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KABUL - The Meshrano Jega or upper house of parliament on Sunday also approved a presiden a legislative decree on cre ating the State Ministry on Peace Affairs. The presidential decree was is sued on June 26 creating the State Ministry on Peace Affairs. Abdul Salam Rahimi was appointed as minister. The Wolesi Jirga or lower house of Parliament on last Monday ap proved the presidential legisla
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tivated the law-makers to vote on the presidential legislative decree number 33. A majority of Meshrano Jirga members voted in favor of the law that contains three articles. (Pajhwok)

KABUL - Afghanistan’s Electoral Complaints Commission said on Sunday it would likely miss the deadline for adjudication of com plaints registered following the announcement of preliminary re sults from September 28 presidential vote. According to law, ECC is expected to complete adjudication of com plaints within 15 days which will end on coming Thursday. ECC chairman Zabir Bayram Shinwari told a press conference that the process would possibly miss deadline citing high num ber of complaints. More than 36,000 complaints were lodged following the an nouncement of long-delayed preliminary results on Decem ber 22. The complaints have been placed in 16 different categories, most of which (L184) are about difference between biomet rically verified votes and results sheets.

Moreover, 3,727 complaints sug gest electoral crimes while 4,013 complaints suggest electoral violations. The commission has also classi fied the...}_
Baran Publications Donated More than 2,000 Books to Students

KABUL - In order to enhance the education level especially of those students who do not have access to books, Baran Publications have started this donation, said the head of Baran Publications.

It’s the winter season, and students are on their breaks. Those who like reading spend their breaks reading storybooks.

“I like books, and here I will read all of the books given to us,” said Sahab, a student.

“In three months of winter, we will read the books to use the good points of them,” said Zara, a student. This comes as Baran Publications have been donating books, especially in children for the last ten years.

“We are doing these donations to raise the level of literacy and education in the country,” said Sohrab Omar, the Baran Publications moderation.

In the meantime, officials in the Kabul Education Department understand that distributing these books can add to the knowledge of students.

However, some of the students have concerns about insufficient books in schools. (ATN)

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Ensuring girls' and women's physical and psychological integrity and protecting and promoting Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a precondition for equitable and inclusive sustainable development. Afghan government shall combat harmful practices such as forcing girls into early marriage, child marriage, the lack of knowledge required to make sexual and reproductive decisions responsibly, sexual abuse in childhood, physical abuse, and domestic violence. Afghan government shall promote the economic and social rights of women and girls, and empower women ensuring that girls and women are empowered, that their economic and social rights are respected. Afghan government needs to ensure that fair and active participation in the economy exists are key priorities of its vision. Afghan government shall develop and support a comprehensive and realistic policy for an increase in the number of girls and women receiving quality education at all levels, including in science, technology and engineering, and receiving vocational, professional and life-long training, improving access to education and employment opportunities, and providing necessary resources, as well as support to women entrepreneurs. Afghan government shall continue to ensure gender equality in Afghanistan.

Suleimani’s Death Likely to Jeopardize Regional Stability

By: Hujjatullah Zia

The surprise killing of Iranian Major General Qassim Suleimani, a top Iranian commander and government official Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, has escalated tension between Tehran and Washington. World leaders have feared the deterioration of situation in the Middle East. The Pentagon said that the drone attack came “at the direction of the president” and US President Donald Trump and his top aides defended the decision. As legal, based on the international law, nor reasonable justification. Some analysts suggested that the US secret of defense if the Iranians were to assassinate the US secretary of defense we would consider it an act of war and we would respond disproportionate.

Democrats called for an immediate explanation of the Trump’s decision and raised doubts about Trump’s strategy versus Iran. Political analysts believe that Washington’s unilateral decision of designating Suleimani as a foreign terrorist does not give the US to kill him and there is no legal justification. The US had been acting unilaterally.

Suleimani’s death is likely to further destabilize a region already rocked by nearly a decade of upheaval and wars that are rising that the shadow war that had been building for years under the Trump administration could suddenly escalate into a wide-ranging conflict. Tensions had been escalating between Iran and the US since Trump’s take over the US, the Obama-era nuclear deal and splashed shortly before the act, while, nonetheless, Trump’s “maximum pressure” approach could only lead to Tehran to renegotiate the nuclear deal. Trump’s proclamation to consult with Suleimani did not take the decision for the fear of unsafe coalition with an ally with whom we do not have mutual trust. World leaders, some who have called the attacks illegal and “abuse forces”, are highly concerned about the escalating tensions in the Middle East and deteriorating regional security. Trump’s “maximum pressure” on Iran, which is described “tremendously bold”, will lead to horrible consequences across the region and the start of a war between Tehran and Washington seems unlikely, but regional political and economic decisions may lead to a war in the Middle East. In such a case, war-torn countries and civilians are likely to bear the brunt of the tension and conflict. Afghan and Pakistani officials have also aired their concerns about the escalation in tensions.

The tension will rise further as Trump has threatened to hit 52 Iranian sites “very hard” if Iran attacks Americans or US assets in retaliation. The tit-for-tat acts and retaliation could spark a new era of bloodletting and instability. Fearing the ugly consequences, world leaders have urged for restraint. It is widely believed that Trump’s decision has been neither legal, based on the international law, nor reasonable. Although Trump said that he did not intend to start a war but to prevent one, if he is concerned about regional stability, he has to move more cautiously. Trump has already executed “maximum pressure” on Iran, which has crippled the country’s economy.

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**1) ECC Likely to Extend Western Parking Limits in Karachi**

As per the information obtained from the Media, the Ministry of Finance had already transferred $7 billion as a grant from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). However, in the context of this move, the Finance Minister has emphasized the need to spend this money on unnecessary projects.

The amount was transferred to the Wolesi Jirga, the lower house of the parliament, under a December 18 statement by members of the Ministry of Finance and the National Assembly, in a move to redirect the funds to the country's infrastructure projects.

On Friday, the National Assembly approved the budget for the current fiscal year, which shows a significant increase in spending compared to the previous year.

**2) Trump Says Soleimani's Death Would Not Have Happened Without lran**

In his final press conference before leaving office, US President Donald Trump said the United States did not know Soleimani was in Baghdad until January 3, 2020. He also said the strike was a response to Soleimani's involvement in drone attacks on US forces in Iraq and Syria.

On Saturday, US Defense Secretary Mark Esper confirmed that the US launched a strike in Iraq that killed Iranian Major General Qassem Soleimani, the head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Quds Force, near Baghdad airport. The attack was carried out without the knowledge of the US military.

The US military said in a statement that the strike was in response to what it described as an “imminent threat” posed by Soleimani, who was considered a key figure in Iran’s efforts to expand its influence in the region.

**3) US Troops in Baghdad**

The US military has been searching for (6) Kabul Police, who said they had found a flag-docked vessel in the Strait of Hormuz.

In a briefing to the full Congress on military strategy, the US Secretary of Defense said China and Russia were developing new technologies to counter US military capabilities.

The briefing, which was held before the US military and had been scheduled for last Thursday, was attended by the US Secretary of Defense and the US Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The briefing was held to discuss the status of the US military in the Middle East, including the ongoing conflict with Iran.

**4) Trump Announces End of War with Iran**

President Donald Trump has announced a “significant reduction in tensions” with Iran, saying the country has “agreed to talks” with the US.

Trump said in a statement that the US would no longer designate Iran as a “state sponsor of terrorism,” a move that had been under consideration by the US government for several years.

The statement also said that the US had agreed to “significantly reduce” its presence in Iraq, ending the military campaign against the Islamic State.

The announcement came after Trump said earlier in the day that he had ordered the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq.

**5) Trump Says Iran's Soleimani Was a Regional Threat**

In a tweet, President Donald Trump said that Soleimani was the architect of Tehran’s regional strategy and that his death was a “significant blow” to Iran.

Trump said Soleimani was a “brilliant military strategist” who was responsible for the deaths of thousands of Americans and was behind the recent attacks on US bases in Iraq.

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Death Toll From Airstrike in Libya Climbs to 30

TRIPOLI - The death toll from an airstrike that slammed into a military academy in the capital of Libya's rival factions climbed to 30, including civilians, officials said Sunday. Tripoli has been the scene of fighting since April between the self-styled Libyan National Army led by Gen. Khalifa Haftar and the internationally recognized government that holds the capital. The airstrike took place late Saturday in the Haftar-controlled area, just south of the city center where fighting has been raging for months. The U.S. Support government that

UK Urges Iran to ‘Take Diplomatic Route’

JERUSALEM - Al-Shabab fighters have attacked a military base in Kenya’s Lamu County used by US and Kenyan military personnel, the East African nation’s army and the armed group said. Kenyan Defence Forces (KDF) said in a statement on Sunday that at around 6 a.m. an attempt was made to breach security at Mandai Air Strip. “The attack was repelled by the KDF. Four terrorists bodies have so far been found. The search is on to locate the remaining ones,” the military mission said. The US military command for Africa, AFRICOM, confirmed the attack and said it was the result of “hostile acts”.

Afghanistan: More than 20 civilians killed in Taliban attacks

AFGHANISTAN - Presidential spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said Sunday that thousands of civilians were killed in the past two days in multiple rocket attacks in the country. Mujahid said that the attacks on the city of Kabul and Herat had killed civilians. The spokesman said that the attacks were carried out by the Taliban in the city of Kabul and Herat.

Trump Says 52 Targets Already Lined Up If Iran Resumes

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump said a stark warning to Iran on Saturday, threatening to hit dozens of targets in the Islamic Republic “very fast and very hard” if it retaliates for the killing of its elite military commander. Iran has vowed “harsh” retribution for the killing of Qassem Soleimani by the United States in a US airstrike in Iraq. US officials say Iran has been poised to launch a wave of cooling violence across the Middle East and the preservation of a diplomatic route to “de-escalate the tensions and try to resolve some of the issues that concern Iran’s nefarious actions.”

Israel kills Iranian general after US airstrike in Iraq

US forces in Iraq, Iran and neighboring states all表示 they were ready to strike back at Iran. Witnesses said thousands of mourners marched on Iranian state television, tens of thousands of mourners had gathered in Tehran, and the US military commander for Iraq, AFRICOM, said it was monitoring the situation. The US military mission said it was “extremely concerned” about the situation and that it was “monitoring the situation.” The US military mission said it was “extremely concerned” about the situation and that it was “monitoring the situation.”

Tokyo: Women’s rights activists demand end to abortion ban

JOSEPH FISHER

TOKYO - A group of women’s rights activists demonstrated in front of the Japanese government building in Tokyo on Saturday to demand the lifting of the ban on abortion. The demonstration was organized by the Women’s Rights Political Party, which was established in 1975 and has been active in the struggle for women’s rights in Japan. The group’s members said they were demanding the lifting of the abortion ban because it is a fundamental human right.

Iraqi MPs to Meet on US Troop Ouster After Soleimani Killing

ERBIL - Iraq’s parliament was expected to vote on Sunday to demand the withdrawal of US troops from military bases, which are threatened by pro-Turkish factions after an American soldier killed 10 Iraqi and Iranian soldiers. Late Saturday, missiles slammed into the Baghdad enclave where US soldiers are stationed.

Japan Orders Tighter Immigration Procedures After Ghosn Flee Country

TOKYO - Japan on Sunday said it would tighten immigration procedures after former Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn, who fled Japan while on bail, has been arrested in Lebanon. Japan’s government has been under pressure to tighten its immigration laws after Ghosn escaped from a “rigged” justice system in Japan. All government offices and most hospitals in Japan have been shut for the new year holidays.

Iran Condemns Trump as ‘Terrorist in A Suit’ After Attack Threat

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump on Sunday described the Islamic Republic as “a terrorist in a suit” after the US president threatened to kill Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The US president warned that Iran would face “harsh” consequences if it retaliated for the killing of Qassem Soleimani by the US military in Iraq. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Sunday that the US would keep the pressure on Iran and that it was “working hard” to de-escalate tensions.


WASHINGTON - The US military confirmed on Sunday that two rocket attacks occurred near Iraqi bases housing coalition forces, but no US American troops were harmed. The statement came as reports of multiple rocket attacks in Syria and heightened tensions in the region. The night of Jan. 4, two rocket attacks occurred near Iraqi bases that host Coalition forces in Iraq. Belgian Defense Minister Steven Vandeput said on Sunday that the US military was “working hard” to de-escalate tensions.

EU’s Borrell Invites Iran’s Foreign Affairs Minister to Brussels

BRUSSELS - The European Union’s foreign policy chief Josep Borrell on Sunday invited Iran’s foreign affairs minister to Brussels for a talk with Iran’s Foreign Affairs Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. The meeting comes amid rising tensions between the United States and Iran. Borrell called for “de-escalation” and a “diplomatic route” to resolve the crisis.

International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation Supports SMEs in Uzbekistan

TASHKENT - The provision of financing of International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Uzbekistan will allow small businesses and private individuals to grow by accessing finance where and when it is required. Safe and secure, the ITFC’s financing provides an opportunity for those SMEs to finance their trade and working capital needs. It combines cash and non-cash financing, providing a comprehensive solution for foreign trade and investment. The ITFC’s financing is available to serve them better by engaging with local partners to deliver not only financial solutions but strategic support services that enable SMEs to build their presence in international markets.

EU leader in Islamic Trade Finance Corporation Supports SMEs in Uzbekistan

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Pakistan Won’t Fight Anyone Else’s War, Says Army

ISLAMABAD - As tensions between the United States and neighbouring Iran continue to rise, Pakistan’s military commander has said that the country will not allow any reaction to the killing of Qassem Soleimani. Lt. Gen. Naseer Jamshed, the head of the country’s army, said in a statement on Sunday that the killing of Soleimani would “not compromise on its peace and peace alone,” he said, quoting Prime Minister Imran Khan. The statement came as the US military killed Soleimani in Iraq, a move that has sparked tensions in the region.

Iraq MPs to Meet on US Troop Ouster After Soleimani Killing

ERBIL - Iraq’s parliament was expected to vote on Sunday to demand the withdrawal of US troops from military bases, which are threatened by pro-Turkish factions after an American soldier killed 10 Iraqi and Iranian soldiers. Late Saturday, missiles slammed into the Baghdad enclave where US soldiers are stationed. The near-simultaneous attacks on the US military base in Iraq were described as a “warning signal” by senior military commanders. The United States and Iran were both quick to condemn the attacks and to call for de-escalation of tensions.

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KABUL - National Afro Journal (NAJ) published its 16th issue this week, which delved into various dimensions of the national political situation regarding the Afghanistan’s political and security situation.

The editorial of the issue titled “A call to table the finance problem”, and said that the finance problem is an important dimension of the ongoing political discussions and negotiations.

The editorial noted that the government has been facing difficulties in funding the security forces, and has been relying on international aid and loans.

The editorial called for the Afghan government to take urgent steps to address the finance problem and ensure the proper functioning of the security forces in order to maintain the stability and security of the country.

The editorial also highlighted the importance of international assistance in addressing the finance problem, and called for continued support from the international community.

The editorial concluded by emphasizing the need for a comprehensive and sustainable approach to address the finance problem, and called for the Afghan government to work closely with international partners to find solutions.