KABUL - U.S Secretary of Defence James Mattis made a surprise visit to Kabul on Monday, where he met with high-ranking officials including U.S-Aid Resolute Support commander Gen. John Ni- cholson. Addressing a joint press con- ference late Monday after- noon with Nicholson, Mattis said the Taliban and called them “barbaric enemies.” “What they do, makes me wonder to me why we stand together to defeat them,” he said. Mattis went on to say that he expects an ongoing dia- logue with the Afghan lead- ership in order to provide his best assurance and advice to the U.S President Don- ald Trump “We continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with...” (More on PA4.1)

President Orders Replacement of 4 Corps Commanders

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday approved the replacement of four corps commanders and appoint- ments of their successors, the Presidential Palace said. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) suggested the replace- ments and appointed to the president for stability and better law enforcement, a statement from Ghani’s of- fice said. Brig. Gen. Paula Arambula, commander of the 2016/17 Zafar Military Corps, was replaced by Gen. Mohammad Naeem, the commander of the 2017/18 Shaheen Military Corps, it was announced on Tuesday by the presidential spokesperson, Abuhamad Ahmadi.

Asian Economies Deliver 60pc of Global Growth

KABUL - Growth is picking up in two-thirds of Asian eco- nomies in Asia, supported by higher output, broadening domestic commodity and domestic demand, making the region the largest single contributor to global growth at 60 percent. A new Asian Development Bank (ADB) report forecast on Monday that domestic product (GDP) growth in Asia and the Pacific to reach 5.7% in 2017 and 2018, a slight deceleration from the 5.8% registered in 2016. "Asia is a major driver of global growth and Asia continues to drive the global economy even as the region adjusts to more consumption-driven econo- mic trends in the US, China and Europe," said ADB’s chief economist, Shiro Takata.

Top China Finance Official Visits Afghanistan

Hekmatyar Steps out of Shadows, Reaches Jalalabad

KABUL - Hezb-i-Islami Af- ghanistán (HIA) leader Gul- badi Hekmatyar arrived in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Monday. Having spent decades in hid- ing, the former prime minis- ter would be seen among his supporters, a reliable gov- ernment official said. HIA security guards and sen- ior leaders of the party met (More on PA4.6)

China Calls for all Afghan Sides to Actively Participate in Reconciliation Process

Beijing - China Monday called for all sides in Afghan- istan to participate actively in the Afghan-led and Afghan- owned reconciliation process and jointly uphold national peace and development. "China is concerned about the escalation of violence and con- flicts in Afghanistan," Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesper- son, Lu Kang said. (More on PA4.6)

Military Operation Launched in Northern Part of the Country

KABUL - Changing from defensive mode to offensive, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) on Monday said the Afghan forces launched operations in northern part of the country. MoD spokesman Dawlat Waziri told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation was jointly kicked off by Afghan so- cieties forces to... (More on PA4.6)

MPs Accuse Ghani of Nepotism after Deadly Army Attack

KABUL - Members of parliament on Sunday said that Major General Mohammad Karimi, the command- er of 209th Shaheen Army Corps, Balak Governor Ata Mohammad Naseer, Defense Minister Abdullah Habibi, Army Chief of Staff General Qadam Shah Shamaam, Inspector General of National Police (IGNP) Masoud Stanekzai must all be held accountable for Friday’s deadly attack on Balak army base, which left at least 24 soldiers dead. Senator Hashmat Alikozai and MP Ladi Pedrami... (More on PA4.7)

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)
Citizen’s Charter National Priorities Program/ Citizens’ Charter Afghanistan Project (CCNPP/ CCAP)
Grant No.: TFOA3827
For
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Citizens’ Charter Afghanistan Project (CCAP) of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for carrying out the Provision of Internet Services, the contract period is (12) Months.

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Taliban, Calls them ‘Barbaric Enemy’

U.S would continue to support Afghanistan and that both Taliban and Daesh would be defeated. (More on P4)...(6)

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