KABUL - The National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) on Saturday reported that the number of electronic ID cards have so far been issued and applied for electronic ID cards, but 1.7 million of them have received so far.

Currently 25,000 people register for electronic ID cards on a daily basis but the authority has the ability to issue 76,000 cards in a day, he added.

Rasoul said efforts were on to expand the capacity of ID cards distribution for next year. NSIA has developed a plan to distribute the cards to five million citizens of the country next year, he said.

NSIA currently has 70 offices of electronic ID cards distribution, but the number of these offices would be also increased, he added.

Rasoul said there were six such centers in the country’s embassy and consulates in late August this year and it would be also opened in Pakistan and the UAE in 100-year year that begins on March 21.

In a response to a question, he said, “Distribution of paper ID cards has stopped, but their verification process has been stopped for being time consuming and corruptions.

He said if an organization found a fake ID card, it could approach NSIA to resolve the problem.”

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KABUL - Ministry of Public Health reported Sunday, that out of 1,472 samples, 76 cases have turned positive in the last 24 hours.

At least 243,454 people have so far been tested in the government health labs, and there still are 6,734 known active cases in the country. According to the ministry, within 24 hours, 208 new samples have been Recovered from COVID-19, and Nine individuals are reported dead. The new cases recorded in Major cities are as follows: Herat 30, Balkh Two, and Nangarhar Five.

The total number of cases in Afghanistan so far, total deaths are 2,288 and the total recoveries are recorded 43,846. COVID-19 global toll has increased to 91,370,546 and the death are reported to more than 1,928,136 according to Johns Hopkins’ global dashboard. (Kusha Pasra)

Kabul - More than 20pc of Afghans are getting Electronic ID Cards Next Year

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KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani met with high-ranking officials from Turkmenistan on Saturday where both sides discussed an array of issues including regional connectivity projects and railway links.

Leading the Turkmen delegation was Rasid Meredov, Deputy Chairman of Cabinet Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

According to the Presidential Palace (ARC), Ghani and Meredov discussed the expansion of bilateral relations in various areas, regional connectivity projects namely TAPI, TAP, fiber optics and railway, Afghan peace process, and educational scholarships for Afghan youth.

Ghani termed Afghanistan-Turkmenistan relations brotherly and friendly, and said that the relationship continues to deepen in trade, transit, economic and political areas.

He also said the completion of regional economic projects was a key priority and that Afghanistan is keen to learn more from...
Interim Setup Not in Afghan’s Interest: Senate

KABUL - Some Moshabbeh Jirga members on Sunday op- posed the interim government but the senior government official said it was a necessary step. He alleged that a statement said a mechanism should be agreed upon that could ensure an exit for the foreign forces. Lately, members of the govern- ment-ballooning team and some political figures have termed the formation of an in- ternal government as the only mechanism to end decades-old conflict in the country.

Anwari Shafiq, Moshab- heh Jirga member, said an in- ternal government was estab- lished in special circumstances but currently Afghanistan has a crisis.

She said there were those state pillars functioning with secu- rity forces defending the nation, therefore there was no need for an interim set-up. “Why Afghanistan should ex- perate an internal government after two decades. We support process but not at the cost of a system which in place,” she said.

Senate first deputy chairman Mohammad Alam Emergency said without naming an interim gov- ernment, he “We have com- posed the peace talks and now people are waiting its outcome. Talibens compromising on non- enforcing, or again, if the Talibens compromising on government, we welcome them and if they stress their own demands then a mechanism should be agreed which ensures the end of the country.”

Senate Chairman Faizabad-Misirayar said the Moshabheh Jirga earlier clarified the stand on an interim setup and termed against the interim of Afghanistan. He hoped the second round of talks in Dehu city would result in prisoner and durable in true coun- try.

ANF: National Police Details 16 Over Criminal Charges

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior stated on Sunday, that 16 people have been detained for alleged criminal activities around Kabul.

According to the statement, at least 21 people are arrested for committing crimes in the past two days.

The 16 people were captured following several police opera- tions and later they were presented to the courts. Reports indicate these individu- als are charged with murder, armed robbery, injure milition, vehicle theft, cellphone theft, public order disturbances, and carrying illegal weapons. They were captured from the PD 3, 12, 13, 15, and PD7 of central Kabul.

Police reportedly seized five pis- tol, browning and two combat knives from the defendants.

This comes as during the previ- ous two weeks 41 individuals were charged over different crim- inal activities. (Khaama Press)

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Peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban have started in Doha and the two sides have their own priorities. Ceasefire and formation of the future government will be discussed before other issues are put on the table. Before departing for Doha for the second round of talks, some Afghan negotiators and political figures assumed that formation of transitional government would be a hot topic in the negotiations, but the Ghani administration is unwilling to discuss the latter.

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Turkmens “wning to expand our bilateral ties and be able to accomplish larger projects, such as roads and railways during the current year,” President Ghani said.

Chabi also stated that the Ulema of Turkmenistan had joined other Ulema from around the world in supporting the ongoing violence in Afghanistan. (TOLO NEWS)

(2) MPA Access

faces, but the president does not respect them. They are the ones who hold all the legal responsibilities to nominate new members of the government and the president is supposed to nominate to parliament, to legislate the cabinet and to approve the budget. The new cabinet will be submitted to parliament member.

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Meanwhile, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is saying it is working on the issue and will take the necessary measures before the minutes wpis for break in the parliament. (ATN)

(3) Arrests

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Some sources continued to voice to Jawa Press Provincial Civil Hospital, said that there seem five people in a hospital in the hospital.

A girl was shot and said she was shot in the small hospital for the patient who are put patients and they are given.$

A number of other patient attendantes made similar complaints.

However, the local health director said that if the disease was proved displayed in the hospital, the treatment would not be available in the main hospital, if a disease is proved.

He acknowledged problems being faced by patients and said, that the government has been shared with the public health officials, the Ministry of Public Health and World Health Organization for solution.

Khidroid said that measures would be taken to control the disease among children. (Pajhwok)

(5) Three killed in Kabul

Three people will be able at Abu Dhabi’s Sheik Zayed Cricket Stadium, ACB said. The three people were killed in the Greater Kabul. Before January 18 bull was new bull instead three later killed in the ACB.

The Presidential Palace declined to comment on the deaths.

“To a large extent, this plan has been carried out and the principle mechanism was defined to implement the new cabinet in the near future,” said in the resolutions, said Chudal Mustafai.

The Ministry of Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission said last week that there are about 1,400 jobs in the vacant public government institutions. (TOLO NEWS)

(6) 1 lakh miners

“this year we will generate more electricity from hydro and the past 103 years,” said Ghani in 2014. Before the power plants, the country’s 450 megawatt power from Uzbekistan. With its additional capacity of 1,250 megawatt, the government has only the capacity to provide 180 megawatt from its own sources. Additionally, Afghanistan spent $508 million for imported power.

In the past 38 years, Afghanistan has imported power from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan but has not invested in its own power plants. (TOLO NEWS)

(7) $3.9 billion

But, Afghanistan has been awarded the Taliban.

The Taliban has always denied their involvement.

And the bigger picture

President Ashraf Ghani says his base goal at the start of the second round of the negotiation process in December was to ensure that the international community and the region recognize that the government, democratic, united Afghanistan at peace with its neighbors.

He added that if that goal becomes impossible, Afghanistan would be ready to enter a new round of the talks.

“If the objective of the Taliban is to dominate and give us the peace of life, there is no negative consequences,” Ghani said.

“My point is that if you come to power, they come to power, the people can’t make life, the peace of life, for us, what will be a real change?”

People were killed in Khamhass as a result of terrorist activities and under the situation,” said Mohammad Yasir Ayubi, head of Kunar provincial government.

Official said 100 people were people living in a shelter at a school in the city of Kunar.

And they face the threat of explosions, explosions and killings of security forces, a few criminals that were arrested by the security forces do not exist.

Unfortunately, the government has been asked to respond to the current security threats, and to those who attack terror attacks every day, and this has been so unreasonable.

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New coronavirus variant found in travellers from Brazil: Japan government

TOKYO: A new coronavirus variant has been detected in four travellers from Brazil’s Amazonas state, Japan’s Health Ministry said on Sunday, in the latest instance the pandemic is evolving. A ministry official said studies were underway into the strain that the variant, called the P.1 strain, which differs from high-infectious variants first found in Britain and South Africa that have driven a surge in cases. “At the moment, we don’t have enough data to show the variant,” he said. [AP - Jan 11, 2021]

Chinese FM to visit four Asian countries

BEIJING: Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Min-
ister Wang Yi will pay official visits to Pakistan, Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines from Jan 21 to 26, according to Beijing’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At 11:41pm (0441 GMT) the ministry said Wang had visited Indonesia, ahead of the oncoming year’s foreign relations with the ASEAN countries. As a result, the two sides had already reached a consensus; this was the keynote for 2021, the minister added. [AP - Jan 10, 2021]

China publishes national standards for two new professions

BEIJING: China’s Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security published two new national standards on Thursday, namely a standard for industrial robots and a system for industrial robot operators and network security administrators. According to the standards, industrial robot systems need to be able to identify, program and process industrial robots with devices for human-robot cooperation. Network security administrators need to be able to perform network protection, diagnosis, and reparation to prevent cyber-crimes. [China Daily - Jan 11, 2021]

Kazakh ex-president’s party set to retain hold of power in Sunday’s vote

ALMATY: A party led by Kazakhtan’s powerful ex-presi-
don President Nursultan Nazarbayev has won the first round of parliamentary elections, retaining its dominance over the political scene, officials said on Sunday. The movement, which controls 84 of 107 seats in the lower chamber of the People’s Assembly, the country’s parliamentary body, was expected to win the remaining 23 seats, the minister of labour said. [Reuters - Jan 10, 2021]

Kadalur: Former premier Bjornholt denied her students plagiarized

RUSSEL - Danish journalist Birgitte Bjornholt, whose new dissertation was found to contain thousands of citations copied at least one-fifth from an article published by academic Stefan Aschbacher, a member of her university’s faculty, has rejected the plagiarism allegations. “I didn’t cheat,” she said. At the same time, the university has found that Bjornholt copied parts of her dissertation from Aschbacher’s work. [AP - Jan 9, 2021]

Austrian minister quits over plagiarism allegations

ZURICH: Austria’s Labour Minister Christine Grei -weber has resigned after allegations that she plagiarized parts of her university work, data that were used to get into a US university and that she had been stepping down to protect her family. Greiweger, a member of the Austrian People’s Party which governs the government, allegedly rejected a proposal to fire her from the party at a meeting last month, according to a newspaper. Weber said she had taken time off from work to to deal with the plagiarism allegations. “This is the worst day of my life,” she said. [AP - Jan 9, 2021]

Algeria’s ex-PM admits selling gold bars on black market

ALGERIA: Former Algerian prime minister Abdelmalek Sellal has admitted selling gold bars on the black market after officials seized the gold on Tuesday, an official source said. The 60 gold bars were received as a gift, in his capacity as the minister for economic development, to be sold later and earn a profit, according to a source, from fearful of risk of being accused of mismanagement and corruption. [AP - Jan 9, 2021]
KABUL - Following the dis- dismissal of hundreds of govern- ment employees, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MoLSA) on Saturday said the process is against all principles and suggested the plan should be halted.

Earlier this week, Wolesi Jirga Speaker Mr Rahmain Rahmani called on the Afghan govern- ment to swiftly stop the process of drastically eliminating jobs or changing government in- stitutions, which will increase unemployment in the country. Rahmani raised grave appre-

hensions over the status of jobs in the country, saying a further increase in unemployment could lead the country to reces- sion.

In a surprise move earlier this week, the government fired over 90 percent of employees from the 300-bed hospital in Kandahar.

In order to bring improve- ment and ensure protection, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has started reform from the center. The reform policy will also include the second category units in the near future andbased on the needs," said Ashraf Hashpe- nia, a spokesman to the labor ministry.

"The people are tired of this situation," said Abdul Wali Saboteh, a Kabul resident.

"They are firing people from other posts instead of filling the vacancies. The people are joining the Taliban because of poverty and unemployment," said Farida Qasemi, a Kabul resident. Activists said the president had promised to cre- ate thousands of jobs, but now he is damaging the job market.

International labor law...

KARALIN: - Amrullah Saleh, Af- ghanistan’s first vice president, in his early morning meetings "6:30 am meeting" stated that the Tal-iban would not succeed in weak- ening the civil society with their targeted assassinations and IED blasts.

He said that “killing civilians for political gains, and for fulfilling foreign demands is a failed and an infamous strategy.”

Saleh added that, every single tar- geted assassination is conducted by the Taliban, they consider the civil society a pillar of protection and defense of the Republic. In the last two months, targeted as- sassination has taken the lives of journalists, civil society activ- ities, doctors, and govern- ment employees..."

KABUL - A number of Wolesi Jir- ga (Lower House of Parliament) members on Saturday blasted the government for failing to ensure the safety of the people and ac- cused government of not having established an effective security plan.

The MPs said the continuation of explosions and targeted kill- ings in the country, especially in Kabul, have left the people frus- trated, scared and angry.

One MP said no Kabul resident feels safe and that the few crim- inals that are being arrested is not enough to resolve the crisis.

"The government and the security institutions have failed to pro- vide security for the people and even in the capital, no citizen feels safe..."