Pentagon Can’t Account for $1bln Emergency Reconstruction Aid

WASHINGTON - A total of $1.3 billion that the Pentagon shipped to its forces in Afghanistan between 2004 and 2014 for the most critical reconstruction projects can’t be accounted for by the Defense Department, 60 percent of all such spending under an emergency program, an internal report released Thursday shows.

About 70 percent of the $30 billion the United States has spent to rebuild Afghanistan during 1 1/2 years of war has gone through the Pentagon, with the rest distributed by the USA Agency for International Development and other civilian departments. A small portion of the Pentagon’s money went... (More on Pg.4)

IOM Voices Concerns about Iran Deporting Afghan Migrants

KABUL - Iran deported over 25,000 Afghans every month largely in defiance to their destination of origin, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and interviews with migrants indicate Iran is home to over a million Afghans, many of whom fled there seeking refuge from violence and persecution in Afghanistan over the past few decades, others simply looking for greater economic opportunities. Although many of them are undocumented, the Iranian government, until recently, largely turned a blind eye... (More on Pg.6)

No Official Announcement yet on Defense Minister Nominee

KABUL - As yet no announcement has been made by the National Unity Government (NUG) leaders on the candidate for minister of defense. However the Lower House’s Second Deputy Mohammad Najeeb Ahmadzai said earlier this week that the NUG leaders had mentioned Abdullah Habibzai as their nominee for leadership of the Ministry of Defense. But no formal documents relating to Habibzai’s nomination have yet reached Parliament. Habibzai is from Kunar province and has an MA in Military Affairs. The Minister of Defense position is one of the last gaps in the NUG’s cabinet, which has taken seven seats... (More on Pg.6)

200 Nurses, Midwives Being Trained

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - About 200 high school graduates on Thursday attended a multivit device and nursing test in the capital of northern Balkh province. British public health officials said of the total, 300qualified students would be posted in health clinics in remote parts of the province on completing a training course. Public Health Director Dr. Mervan Raha, who was present at the examination venue, the Sama Stadium in Mazar-e-Sharif, told @Pajhwok Afghan News that half of the examinees were girls coming from all the districts and the provincial capital. He said officials... (More on Pg.6)

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CMSJ Unfilled Key Govt. Posts Behind Insecurity

KABUL - The Civic Movement for Social Justice (CMSJ) on Thursday urged the government to fill the remaining key posts left vacant with the change in government in order to overcome the真空. Wazir Akar or lower house of parliament approved the remaining 18... (More on Pg.6)

India’s Jindal University to Build Afghan Civil Servants Capacity

NEW DELHI - The Jindal School of International Affairs and the Jindal Institute of Leadership Development and Executive Education of O.P. Jindal Global University have been awarded an internationally competitive contract from Afghanistan’s Ministry of Finance to conduct trainings for Afghan civil servants. The university said it will be delivering the first batch of senior Afghan civil servants, who hold the ranks of Director General to... (More on Pg.6)

Italy Targets Suspects in Pakistan, Afghanistan Attacks

ROME - Italian police said on Friday they were carrying out a “coup anti-terrorism” operation against an organization inspired by al-Qaeda that wanted to support attacks against Pakistan’s government and U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Police wiretaps had determined that two people among 18 targeted by arrest warrants were suspected of being part of a group that had promoted al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, who was killed by U.S. special forces in a raid of his hideout in Abbottabad, Pakistan, in 2011, a statement said.

All the suspects were Pakistanis or Afghans, anti-terrorism police official Mario Costa told Reuters by telephone. "Some had been... (More on Pg.6)