Kandahar Governor Rejects Dismissal

KANDAHAR - Kandahar governor Zalmai Weesa said Kandahar government has not asked for prevention of the political criti-
cisms in the province. Zalmai Weesa, governor of Kandahar, on Saturday rejected the reports on his dismissal from his office.

“We have not received any de-
crees from the President’s Palace about my dismissal,” Weesa told ToloNews.
He also rejected dismissal of the head of National Directorate of Security (NDS) in the province.

He said the reports were a propaganda by organizers of the Kandahar gathering, which was delayed for the second time on Friday. He said he op-
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Noor Aide Spurns CAA Claims about Flight Delay

KABUL - Officials in northern Balkh province on Saturday rejected Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) claims about cancellation of Kandahar-Balkh flight.

Earlier, the CAA in two separate statements said a Kam Air flight from Kandahar to Balkh capital was cancelled and scheduled to leave for southern Kandahar province.
But the flight had to be can-
celled due to late arrival of flights at the airport in Mazar-i-Sharif and non avail-
ability of night-time landing facilities at the Kandahar airport.

In the second statement, the CAA said the Kam Air flight to Kandahar was allowed to fly on Friday, but Balkh gover-

nor and the delegation accom-
panied him did not arrive to board the flight.
Kam Air “Adhere on P4, 30”.

Heart of Asia Conference Calls for Cooperation to Eliminate Terrorism

The Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process was founded in November 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey, to provide a platform for regional cooperation by placing Afghanistan at its center, in recognition of the fact that a secure and stable Afghanistan is vital to the prosperity of the Heart of Asia region.

Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process 7TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC CONNECTIVITY TOWARDS A STRENGTHENED HEART OF ASIA REGION

BAKU - The 7th ministerial conference of the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process adopted the Baku Declaration on Friday, calling for regional and international coopera-
tion to eliminate terrorism.

In the document, participants said they “strongly call for concerted regional and international cooperation to ensure elimination of terrorism in all its forms and manifesta-
tions.”
That includes dismantling terrorist sanctuaries and safe havens, and preventing and interdicting the movement of terrorists and terrorist groups, across countries of the Heart of Asia region, as well as disrupting all financial, tactical, logistical or any other support for terrorism, the document said.
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No One from Inside Govt. Helps Daesh: Ghani

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday demanded evi-
dence from those who allege Afghan officials are supporting Daesh.

“They should prove their claim in the court and in the mean-
time take responsibility for failure of proving their allega-
tions,” the president expressed these views at a gathering marking the transfer of Border Police Forces authority to the Ministry of Defense.

“I would like to pay tribute to the Afghan security forces for their sacrifices defending this country,” said the president.

“Daesh is our common enemy, all Afghans believe the decades-old conflict in our country could be brought to an end by intra-Afghan dialogue,” the president said.

According to the Ministry of Finance, 287 billion afghans have been set aside for general expenses and more than 90 billion afghans for develop-
ment for the next year. 
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Afghan Ports’ Responsibility to Be Handed to Finance Ministry

KABUL - Management and control of all entry and exit ports in the country will be transferred from the Ministry of Commerce and Industries to the Ministry of Finance within the next two months, the Afghan Finance Ministry has an-
nounced.
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China Reaffirms Commitment for Afghan Peace Process

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has said his country was willing to play a constructive role in Afghanistan’s peaceful reconstruction, according to a media report on Saturday.

China “build the reconstruction when enter-
ing a meeting with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on the sidelines of the 36th meeting of the Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Heads of Government.

The Chinese Premier says Beijing support a wide and inclusive political reconciliation process led and owned by the Afghan people, and is ready to assist Afghanistan in realizing its domestic political stability and economic development.
Expanding pragmatic cooperation between China and Afghanistan is a top priority.

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