

It's kind of fun to do the impossible.

Walt Disney (1901 - 1966)

The ministers, Chief Justice and members of the Supreme Court, can participate in the sessions of the Loya Jirga without the right to vote. Article 110

Abdullah Unsatisfied with NUG's Performance

KABUL - Addressing a special gathering in Kabul under the theme "future of human rights in Afghanistan" the Chief Executive Officer of the National Unity Government (NUG) Abdullah Abdullah on Wednesday said that he was not satisfied with the performance of the government over the past few months, adding that justice was also not being implemented in the judicial system.

"As part of the government, I am not at all satisfied with government's performance. It has been negligent," Abdullah said.

In addition, Abdullah highlighted the deficiencies currently facing the legal and judicial institutions in Afghanistan. "Are we satisfied, when a person con-



sults the judicial system and justice does not prevail? Of course not!" Abdullah added.

The NUG believes that without respecting human rights and maintaining justice in its true spirit, it will be impossible to move the country toward longstanding peace and stability. An issue which the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) has always stressed.

"The National Unity Government must undertake inclusive and effective programs and initiatives to strengthen human rights, because the achievements gained are at risk," AIHRC chairperson Sima Samar said. Meanwhile, the UN special ... (More on P4)... (1)

NUG Strongly Support Domestic Products: Massoud

KABUL - Ahmad Zia Massoud, Special Envoy to President on Reforms and Good Governance met with officials and shareholders of Ghori cement factory. In the meeting, Merwais Azizi, one of the factory's shareholders said, "Ghori cement factory has 21 shareholders and more than 1500 people are working in the factory, adding 1200 tons cement are produced daily in the factory." He said in the new phase the factory would produce nearly 6,000 tons cement during the coming three years.

Azizi added 8,400 tons cement was daily consumed in the country, while 7,200 tons were imported from Pakistan.

By activating the second phase of Ghori factory 80% of Afghanistan cement would be produced.

Ahmad Zia Massoud asserted that the National Unity Government strongly support domestic products. According to a report, Special Envoy to President on Reforms and Good Governance in a separate meeting with development director for Germany embassy Christina Totzaka and officials of GIZ to Kabul said Kabul citizens were facing serious shortage of water in the city.

Massoud further said construction of Shahtoot dam in lalander and completion of construction work on Shah-wa-Aroos dam in Shakardara district would address shortage of water in Kabul city.

In return, development director for Germany embassy to Kabul assured of her country's support from infrastructural programs which could maintain ... (More on P4)... (7)

3 Cabinet Nominees Present Future Plans to MPs



KABUL - Three ministers-designate on Wednesday presented their plans and strategies to the Wolesi Jirga (WJ) or lower house of parliament, underlining elimination of corruption, creation of opportunities for women and hiring talents on government positions. ... (More on P4)... (2)

MPs to Government Break the Silence and Secure Release of 31 Hostages

KABUL - Members of the Afghan House of Representatives on Wednesday called on the government and security institutions to break the silence and take urgent steps to secure the safe release of 31 bus passengers taken hostage in February. MPs criticized the government's lack of action and pledged to summon ... (More on P4)... (5)

Feldman Meets Top Indian Officials on Afghanistan

NEW DELHI - Visiting U.S. special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Dan Feldman, has met top Indian officials in New Delhi and discussed the situation in Afghanistan, sources said Wednesday.

"The U.S. representative arrived in the Indian capital Tuesday and met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar ... (More on P4)... (3)

AG Warns Private Sector Over Tax Evasion

KABUL - The Afghan Attorney General (AG) office's reaffirmed on Tuesday that all those involved in bribery and tax evasion would be held accountable to the law, responding to the shopkeepers and artisans in Kabul who closed their shops on Monday in protest over a sales tax hike and allegations that they had been bribing tax officials at the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

Attorney General Abdul Basir Azizi said that anyone in



the private sector found to be bribing or attempting to bribe a public official would be prosecuted.

Meanwhile, the High Office of

Oversight and Anti-Corruption has said that it no longer possesses the power to intercede in matters relating to the ... (More on P4)... (4)

High Level Saudi Delegation Arrives in Kabul

KABUL - A high-powered Saudi Arabia delegation has arrived in Kabul on an official visit to discuss a range of issues with Afghan authorities, a statement from Presidential Palace said on Tuesday.

The Saudi delegation included officials from the Interior, Foreign Affairs, Human Resource, Works and Labor affairs Minis-



tries.

The officials held a detailed meeting with President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani this afternoon, the statement said, adding that the Saudi officials came to Kabul on president's invitation.

They briefed the president about talks they held with their Afghan counterpart. The Saudi delegation ... (More on P4)... (6)

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