SAUDI ARABIA TO INVEST IN TAPI GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

In a First, Fund Set up for Nangarhar-Based Journalists

KABUL - A first, a fund reserved for journalists in eastern Nangarhar province, the governor’s office said on Tuesday.

The initiative of establishing a fund was taken during a meeting attended by media representatives at the Governor’s House on Monday.

Attiqullah Habibzai, the governor’s spokesman, told Tadbir Afghan News all working journalists... (More on P672)

Kabul Security Plan for Wolesi Jirga Polls Finalized

KABUL - Kabul’s 111th Division Commander Maj. Gen. Abdul Nawaz Ziaie on Tuesday said security arrangements for the Wolesi Jirga elections have been finalized in central Kabul.

Ziaie told reporters here that arrangements for the parliamentaries and district council elections and Kabul security had been made as part of “Operation Nasrat.”

He said all military corps had been directed to take necessary preparation for execution of the Operation Nasrat spearheaded by the Army Chief.

Ziaie said the 111th division in collaboration with Kabul Garrison and Kabul police had been tasked with putting in place security... (More on P673)

Taliban Pull out Soldier’s Body from Grave in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - The Taliban recovered the grave of an Afghan army soldier hours after his burial and dragged the body with a rope for one kilometer and leveled the tombstone of the soldier in northeastern Badakhshan province, local officials said on Tuesday.

Ghulam Saeed, the administrative chief for Rabgah district where the incident happened, said the slain soldier hailed from Boshokh... (More on P674)

HRW Denounces Hotel Attack as a War Crime

KABUL - Perpetrators of the deadly attack on the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul are responsible for war crimes, the Human Rights Watch said on Tuesday.

The Taliban have claimed responsibility for the 58-hour attack on the hotel, during which gunmen killed at least 7 Afghans and 11 foreigners and shot dead, killing most of them dead in their rooms or in the dining room.

The attackers worked their way through the hotel floors, blowing open guest rooms and shooting whoever was on their path, a statement from HRW said. (More on P675)

12 Villages Cut off As Taliban Dynamite Kunduz Bridge

KUNDUZ CITY - The Taliban have blown up a major bridge disconnecting 12 villages from the Imam Sahib district center in northern Kunduz province, local residents and officials said on Tuesday.

The residents complained about a sudden price hike after the Imam Sahib district’s bridge that followed a military operation in the troubled district.

Arbab Habibullah, a tribal elder from Qurashe village, told Tadbir Afghan News the Taliban destroyed the bridge by emplacing landmines below it, “It was dismantled and as a result 12 villages were cut off from the district... (More on P675)

3 Projects Costing 39m AfS Completed in Paktika

SHARANA - Three construction projects costing 39 million Afghans have recently been completed and put into service in southeastern Paktika province, the governor said Tuesday.

Governor Mohammad Reza Wakili told Pajhwok Afghan News the projects taking one year to complete included a building for the governor’s house.

The other projects included a bridge and a returning wall in Mohammad Khel locality of Sharana, the provincial capital, and a water reservoir in Pakti area.

The governor said the three projects were constructed at a total cost of 39 million Afghans within a year. However, provincial urban and development department head, Najibullah, said the projects were executed based on priority... (More on P675)

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