

Barack Obama

Working on Goal of Sovereign, Stable Partner in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - Having ended the combat mission and transitioned to a dramatically smaller force, the United States is now focused on the goal of a sovereign and stable partner in Afghanistan that is not a safe haven for international terrorists, US President Barack Obama said in his national security strategy, sent to the Congress on Friday.

"Our counterterrorism approach is at work with several states, including Somalia, Af-



ghanistan and Iraq. In Afghanistan, we have ended our combat mission and transitioned to a dramatically smaller force focused on the goal of a sovereign and stable partner in Afghanistan that is not a safe haven for international terrorists," said the National Security Strategy. This has been made possible by the extraordinary sacrifices of US military, civilians throughout the interagency and international partners, it said. "They delivered ... (More on P4)...(1)

India Furthers Assistance in Southern Afghanistan: ANASTU



KABUL - The Government of India organized the first ever tele-conference lecture for Afghanistan National Agricultural Sciences and Technology University (ANASTU) at Kandahar University campus. Based on ANASTU's request, the premier Indian agricultural institution - Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) of New Delhi will be conducting two courses on specialized topics of 'Principles and Practices of Weed Management' and 'Principles and Practices of Water Resource Management' through tele-conferencing. For these courses, on the Indian side, the senior faculty members of IARI ... (More on P4)...(2)

US Deputy Secretary Meets Ghani in Kabul



KABUL - The US Deputy Secretary Heather Higginbottom traveled to Afghanistan and discussed host of issues with President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and reviewed US government operations and assistance programs. A statement from the US Department of State ... (More on P4)...(4)

Coordination with Kabul Considerably Improves: Nisar

KABUL - The Pakistani interior minister has said coordination and cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan against terrorism had considerably improved following the Dec 16 massacre of schoolchildren in Peshawar.

Addressing the nation parliament's lower house on Friday, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan praised "complete ... (More on P4)...(5)

Afghanistan Not on NATO Meeting Agenda

KABUL - The war in Afghanistan was not included in NATO defense ministers meeting for the first time in 13 years. The NATO defense ministers gathered in NATO HQ on Thursday to discuss issues being faced by the alliance including the threat of Islamic extremists and the Russian-backed separatists battling Ukraine's government forces.

In the meantime, a US official told the Associated Press that Afghanistan was possibly not included in ... (More on P4)...(6)

IDLG Agrees with PCs on Most Oversight Issues

KABUL - The Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) on Saturday said it had agreed with provincial councils (PCs) on many issues pertaining to their oversight role and a new policy being prepared in this regard would be dispatched to the Presidential Palace tomorrow.

Some days back, the Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament approved a law barring PCs from evaluating and monitoring the performance of local government



departments. The law allows PCs to give their advices to provincial departments only. Approving

the law, the lower house said the Constitution had not given provincial ... (More on P4)...(3)

UAE's Central Bank, ACB Sign MoU to Enhance Cooperation

ABU DHABI - The Central Bank of the UAE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Bank of Afghanistan on supervisory co-operation and exchange of information. Mubarak Rashed Al Man-

soori, Governor of Central Bank of the UAE, signed the MoU on behalf of Central Bank of the UAE and Khan Afzal Hadawal, First Deputy and Acting Governor of the Central Bank of Afghanistan, signed ... (More on P4)...(7)

KABUL - The Attorney General's Office (AGO) on Saturday denied sending a list of attorneys accused of corruption to the Presidential Palace. Earlier, some media reports claimed a list of corrupt at-

No Attorney Referred to Presidential Palace: AGO



torneys had been sent to the Presidential Palace. AGO spokesman Abdul Basir Azizi dubbed the reports as baseless, saying it was the AGO's responsibility to investigate allegations ... (More on P4)...(8)

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