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# 25,000 Out-of-School Children Being Enrolled in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Education officials said on Monday nearly 25,000 out-of-school children both boys and girls would be brought to schools as part of an enrollment campaign during 2015-16 academic year in southern Kandahar province. Kandahar is one of Afghanistan's warmer provinces where the nine-month academic year starts in September and in the colder areas in March. Kandahar education department's spokesman Nazar Mohammad Samimi told Pajhwok Afghan News the enrollment drive had already been launched right away in Kandahar City and districts.



He said it was expected that about 25,000 out-of-school children would be enrolled in schools this solar year in Kandahar to increase their number to nearly 290,000 this year from last year's 260,000 students, including 78,000 girls. The education official said all preparations for the new academic ... (More on P4)...(8)

# Rampant Corruption in Paktia Irks Residents: PC

KABUL - People in south-eastern Paktia province have complained they were facing with serious problems while doing their official work because government employees demanding bribe. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Paktia provincial council member Taj Mohammad Mangal said that despite efforts to bridge the gap between people and government, people were still facing problems to do their legal work without greasing the palm of government officers.



He said the provincial council efforts had moved anarchism and arbitrary actions in government offices to some extent. "The government offices in the past did not respond to people's problems, but the problem has now resolved to some extent," he added. Mangal said that district officers also did not attend their ... (More on P4)...(9)

# Measures Discussed to Legalize Afghan Refugees Living in Iran

KABUL - The 19th trilateral summit addressing the grievances of Afghan refugees in Iran was held on Monday in Kabul at a time when over two million Afghan refugees still lacked legal documents in the neighboring country. The Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations said in the two-day meeting between Afghanistan, Iran and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) that issues of Afghan refugees in Iran and their repatriation and reintegration were discussed. Sayed Hussein Alemi Balkhi, Minister of Refugees and Re-



patriation, said Iran had recently taken some steps to resolving problems of Afghan refugees. He added Iran had started process of registering Afghan children without documents also for schools and all Af-

ghan refugees would have health insurance also. Balkhi expressed optimism that in these meetings they would agree on a practical mechanism on giving permit to the refugees without documents. ... (More on P4)...(10)

# Baher Urges Action over ID Cards

KABUL - Ezmarai Baher, the head of the registration department for electronic ID cards, on Monday reiterated his unit's readiness to launch the pilot phase of the digital electronic National Identity Cards (e-NIC) roll out campaign. He called on the leaders of the National Unity Government to put their political differences aside and issue the order to launch the pilot phase of e-NIC. "We are fully prepared for the pilot phase. Therefore government leaders should strive to settle the political issues regarding the matter and give



the order to launch the job," Baher said. Some Afghan political commentators have, however, raised concerns that further delays are not in the interests

of the people. Initially, it was expected that the test phase will be launched on August 19 and that 369,000 citizens receive their ID cards. This is not ... (More on P4)...(11)

# Launch of the Socio-Demographic and Economic Survey in Takhar Province

TALUQAN - The Central Statistics Organization (CSO) of Afghanistan with technical support of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, presented today the roll-out of the Socio-demographic and Economic Survey (SDES) in Takhar Province at Taluqan in the presence of the Governor of Takhar and a high-level delegation from the CSO in Kabul. "It is a pleasure for us to launch the SDES in Takhar province," said Haseebullah Mowahed, Deputy President General of CSO. "This survey will collect key information about the social and economic status of Takhar's citizens. Such information will be essential to address the key development issues in the province through evidence-based policies and programs," said Mowahed. "We would like to take this opportunity to call for the support of the people in Takhar to participate in this survey and guarantee its success," Mr Mowahed concluded. Takhar is the eighth province in the country conducting this survey which covers ... (More on P4)...(13)

# Operations Planned in Insecure Areas in East



JALALABAD - A senior Afghan military official on Monday said operations were being launched in insecure areas in eastern provinces. Gen. Mohammad Ali Shujai, the 201 Selab Military Corps deputy commander, told this to Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of a ceremony marking the country's 96th Independence Day at the corps headquarters in eastern Nangarhar province. The general said security forces had effectively prevented insurgent activities as a result of wisely-planned operations. Other security officials from

Nangarhar and neighbouring Laghman province also attended the ceremony, during which appreciation letters were given away to some military officers. "The insurgents attempted to carry out attacks in many areas, but we frustrated their designs on the basis of intelligence reports," said Gen. Shujai, citing the prevention of an insurgent attack in Marawara district of eastern Kunar province as an example. He said both the Taliban and the Islamic State or Daesh groups posed threat to security, but they could not stand ground. ... (More on P4)...(14)

# 27 Afghan Children Handed Over to Relatives

KABUL - Police in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa of Pakistan on Sunday handed over 27 Afghan children to their parents on personal sureties, who were taken into custody when a pickup truck was transporting them to refugee camp in Akora Khattak a day earlier, media reports. Pakistani media reported said that Awami National Party (ANP) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) district presidents Juma Khan and Ijaz Muhammad were returning to their residences after attending a function when they spotted a pickup truck carrying children on the Nowshera-Mardan Road. It said that the two leaders informed the police who reached the spot, arrested driver and helper and shifted the children to the Nowshera Kalan Police Station. The police, media said during the preliminary investigation discovered that the children were being transported to various localities in the district for collecting scrap in the morning and return them to the refugee camp at night. The police arrested parents of the children and but they were freed later on personal sureties. The children, aged between 6-12, were also handed over to their parents. However, the parents and their children would appear before the court today (Monday). The parents assured the police that they would send their children to the UNHCR-run and Pakistani schools. (Pajhwok)

# Contracts for 20 Development Projects Inked

KABUL - The Ministry of Counternarcotics on Monday signed contracts for launching development projects worth 400 million afghanis with private afghan construction companies, an official said. Prof. Salamat Azimi, minister of counternarcotics, said the projects included construction of schools, clinics, irrigation systems, stadiums, bridges and other development projects. She said the uplift projects aimed at eradicating of drugs



and cultivation of poppy in parts of the country. She said the total cost of the projects was 394.5 afghanis

which was being provided by a US antinarcotics department. According to the ... (More on P4)...(12)

# Govt. Asked to Drive Rebels from Shinwari Zone

JALALABAD - The National Movement and Change Council on Monday asked the government to conduct operations to prevent possible infiltration of armed militant groups into the Shinwari zone of eastern Nangarhar province. Clashes that erupted between Taliban and Islamic State fighters few months ago in the Shinwari zone had displaced many families. It is said many civilians have suffered casualties besides damages to their properties as a result of the clashes, but exact figures are not known. However, a powerful lawmaker from Nangarhar, Hazrat Ali, on Sunday claimed the Daesh fighters ... (More on P4)...(16)

# Foreign National Kidnapped in Kabul

KABUL - A foreign national was kidnapped Monday morning by unknown gunmen in downtown Kabul, officials confirmed. The incident reportedly took place in Qala-e-Fatullah, PD 10. No details have been released regarding the identity of the hostage except that it is a woman. This comes after a Dutch citizen was kidnapped in the city in June. Her whereabouts are still unclear. Kidnapping have been on the rise in the past few months. Earlier this month, 17 people were abducted in Ghazni. ... (More on P4)...(18)

# Tajikistan's CNS Defused Hardened Afghan Drug Smuggler

DUSHANBE - Employees of the Tajikistan Committee of National Security (CNS) in the course of a

special operation in the border area with the Farhor liquidated hardened Afghan drug smuggler Mullah Muhammadazim valadi Hodzhibadal. As the center of public relations of the National Security Committee of the Republic informs, earlier carrying out special activities they were found and excepted about 13 kg of heroin, 34 kilograms of ... (More on P4)...(17)



# Afghan Migrants Moved from Tents to Shipping Container Homes in Greece

ATHENS - Hundreds of migrants, most of them from Afghanistan, who had arrived illegally in Greece and living in tents, have been resettled in shipping container homes by the country's government. Each shipping container home can house from six to eight people and equipped with air conditioning, running water and toilets. Police in Athens District of Votanikos subdivisions say majority of the migrants were concerned that by the pretext of resettlement, the government is actually making it easy to

send them back to their respective countries. "I am afraid that they are going to send us back to Afghanistan. I'm scared of being sent to a fenced place where I won't be able to go anywhere," said Zahra Mohseni, an Afghan migrant. Looking at this reason 30 migrants refused the relocation and some others were still living in other public spaces in Athens. But the government said that the place is not a detention center and that every person is allowed to easily go and come. (KP)

# 140 Couples Enter Wedlock in Aibak mass Marriage



AIBAK - A total of 143 couples entered into wedlock at a mass marriage ceremony solemnized by some businessmen in this capital city of northern Samangan province on Monday, participants said. A resident of Aibak city, Haji Abdul Qudos, told Pajhwok Afghan News the

ceremony was financially supported by 34 businessmen who belonged to Samangan but currently living abroad. Around 6,000 guests, relatives of the grooms and the brides took part in the ceremony, he said. A religious scholar, Muawli ... (More on P4)...(15)