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Abdullah Talks Poverty, Militancy at UN Summit

NEW YORK - Addressing The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations in New York on Saturday, Abdullah Abdullah the Chief Executive Officer of National Unity Government (NUG) reaffirmed Afghanistan's strong commitment to implementing long-term development projects across the country after 2015. In his remarks, Abdullah highlighted the gains made by Afghanistan over the recent years, but said poverty still remains one of the biggest challenges in the country. Abdullah also touched on the issue of peace and security in Afghanistan and asked Chinese leadership to use



their influence convincing Pakistan to contribute honestly in restoring long standing peace in the country. "China has been helping Afghanistan in the past 14 years, support for the reconstruction of the country, capacity building—at the same time showed some interest in investing in Afghanistan. Recently they also were facilitating or supporting the initiatives which were there for reconciliation," he added. The CEO addresses the UN summit at a time that the people of Afghanistan are still coping with serious security threats and poverty. However Abdullah pledged ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

Taliban Make Millions from Badghis Pistachio Yields



KABUL - Majority of the areas that have pistachio fields in western Badghis province are under the control of Taliban that managed to forcibly collect nearly 30,000 tons of pistachio, said provincial officials. "Pistachio production in Badghis is estimated at 30,000 tons annually," Badghis agriculture director Hafizullah Benish told TOLONews. This year, the Taliban has earned \$40 to \$50 million USD from pistachio fields, he added. In addition, the provincial council members also acknowledged the above statements and said the Taliban insurgents purchase arms and explosives from pistachio money. "The insurgents get benefits from the ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Afghan Police May Face Shortage of Winter Clothing

WASHINGTON - Afghanistan forces could face a shortage of more than 90,000 coats this winter, which may affect its ability to fight the Taliban, a US government watchdog said.



In a letter to the Pentagon dated Sept. 16, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) John Sopko said the shortage could extend into next year. ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Laghman Ulama Want Military Operation Against Rebels

KABUL - Religious scholars in eastern Laghman province on Friday demanded large-scale clearing operation in insecure areas and urged for an effective use of resources and available machinery. ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Soybean Growers Demand Processing Mill in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - Farmers in northern Kunduz province have asked the government to establish a soybean processing factory following 50 tonnes increase in the protein-rich commercial crop over last year's produce. Soybean is a grain which contains 36 percent of protein, 20 percent of lipid which could be used in more than 200 types of products including artificial milk, cheese, biscuit, chocolate and others.

The crop is good for children to protect them from malnourishment and is effective for heart diseases. It is also good for soil fertility due to the nitrogen ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

Mass Exodus of Youth from Country Called a Huge Loss

KABUL - The All Afghanistan Federation of Trade Unions (AAFTU) head has voiced his grave concern over the mass exodus of youths, calling it a massive threat to the country's future. During an exclusive interview, Dr. Liaqat Aadel told Pajhwok Afghan News the departure of educated and uneducated Afghans from the country had increased due to lack of work opportunities. ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Ghani Praises ANSF, Assures Full Support



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani said on Saturday that international community has pledged to fully support Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).

During a meeting with officers of security forces the president said the needs of armed forces would be accomplished on permanent bases. A statement from the Presidential Palace said that Afghan ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Officials Concerned Over Increase of HIV Cases in Kandahar

KABUL - The Public Health Directorate in Kandahar on Friday said that at least 61 cases of HIV have been reported in central and other parts of the southern province.

According to local officials, the virus has taken lives of nearly 17 people in Kandahar over the ...*(More on P4)...*(16)



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