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# Helmand, Kunduz will Never Collapse: NATO

KABUL - NATO's Resolute Support mission on Monday hailed Afghan forces' performance in the fight against militants and said Helmand and Kunduz provinces would never fall. Charles H. Cleveland, the mission's deputy communications chief in Afghanistan, told a press conference here that enough Afghan forces were available in Helmand and Kunduz provinces and they could thwart any kind of attack from rebels.



He said the two provinces, where sufficient NATO forces were available to train and advise the Afghan forces, would never fall to Taliban militants. The Afghan forces were proceeding in the right direction and continued to advance in tactical fighting, Cleveland said, claiming the Taliban currently struggled with economic and leadership crises. The Taliban were trying to capture ... (More on P4)...(8)

## Economic Development in Villages to be Discussed in Brussels

KABUL - Included in the agenda for the Brussels Summit on Afghanistan in October, economic programs for villages will also be tackled. This comes after a number of residents in villages recently criticized government for not undertaking inclusive economic

development programs for rural areas - saying villages have little access to economic opportunities to leverage a livelihood. It is said that over the past several years almost of 50 percent of villagers have flocked to urban areas for various reasons including security and the lack of ... (More on P4)...(9)

## No Projects in Areas Children Denied Polio Drops: Naeemi

MEHTARLAM - Development projects would not be executed in areas of eastern Laghman province where polio vaccine were denied to children, the governor warned on Monday. Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Af-

ghan News Governor Abdul Jabbar Naeemi issued the warning at a meeting he presided over in Mehtarlam, the provincial capital. The meeting was held to address issues and problems impeding the polio vaccination campaign in different parts ... (More on P4)...(10)

## Kunduz City Vulnerable As Taliban Step up Attacks

KUNDUZ CITY - Kunduz city on Monday morning was under siege after Taliban insurgents increased attacks from four different directions. According to TOLONews journalists in the area, people inside the city are cut off and cannot leave the area. However, the Ministry of Interior's spokesman, Sediq Sediqqi said the in-

surgers had carried out attacks from three directions. Hamid Shirzai, TOLONews' reporter, who is currently stationed in bordering Baghlan province, as he is unable to get in to Kunduz, said insurgents launched major attacks on the outskirts of the city at about 3am local time Monday. By midday Monday heavy clashes were still ongoing,

Shirzai said. Sediqqi confirmed that heavy clashes were underway and said hundreds of families have fled the areas, including Khanabad and Aliabad districts, which are close to the city. He assured the people however, that enough troops were deployed inside Kunduz city and said it would not fall to the Taliban... (More on P4)...(11)

## AIA Warns to Close Factories if Power Tariff not Reduced

KABUL - The Afghanistan Industries Association (AIA) on Monday warned of not paying electricity bills and closing factories if the Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) did not reduce power tariff. On May 1, DABS increased the electricity rate by 25 percent in capital Kabul and 13 other provinces due to depreciation of the afghani. AIA head Sakhi Ahmad Payman told a press conference

here that the association had shared the problem of increased power tariff several times with the officials concerned, but no one listened to them. He warned if the problem was paid no attention, industrialists would refuse to pay their power bills and would close their factories nationwide. He said currently 200,000 people worked in more than 1,800 factories in the country and adding ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Unregistered Refugees Falling Between the Cracks: NRC

KABUL - Thousands of families, who have returned from Pakistan to Afghanistan in the past month, are in urgent need of assistance and only a few have received support so far, the Norwegian Refugee Council said on Sunday. "These people are falling between the cracks. There's an urgent need for assistance, or the consequences may be fatal," NRC



Country Director in Afghanistan Kate O'Rourke warned in a statement ... (More on P4)...(13)

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Prequalification

Construction / Rehabilitation of the Ajani Malika Girls' High School and the Kohna Aybak Boys' High School in Aybak City, Samangan Province, Afghanistan

SMG-S-2015-01a - Construction / Rehabilitation of Ajani Malika Girls' High School  
SMG-S-2015-01b - Construction / Rehabilitation of Kohna Aybak Boys' High School.

The main building of Ajani Malika Girls' High School has been damaged by an earthquake in 2015 and due to this damage the building is dilapidated and must be dismantled. In order to provide the students and teachers with a clean and safe teaching environment, the construction of two (2) double-storied school buildings as earthquake-resistant structures with 13 classrooms per building is planned. The construction of outdoor facilities (laying of footpaths and landscape works around the school compound) and the construction of a new toilet building are included in the project.

The building of Kohna Aybak Boys' High School is in a dilapidated condition and must be replaced with one (1) new double-storied school building with 13 classrooms as earthquake-resistant structure. The construction of outdoor facilities and the construction of a new toilet building are included in the project.

The project is financed by the German Development Bank KfW in the scope of the German Development Cooperation with Afghanistan and will be implemented through the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), conditional to actual budget allocation.

Afghan contractors and international contractors with a base in Afghanistan with experience as General Contractors in the construction of multi-storey school or office buildings with reinforced concrete (RCC) frame structure with thermal insulation, and associated structures - preferably in Northern Afghanistan - are herewith invited to apply for prequalification for the above project. International contractors are explicitly encouraged to form Joint Ventures with national/local contractors.

Tendering will be undertaken according to KfW-Development Bank's "Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and associated Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries" (May 2007, last updated in September 2013), which can be downloaded at <https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergabe-E.pdf>.

Interested contractors shall request the prequalification document by e-mail to [info@ridf-af.org](mailto:info@ridf-af.org) clearly stating "Construction / Rehabilitation of the Ajani Malika Girls' High School and the Kohna Aybak Boys' High School" in the subject line.

The request for the prequalification document must contain the full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone number and e-mail.

Contractors fulfilling these requirements will be sent the prequalification documents via e-mail.

This notice is published in parallel in "Nachrichten für Außenhandel (NfA)", Germany.

The deadline for submittal of the completed prequalification document is 22 September 2016.

## Baghlan-Kunduz Highway under Taliban Threat

KUNDUZ CITY - Taliban insurgents have closed off the Baghlan-Kunduz highway in the Aliabad district of Kunduz, essentially minimizing traffic

## Special Forces Target Taliban's Baghlan Base in Night Raid

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Afghan Special Forces carried out a night raid in Dand-e-Ghori area of Pul-e-Khumri, the capital of northern Baghlan province, on Sunday night killing 15 Taliban insurgents, local officials said Monday. In addition, three other ... (More on P4)...(15)

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