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Drug Commerce Threat to Helmand Security: Police



LASHKARGAH CITY - The police chief for southern Helmand province on Sunday acknowledged that a boom in poppy cultivation and its trafficking was a major threat to security.

Maj. Gen. Nabiullah Malakhel, the newly-appointed police chief, told a press conference that both international mafia and local armed groups were involved in cultivating the illicit crop and smuggling opium.

He said plans had been devised to eradicate the poppy crop in the province with the help of local elders. However, he did not give any timeframe for the anti-poppy drive.

Earlier, Governor Muhammad Naeem had also called poppy cultivation a stumbling-block to security in the province.

Nabi, a farmer of the area, told Pajhwok Afghan News poppy had been sown in parts of Helmand this year. He asked the government to provide them alternatives to the crop.

Abdul Jalil, another grower, also confessed: "I live in Nad Ali district and have cultivated poppy on my land in Khanshin town, where the government has no writ."

According to reports, last year poppy was cultivated on around 1000 acres... (More on P4)... (10)

Ex-Governor Accused of Spurning Presidential Order

FARAH CITY - The Khak-i-Safid district chief in western Farah province, who was appointed by the former president, has not been allowed yet by the ex-governor to start his duty.

An investigation by Pajhwok Afghan News reveals Khuda Dad, the acting district chief, has been receiving only 4,700 afghanis in monthly salary.

An amount of 40,000 afghanis (\$700), which a district chief is supposed to draw in monthly pay, has been still going to the former... (More on P4)... (8)



Thousands on Streets to Protests Against Charlie Hebdo



KABUL - Thousands gathered on Sunday in Farah and Zabul provinces to condemn the publication of caricature of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) by a French Magazine Charlie Hebdo.

Demonstrators chanted slogans against Char-

lie Hebdo and France and demand punishment for those responsible for disrespect to Islam by publishing the cartoon of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), Khaama press reported.

Before Farah and Zabul residents of Kabul, Nan... (More on P4)... (9)

Closing Gap with Public, Police FM Radio Goes on

KABUL - In an effort to bridge the gap between police and the public, the long-awaited police FM radio has started broadcasting programmes, Ministry of Interior officials said on Sunday.

Gen. Mohammad Ayub Salangi, the acting interior minister, after inaugurating the radio station, said it would be an effective tool of communications between police and the people. He added people could directly contact ministry officials through the channel and share security-related problems and other grievances. The radio would... (More on P4)... (11)

Dozens of Rebels Eliminated



KUNDUZ CITY - As many as 12 security personnel and 56 rebels have been killed and 63 others wounded in a clearing operation that ended on Sunday in the Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz province, an official said.

The offensive was carried out by Afghan National Army (ANA), police, Public Order Police (POP) and Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel, police officer Col. Mohammad Safar said. He added some notorious rebels commanders were among the dead insurgents. At least 30 villages were purged of rebels... (More on P4)... (12)

University Entry Test Process Kicks Off

JALALABAD - As many as 12,720 high school graduates, including 1,254 females, have started appearing in the university entry test in the coming three days in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday.

Chancellor Dr. Mohammad Tahir Inayat told Pajhwok Afghan News preparations for the exams had been completed and the test would be conducted in three phases. He said the Nangarhar University had the capac-



ity to enroll 4,000 new students. A commission has been formed to ensure the process is conducted without any cause for complaints. Meanwhile, candidates expressed deep concerns over

transparency of the process. Amina, who appeared in last exams, said: "Those who have money and power could pass the test and get admissions to faculties of their... (More on P4)... (13)

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