President Ghani Addresses Nation, Blasts Pakistan

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday afternoon addressed the nation and made it clear that Friday's Shia Shabeed bombing in Kabul was unacceptable and that it was a game changer for the country. He said that as the Future School attack had been a game changer for Pakistan, the recent Kabul attack, targeting civilians, had also changed the face of insurgency for Afghanistan. He said the only message he was getting from Pakistan was one of war and that as long as there was bloodshed in the country, the relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan cannot be anything different.

Iran to Print 11,000 Books by Afghan Authors

KABUL - The government of Iran has announced plans to print 11,000 books written by Afghan authors as part of efforts to strengthen cultural and scientific ties with Afghanistan. According to the official of the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), who welcomed the program, the newly printed books will be disseminated among 36 state-run universities and more than 100 private universities in Afghanistan. Previously, Iran printed and distributed 40 volumes of books by Afghan authors. The Iranian "Sanad Publications" has taken responsibility for the new batch of books, which include scholarship in social sciences, philosophy, and art.

Abdullahflush’s Questions Pakistan’s Sincerity Towards Peace

KABUL - Chief Executive of the National Unity Government (NUG), Abdullah Abdullah, on Monday said that there had been no sign of Pakistan's cooperation regarding Afghanistan's war or terror war with peace talks initiatives in recent months. He called a session of the Council of Ministers (COM) that Pakistan officials say Afghanistan's enemy is Pakistan's enemy, and asked what enemy commits crimes here and then holds meetings in Pakistan. On the occasion of the Taliban's recent meetings in Pakistan, he said that such acts do not serve Pakistan in light of the circumstances and instead show up their insecurity. -- As the Chief Executive (More on P4). (2)

Monitoring Groups Say Corruption Has Increased Under New Govt.

KABUL - After assuming office, leaders of the National Unity Government (NUG) promised that addressing corruption would be a top priority. But, after ten months, anti-corruption activists say the reality on the ground is the opposite - corruption has skyrocketed. "It was hoped that fighting corruption would be the government's top priority, but the issue has been pushed to the sidelines and in the chaotic and systematic process wasn't considered," Independent monitoring group.

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