Lawmaker Parween Nuristani Dies in Traffic Accident

KABUL - Female Wolest Jirga or lower house member from eastern Laghman province, Parween Nuristani, died in a traffic accident on Monday afternoon, a colleague said.

Muñaf Ahmadshah Moodah, a lawmaker from Nuristan, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Nuristani was on her way from Kabul to Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, when she died in a traffic mishap around 6pm.

The accident took place in Daren-

ta area of Qarghayee district of eastern Laghman province. Two other people were injured in the incident, the MP said.

Nangarhar Civil Hospital direc-
tor Dr. Hashamshah Shirinrat confirmed to Pajhwok receiving Nuristani and two injured persons.

Dr. Parween Nuristani, daughter of Abdul Qader, was born in 1973 in Wargal district of Nuristan province. In 1990, Nuristani gradu-
ated from Ali Qaisi High School in Kabul. She received her bachelor's de-
gree. (More on PHL-2)

Eight Herat Districts Faced Security Threats: Residents

KABUL - A resident in security around Herat province has raised concerns among residents who say the Taliban is imposing their rules in a number of districts.

Residents of western Herat prov-
ince on Sunday expressed concerns over the rise in insecure-
ity in eight districts and said “insurgents are firmly imple-
menting their laws in the dis-

The residents said government’s “control” has slipped in Galakht, Keelik, Fareh, Ardishkan, Chahar Sabz, Upkhel, Zangi, and Robat Sangi districts of the province.

The residents added that govern-
ment forces “only have control of the security,” but the Taliban are active in most of the districts.

“Unfortunately, in the evening the presence of the Taliban in all of these districts is a problem because people do not have control of their own houses. This is a serious problem and if the Taliban want to adopt security-
forces to provide security in our areas,” a resident of Robat Sangi district, Massoud Jamshidi said.

Nasirullah Bahman, a resident of Galan said: “The Taliban’s pres-
ence in this district has raised the concerns of the people and we are asking the security forces to de-

In the meantime, a number of pro-
vincial council members have said. (More on PHL-4)

Afghan Air Force Takes another Major to Bolster ANDSF Capabilities

KABUL - The Afghan Air Force and its international allies have begun a major step as efforts are underway by the Afghan military and the international forces to enhance the Afghan national defense and security forces.

The 45th Air Expeditionary Wing commander said the Afghan Air Force A-29 maintenance leadership has requested to take full responsi-
bility for flight line maintenance operations from TAAC-Air advisors and contractor mainte-
ance. (More on PHL-4)

Afghanistan to Double Special Forces

KABUL - Afghanistan plans to double the number of elite Special Forces, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said.

At the opening ceremony of third national army special br-

Afghanistan’s international allies regularly praise the per-
gade, the acting minister of defense said, the terrorist groups have taken a heavy blow by the Afghan security forces in the current year.

“We study all the threats in Afghanistan and prepare the structures of security institutions according to these. Afghan Special Forces had a key and important role in last year’s operations. Considering the increase of security threats, the Special Forces will have a double increase,” said Tarq Shah Bahrami, the acting defense minister.

Currently, war is ongoing in several districts of the country. The acting defense minister noted that they have special opera-
tions and focus more on enemies’ threats.

“We have special plans in hand. Afghan forces are some-
times in defensive mood and sometimes in offensive,” Bah-
rami added. In the meantime, the commander of special bri-
gade insisted on powerful standing against enemies’ threats.

“We will be accountable to any threats in terms of providing security,” said brigadier Khalilullah Shah.

Afghanistan’s international allies regularly praise the performance of the special forces, but there is also concern that the workload places them under too much strain. (ATN)

Pakistan Always Support Efforts for Peace, Development in Afghanistan

PESHAWAR - Foreign Office Spokesperson Nasir Zakir on Monday said that Pakistan had always supported initiatives for peace and development in Af-

Talking to a private news chan-

He also said that Pakistan Economic Coordinator (PEC) projects are in progress in the region. Pakistan wants economic develop-
ment in Afghanistan and for-

KARL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdallah Abdulh in Ghor arrived in western Ghor province to evaluate the security situation and current issues. A statement from the CEO Sec-

After the meeting, Abdullah was briefed on the situation. He would also discuss develop-
manship and local govern-
ance at his meeting with the gov-

The CIEA is accompanied by min-
isters of education, rural rehabili-
tation and development, energy and water, heads of National Disaster Man-
agement Authority (NDMA), National Directorate of Security, Council of Ministers secretary, MPs and advisors.

Azizi Bank is one of the largest banks in Afghanistan serving the nation with 75 branches, 9 Extension Counters, 57 ATMs and 2 Cash Deposit Machines across the country.