EU to Sign Agreement on Partnership and Development

KARUL – The European Union (EU) and Afghanistan will constitute a new framework for EU-Afghan relations. The agreement will be signed on Friday in Munich by the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini, and the Afghan Minister of Finance of Afghanistan Eklil Ahmad Hakimi.

The cooperation agreement will formalize the EU’s commitment to Afghanistan’s development. The new framework includes the Afghans’ willingness to work together and assist them in putting an end to war crimes.

The event will be attended by representatives from EU and Afghanistan. The announcement was made by the EU’s spokesperson.

EU Spokesperson for Afghanistan, Kristian Nymann, said: “This new framework is a significant step forward in EU-Afghan relations. It is a testament to the continued commitment of both sides to building a stable and prosperous future for Afghanistan.”

Pakistan Established 3 Hospitals in Afghanistan

Zahidullah for More Collaboration in Health Sector

ISLAMABAD - The Afghan Health Minister Dr Omar Zakhilwal said that Pakistan is an example of a country that is working hard to improve the health sector.

He was speaking at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences where he met with Afghan medical professionals. “Afghanistan is thankful to Pakistan and PIMS which has been launched with the cooperation of Gen. Waziri. These Afghan health professionals including nurses and paramedical staff are being trained for three months in different departments of PIMS and will return back to their home country. These Afghan medical professionals will serve in the three hospitals being built by Pakistan government in different cities of Afghanistan. The program has been launched with the aim of taking medical professionals back home.”

Taliban Take 52 Jawzjan Farmers

HEERAT - A total of 52 farmers from Jawzjan district have been taken by the Taliban, Jawzjan police said on Wednesday.

The provincial governor spokesman Mohammad Reza Ghafoori said the incident took place when a local Taliban commander, Mawlawi Mohammadullah Mansoor, visited the area to collect charity from the farmers.

He said the provincial authorities are continuing their efforts to secure the release of the farmers.

However, he said that the farmers have a dispute over land in Charsai. Jawzjan police said on Wednesday.

Taliban have taken control of the area of Darzab district and were therefore continuing their efforts to secure the release of the farmers.

Prashant Giri: 10 Officials in Herat

HERAT CITY - Six border police officials and two military officials stationed in Herat have been killed by the Taliban.

The governor’s spokesman, Jilani Nazifi, said the incident occurred on Wednesday.

He added that the Taliban had launched a surprise attack on the Herat police headquarters.

The officials were killed after a delegation investigated complaints about corruption.

The attack was confirmed by local residents and drivers.

The Taliban have been active in the area, and there have been several complaints about abuses by security forces.

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Construction of Three Girls' High Schools in Takhar Province, Afghanistan

In Takhar:

THK-S-2014-01a – Construction of N° Awal TLQ Girls' High School
THK-S-2014-01b – Construction of Bilo Maryam Girls' High School

In Rustaq District:

THK-S-2014-02 – Construction and Rehabilitation of Rustaq No.1 Girls' High School

The main items of work are:

- Construction of double-story school buildings with reinforced concrete frame structure in three locations (up to three buildings each location, each building with 13 classrooms)
- Rehabilitation or demolition of existing classrooms buildings
- Delivery and installation of school furniture and equipment
- Construction and/or rehabilitation of boundary walls, outdoor wash points and toilet facilities
- Elaboration of site-layout and additional architectural and structural details, as-built drawings

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Interested contractors shall request the prequalification documents by e-mail from info@rifd.af clearly stating “Construction of 3 High Schools” in the subject line. The request for the prequalification documents must contain the full name and address of the applicant, including contact telephone number and e-mail address.

Contractors fulfilling these requirements will be sent the prequalification documents via e-mail.

The deadline for submission of the completed prequalification documents is 18 March 2017.