Ghani, Abdullah Agree to Resolve Differences on 4 Key Issues

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah on Monday reached an agreement on electoral reforms, distribution of electronic ID cards and creation of a commission for amendment of the constitution.

Abdullah's deputy spokesman Ahmad Yazdani told Pajhwok Afghan News the CEO and the president met for a third time on the national unity government's performance. The two leaders agreed on four important points, including electoral reforms, distribution of electronic ID cards, creation of a commission for amendment of members of the Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of the Political Agreement on the unity government.

He said more details about the agreement would be shared with the public within a week. On August 11, Dr. Abdullah criticized Ghani's leadership and said he was obliged to make public his differences with him. He alleged key pledges like convening a Loya Jirga, amending the Constitution to create the post of prime minister and introduce electoral reforms had not been implemented so far (Pajhwok).

Progress Continues on 6 CAREC Corridors: ADB

DUSHANBE - Work on six multimodal corridors linking Central Asia to global markets under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) programme was ongoing, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has said.

The Manila-based bank continued to support investments in roads, railways and other transport and cross-border infrastructure to complete the corridors, Physical progress on road and rail projects underway, Tooshik Chansavat, Office-in-Charge, ADB Tajikistan Resident Mission, told Pajhwok Afghan News. (More on P4:20)

Most of Medicine Smuggled into Afghanistan: Minister

KANDAHAR CITY - Public health officials say most of medicines are smuggled into Afghanistan due to porous borders. However, they are determined to curb the illegal business.

Deputy Minister of Public Health Dr. Najia Tarak said during a visit to Kandahar province, told Pajhwok Afghan News his trip was aimed to evaluate health services and enhance cooperation with private health institutions. (More on P4:20)

Ghani Police Chief Submits Resignation to Mol

GHANZI CITY - The police chief for southern Ghazni province has submitted his resignation to the Ministry of Interior (MoI), but the move is yet to be accepted, an official said on Monday.

Ghani police spokesman Fahim Ameri told Pajhwok Afghan News that the provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Arifullah Ameri, had submitted his resignation to Mol, but there was no response from the ministry. (More on P4:8)

Anti-Graft Drive As Key Summit Looms

KABUL – Mia Gul Wasiq, director of the public relations and communication department in the Presidential Palace Monday defended government's anti-graft strategy, saying: "We have received many complaints and cases have been investigated under the present government." Wasiq claimed that government has been putting systematic reforms in place in the fuel contracts as well as at security institutions and that it has also carried out an examination. (More on P4:9)

Ghani Inaugurates Key Highway, Airport in Bamyan

BAMYAN CITY - President Ashraf Ghani arrived on Monday in central Bamyan province to inaugurate the main provincial airport and the Maidan Shah-Bamyan highway.

Vice-President Sarwar Danish, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Mehmanq, some cabinet members and foreign diplomats have also reached Bamyan City. The president inaugurated the Maidan Shah-Bamyan highway after he visited the provincial airport. He is also due to meet some Afghan leaders. (More on P4:7)

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