

## Quote of the Day

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana (1863 - 1952)

## Constitution

Three members are appointed for a period of four years, three members for seven years and three members for ten years. Later appointments will be for a period of ten years.

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# Ayatollah Urges Close Ties Between Iran, Afghanistan



TEHRAN - Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, has stressed the need

for determination to boost cooperation and rapport between Iran and Afghanistan at a meeting with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. He

also referred to the vast cultural and historic ties and commonalities the two countries share. Ghani and his high-level delega-

tion arrived in Tehran on an official two-day state visit early Sunday. The president met with Ayatollah Khamenei... (More on P4)... (1)

## Ghani Awaits Chinese Delegation for Silk Road Support

TEHRAN - President Ashraf Ghani and the Ministry of Public Works (MoPW) have indicated a delegation from China is expected in Kabul next week in order to discuss plans to construct a new Silk Road between the two countries.

Efforts at economic integration and trade development in the region have been initiated under the heading of the Silk Road project since 2002, yet construction of the main road that will connect remote areas of Badakhshan province to Xiang-



yang province in China has only just begun. So far 44 km of the road has been

built with aid from the Asian Development Bank, and another 108 km will also... (More on P4)... (3)

## 25 Afghans attend WTO Accession Training in India

NEW DELHI - Afghanistan is at the cusp of joining the WTO having completed most of the accession formalities. Afghanistan will be the 35th LDC member of this rules based organization and this status entails a few privileges and preferences that other more developed members can accord to her exports, improving over the basic guiding principle of global trade i.e. most favored nation (MFN) treatment. It was through this route that India went beyond its SAFTA... (More on P4)... (4)

## MPs Ask Govt. to Revisit Security Deal with US



KABUL - Frustrated over growing insecurity in much of the country, Wolesi Jirga members on Monday asked the government to revisit the bilateral security agreement (BSA) with the United States.

The lower house members ex-

pressed these remarks after they were offered explanations by top security officials about factors behind the deteriorating security situation.

A day earlier, senior security officials, including interior minister, ... (More on P4)... (2)

## Senate Grills Security Officials over Recent Violence



KABUL - The Minister of Interior, Deputy Director of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Deputy Chief of Army Staff were invited to the Senate to answer questions about the recent wave of deadly attacks that has swept the country in recent weeks.

Minister of Interior Nur-ul-Haq Ulumi was the first to acknowledge neglect on the part of some of the security forces, but assured that all together they would not

hesitate to destroy the enemy. "The security forces have been ordered to kill as many anti-government armed forces as Afghan forces are killed and no mercy will be shown," Ulumi said.

He added that immediate reforms are being pursued within the Ministry of Interior. "We have started to bring changes to the Police Commands; for example, we fired the Ghazni police chief... (More on P4)... (5)

## 5th Afghan-Turk Int'l Expo to be Held in Kabul

KABUL - Kabul is hosting Afghan-Turk International Expo on 21-24 April, 2015 for the fifth time. The event is organized by the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) and Afghan-Turkish Industrialists & Traders Association (ATSIAD) in Muntaz Mahal Hall, Kabul. ... (More on P4)... (6)



## China Wants Economic Corridor for Pakistan Linked with Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD - Ahead of the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Pakistan on Monday, Beijing has asked Islamabad to upgrade the proposed plan to construct a road network under the \$50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) from six to eight lane arteries extending them to Afghanistan.

The success of the project depended on the access roads penetrating Afghanistan, it said. During his two-day (April 20-21) visit, the Chinese president will formally announce \$50 billion investment in infrastructure, the energy, transport and rail sectors in Pakistan. China has also asked

Pakistan to ensure normal relations and increase economic ties with Afghanistan. That is why Pakistan has decided to increase the number of trade routes with Afghanistan to 16 from the existing four. During his recent visit to Kabul, Commerce... (More on P4)... (7)

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