i-Amir Dragons have defeated Mis Ainak Knights by four runs in an action-packed final to clinch the Shpageeza Cricket League title in Kabul. In Friday's thriller, Band-i-Amir Dragons skipper Rashid Khan won the toss and elected to bat first. The team posted a total of 158 for the loss of seven wickets in the stipulated 20 overs. For the winners, opener Javed Ahmadi top-scored with 55, followed by Hazratullah Zazai with 35 and Shahidullah Kamal with 22. Zahir Khan, claiming three wickets, was the pick of Mis Ainak Knights. Mohammad Nabi took two wickets, while Naveenull Haq and Dawlat Zadran got one scalp apiece. ... (More on P4)...(7)

E-Sports Debut at Ashgabat 2017 Marks New Chapter

KABUL - A new chapter will open for the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games at Ashgabat 2017 when e-Sports makes its debut as a demonstration sport at the event. Considered by many to be the fastest-growing sport in the world, at the top level is competitive computer and video gaming that features a slew of individuals and teams who have honed their strategizing, decision-making, and hand-eye coordination to such an elite form as to be considered athletes on par with the more 'traditional' sporting heroes of Ashgabat 2017. e-Sports action at Ashgabat 2017 will feature competition in some of the most popular and challenging games currently contested in the world, including Dota II, Starcraft ... (More on P4)...(9)

QCBS, QBS, FBS, and LCS Contract Award Notice

Scope of Contract:	Consultancy Services for Study of Afghanistan Financial Management Information System Development and Implementation			Minimum Qualifying Technical Score:	75
Consultants' names	Ernst & Young LLP	WYG Internation Ltd in Association with AARC Limited and Sub-consultancy with Aryan Technologies	UNICON Ltd in Association (Sub consultancy with Eurasia Consultants)	E.Gen Consultants Ltd in association (subconsultant) with Ghani Consultancy Services	
City/Country	India	England & Ireland	United Kingdom	Bangladesh	
Status:	Rejected Consultant/Firm Not Evaluated Reason (The consultant went against the conditions of the RFP	Awarded	Evaluated Consultant/Firm	Evaluated Consultant/Firm	
Technical Score	N/A	91.33	82.83	78.83	
Financial Score	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Combined Score	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Criteria					
Specific Experience (score)		10	9.5	9.5	
Work Plan & Methodology & Staffing		26.67	21	24.17	
Key Experts		54.67	52.33	45.17	
Training					
Local input					
Price as read out		390212			
Final Evaluation Price		390212			
Final Negotiated Price		412,417 USD			
Rank		1	2	3	
Other Shortlisted Consultant(s)/Firm(s) (these will be all that "Proposal submitted =no")					
Consultants' names	Adripol Limited in Association with (Sub-Consultant) with 7Hill	[Insert name of Consultant 2]			
City/Country	UK				
Proposal Submitted:	No				