**Dutch Immigration Rules Eased for Afghan Interpreters**

KABUL - The Afghans who worked as interpreters for the Dutch army will find it easier to claim refugee status in the Netherlands.

Dutch ministers have arrived at an agreement that the Afghan interpreters should be viewed as a systematically persecuted group, according to a media report.

DutchNews.nl quoted Junior Immigration Minister Ankie Broekers-Knol as saying the agreement meant that the Afghans, in principle, would have the right to refugee status.

Until now, interpreters have been classified as a group at risk. They are required to prove they would be in danger in their homeland.

Around 120 Afghan citizens worked for the Dutch military as interpreters in central Uruzgan province from 2006 to 2010.

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**Biden Says He Pushed Back on Obama Administration over Afghanistan**

WASHINGTON - Former Vice President Joe Biden on Thursday night said he pushed back on the Obama administration's surge of troops in Afghanistan beginning in 2009, calling nation building a mistake and unachievable.

"I was sent by the president before we got sworn in to Afghanistan to come back with a report. I said there was no comprehensive policy available and then I got in a big fight for a long time with the Pentagon because I strongly opposed the nation building ne-

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**Herat Women Want Greater Role in Peace Effort**

HERAT - A group of women and civil society activists gathered on Thursday in the western province of Herat to criticise the ongoing peace talks between the US and the Taliban in Doha for not including Afghans, particularly women.

Protesters said they want a greater role in the peace process in order to make sure their rights are preserved when it comes to a peace deal.

The US-Taliban negotiations in Doha restarted earlier this month but they were paused for consultations, according to US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who visited Kabul on Wednesday, December 2.

The women said they are worried about the decisions being made behind closed doors in Doha and that details of the negotiations should be shared with the people of Afghanistan.

"The participation of this (gathering) discussed the peace process as well as their concerns and demands from the Afghan government, the Taliban and the international community," an activist named Jawed Wardak said.

"The ongoing peace talks between the Taliban and the US in Doha are vague and it is concerning for educated youths in Afghanistan," said Abdullah Ansari, an activist in Herat.

Other participants of the event stressed the need for an inclusive peace process in Afghanistan.

"I hope Afghan women should be involved in the peace talks," another activist Sayed Nader said.

"Over the past two decades, [Afghan] women have sacrificed a lot to make the current achievements and they do not want to go back. Women should have a role in the peace process. Unfortunately, women have been marginalized from all important issues; therefore, I am... (More on PAL-I)"
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The UdIlTteqtag project company which is part of Uzbekistan’s Uzbettneftegaz oil and gas company and South Korean Energy Research Institute Technology, has established a non-destructive testing laboratory that can detect defects in pipelines in the oil and gas industry of Uzbekistan. Technical Reports citing the press service of Uzbettneftegaz. According to Uzbettneftegaz, the country’s only non-destructive testing laboratory is equipped with the most modern instruments and equipment, and with the capacity for performing work and processing results.

9. China will not let foreign forces interfere in Hong Kong.

MACAU - President Xi Jinping said on Friday China would never allow foreign forces to interfere in Hong Kong, in a clear signal that Beijing means business. "China will never allow any external forces to interfere with our internal affairs," Xi said. "We will defend our national sovereignty and territorial integrity by any means necessary."

10. EU's Brexit negotiator

The EU’s chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said on Tuesday that the political declaration will be adopted after the EU and the United Kingdom agreed on the final divorce terms. A final vote on Johnson’s separation agreement is due to take place in the coming days. (TOLO NEWS)

11. Amid Citizenship

About 10,000 people protested outside New Delhi's Millia Islamia University, which was the site of clashes in which 200 students were accused of police using excessive force that sent dozens to hospitals. They launched a signature campaign demanding the new law be scrapped. Violence erupted in several towns in northern Uttar Pradesh state where protesters set some police posts and on fire and hurled rocks at security forces. Police fired tear gas and used batons to disperse the protesters in Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur, Fatehpur, and Gorakhpur. The state police chief O.P. Singh said more than 100 people had been arrested. The police have arrested a recent incident which prompted a wave of protests in the region.

12. French

company ex-CEO Didier Lombard was convicted and sentenced to four months in prison after he was found to have paid 15,000 euros in fines. Six other managers were also sentenced to shorter terms for helping their ex-boss pay fines in fines.

13. Son of Russian

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19. Employment

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20. Moscow

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23. Afghan security forces. Police fired tear gas on students who were trying to enter the university, which was the site of recent clashes. (TOLO NEWS)
**German Multimillionaire Invites 10 People to Live in His New Zealand Paradise**

BERLIN - A German multimillionaire has invited 10 people to live on his 350-acre property, called "Northland Paradise," after launching a contest to find his "best friends" to live with him on his 550-acre property in New Zealand.

Reiner Neven reveals that he has a "beautiful and charming" shelter on the property, where he says it "took him 10 years and more to talk to the stickler of today." His property is located on the southern part of New Zealand.

"In the ad, in which Neven never reveals his name, families are invited to participate in the contest, which is to be held on the property, where Neven resides. Those who participate will be given "nice places on the island and with his offer of life." Neven made a company, who are the test case for a new technology.

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Regarding the macroeconomic outlook, growth is projected at 3 percent in 2019, below 3.3 percent in 2018, due to adverse weather conditions and a delay in November. A challenging political and security environment has constrained Afghanistan’s real GDP growth to below 3 percent in 2018. Despite the difficult circumstances, program implementation has remained satisfactory, with all quantitative performance criteria and all but one structural benchmark under the ECF arrangement met.

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The following are the key challenges to be addressed:

- **Security Threats:** The Taliban, Afghan forces, and Afghanistan’s neighbors are actively engaging in conflicts, which continue to affect the security environment in Afghanistan.
- **Economic Challenges:** The economy is facing challenges due to the ongoing conflict and political instability, affecting trade and investment.
- **Infrastructure Development:** There is a need for further development and improvement of infrastructure in the country, including roads, energy, and telecommunications.
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The quality, efficacy and safety of the medicines are important from consumers’ perspective. In order to ensure the quality of medicinal products, the legal and scientific standards are prescribed by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) in the form of Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP). As per the Second Schedule of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945 thereunder, the IP is designated as the official book of standards for drugs imported and/or manufactured for sale, stock or exhibition for sale or distribution in India. The IPC’s mission is to promote public and animal health in India by bringing out authoritative and officially approved standards for quality of drugs including active pharmacotherapeutic ingredients, excipients and dosage forms, by health professionals, patients and consumers.

This is achieved by developing the standards for quality, efficacy and safety of drugs and by supporting their implementation. In addition, IPC provides Indian Pharmacopoeia Reference Substances (IPRS) that act as fingerprints for identification of an article under test and its purity as prescribed in the standards. The standards prescribed in the IPC are authentic and authoritative as evidenced by the regulatory authorities for quality controlled medicines in India. (Prashiv)

**Drivers Protest Extortion on Key Northern Highway**

Mazar - All government security checkposts, as well as the Taliban, are extorting tolls and levies from drivers on the Dara-e-Sof district in the northern province of Samangan, a group of local residents and officials claim.

The drivers – who mostly carry coal in their trucks – said they must give money to each checkpost along the way while they also must pay Af4,000 ($50) to the Taliban for each truck.

The drivers, joined by residents of Samangan and Balkh, protest outside the Balkh Provincial Council office on Friday.

Many of these drivers do not appear on camera for their own safety.

But one of them, Sher Mohammad, 25, said “We are damned to die.”

“The Taliban get Af4,000 from us every day and we spend almost Af36 million ($38,000) on a daily basis,” said Mohammad.

Javed Mubarak, a resident of Sa- mangan who is a student of Kabul University, said he has been getting extorted while trying to get his home in Dara- e-Sof district over the past five months due to insecurity.

“I am afraid of the highway because it is not secure,” said Mubarak.

Members of the provincial council of Balkh and Samangan confirmed that the problem exists on the highway.

“There are few government checkposts on the way to Dara- e-Sof as well as in Sholg-Lazar.

**Substation to Light Up Southern Salang Pass**

KABUL - A 220-kilovolt electricity substation has been inaugurated in southern Salang pass in central province, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) said in a statement on Thursday. The substation worth $20 million financed by a soft loan from the Afghanistan Salang Pass and Tunnels with the 220-kV distribution network.

Finance Minister Haneef Atmar inaugurated the substation.

“With the inauguration of the substation in Salang Pass, we have succeeded in covering all the provinces of the country,” said Atmar.

**Afghanistan and Pakistan Jolted by Strong 6.1-Magnitude Quake: USGS**

A 6.1-magnitude earthquake struck Afghanistan and Pakistan on Friday afternoon and was over 200 kilometers deep, the USGS said.

In both capital cities, residents felt two short tremors in quick succession; however, there were no immediate reports of damage.

The quake could be felt as far away as New Delhi, residents there reported, while in Lahore, the area in Badakhshan Province in the northeast of Afghanistan.

**Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) has been recognised formally by the National Department of Regulation of Medicines and Health Products of Ministry of Public Health of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, a statement said on Friday.**

It will also be used based on the requirement as reputable pharmacopoeia in the laboratory of medicines and health products quality. With this, a new beginning has been made and Afghanistan has become the first country to recognise IP pursuant to the efforts of Department of Commerce and Industry of Economy and Financial Development Framework.

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