Pakistan Won’t Forcibly Expel Afghan Refugees: MP

KARUL - Pakistan has renewed its pledge not to forcibly deport Afghan refugees, an Afghan lawmaker said on Friday.

Bibi Zainab, a member of the National Assembly who heads a seven-member Menhaj Jirga (Council) of Afghan refugees in the country, told Pajhwok Afghan News that her council was having daily talks with Pakistan leadership and counterparts.

She said their talks with Pakistani officials concerned issues of mutual interests. The delegation included members of Menhaj Jirga and Watan Jirga or lower house of parlia-

dament.

Zainab said they held wide ranging talks with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. She advised on na-
tional security Saeed Aziz and other senior officials. She assured support to Afghan’s peace and stability and said Afghan refugees would not be forced by force, he said. (More on P.22)

Taliban Release Abducted Health Workers in Urugzan

TENSHOF - Officials in Urugzan province say four health workers who were kidnapped by Taliban last week have been released unharmed.

Doost Mohammad Novari, spokesman for the provincial council of Urugzan said that Taliban released these health workers after paying a ransom not only the Taliban.

He says the local elders who mediated the release were told by Taliban that they had held the health workers because of inaccurate reports.

Taliban had recently kidnapped these workers from Askh village of Khan Urugzan district who went on their way to do health services to the society. (More on P.22)

Pakistani Politicians to Visit Kabul on Ghani’s Invitation

President Asghar Ghani has invited a number of leaders from Pakistani political parties to visit him in Kabul to discuss strengthening relations between the two neighboring countries and their mutual struggle with terrorism.

Ghani sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, which stated that carrying forward relations between the two countries is necessary.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has been invited to visit Kabul. (More on P.23)

Over 8,000 Afghan Soldiers Served in NATO’s Afghan Mission

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gal soldiers served in the longest mission of the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
nization (NATO) to date in Afghanistan.

The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was in operation from December 2001 until the end of 2014, when it was suc-
ceded by its national conti-
uation, the Resolute Support mission.

In contrast to ISAF, where Bulgaria contributed troops, the country ref-


Pakistan Intelligence Arranged Talibani China Visit: Faiz

KARUL - Pakistan’s pro-
military intelligence agency had arranged the Talibani delegation for the recent Talibani China visit in November last year.

The delegation, the paper said, had dis-
cussed issues pertaining to Afghanistan and the latest po-
litical situation in the region.

However, no specific details were shared about the discus-
sions but the Talibani may have shared thinking about the role of a nuclear weapon and its use.

The paper also said that the visit in the year-round was to discuss stalled reconcili-


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ANSF to “Sacrifice Their Lives” to Ensure Citizens Safety

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