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**KANDAHAR CITY** - Construction work will be resumed soon after long years of suspension, a top government source has announced, and soon after a well-known mosque named after Hazrat Omar bin Khattab (RAH) in the capital of southern Kandahar province.

The mosque “Jamia Omar” famously known as “Omar Bin Khattab Grand Mosque” was under construction during the Taliban regime but was left incomplete after the fall of the Taliban. However, in 2012 construction was resumed and the mosque was 80 percent completed on one year. On Tuesday (Feb 6), a delegation from capital Kabul arrived in Kandahar City to assess the mosque before once again resuming construction work to complete the remaining 20 percent.

Kandahar Governor Zalmay Wesa told Pajhwok Afghan News that construction worth 20 percent incomplete part of the mosque would begin soon after the delegation’s assessment.

He said 80 percent work on the mosque had been completed in the past but the years had to be suspended due to tragic and some technical problems.

Wesa said the government’s House had discussed the mosque project with the municipality and it was assured work on the incomplete part of the mosque would start soon.

The governor said building for a Darululoom (seminary) and a market were also part of the mosque project, but the rest of the mosque part would be constructed. The first part of the mosque construction cost $3.5 million paid by previous president Hamid Karzai, the Kandahar municipality and a number of private donors.

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The mosque is constructed in an area where many of the Kandahar citizens was situated which was torched by Mujahideen during the Soviet Union invasion of Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

**KABUL** - The National Directorate of Security says militants planning to target Parwan province - north of Kabul - have been arrested.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) operated a vehicle search to frustrate the exploits in Kabul’s PD9, the security agency said in a statement on Tuesday. The statement said at least two tons of explosives were loaded in the vehicle.

“Terrorists wanted to take the vehicle and the explosives to Parwan province - in the north of Kabul,” the NDS statement said.

The NDS said the militants wanted to use the explosives to make suicide vests and roadside bombs for terrorist groups, the statement added.

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**KANDUZ CITY** - All private clinics in northern Kanduz province are operating without licences from the government, the official claimed on Tuesday.

Provincial council head Sadia Ali told Pajhwok Afghan News committee of private clinics were recently opened in Kanduz without obtaining permits from the government.

“Eight private clinics are active in the province but seven of them treat patients without having legal documents,” he said. The official said the government closed them but they were reopened a day later.

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