65 Insurgents Killed in Foreign Forces Operations in Paktika

KABUL - Pakita police chief said two separate airstrokes targeted Taliban cadres and killed at least 65 militiamen. At least 45 Taliban insurgents were killed during foreign forces operations in Pakita province on Saturday night, local officials said Tuesday. Pakita Police Chief Mohammad Azim Hashimi said that foreign forces air strikes, in two separate operations in Barmal and Nika districts, targeted Taliban hideouts and killed at least 65 Taliban fighters. "Foreign forces conducted an airstrike in Barmal district where thirteen Taliban members and a commander, Tarakai, were killed and in another operation by foreign forces in Nika district fifty Taliban were killed," Hashimi added. Taliban’s vehicles, two bases and weapons caches were also destroyed during the air strike, Hashimi added.

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A NIGHT WITH DEMINERS CLEARING THE MAIDANWARDAK HIGHWAY

KABUL - Deep into a lack of equipment, cadres and mines, a Popular uprisings group recently worked day and night to clear the southern highway through Maidan.

First Plane with Ukrainian Survivors of Kabul Attack Lands in Kyiv

SHIRAZ - The government of the Islamic Republic of Iran supports Afghan refugees and provides them with services more than the determined amount, said Alexander Khazan, head of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Sub-Office in Shiraz, south Iran. The UNHCR cooperates with Iran so that it can give better services to the refugees, Khazan said in an exhibition on Afghanistan held in Shiraz. He added that according to the agreement between Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and UNHCR, fields such as education, health and livelihood should be paid more attention. He reiterated that Iran has the ... (More on P4).

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US CALLS ON PAKISTAN TO ARREST AND EXPEL TALIBAN LEADERS

WASHINGTON - White House Press Secretary told reporters that an attack such as the hotel siege only strengthens the US’s resolve to support Afghanistan. White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told reporters at her daily press briefing that the United States has called on Pakistan to immediately arrest or expel Taliban leaders who are carrying out terrorist activities in Afghanistan and hand them over to the Afghan government to support local security forces.

UKRAINE DROPS TRANSIT FEES FOR AFGHAN GOODS BY 50%

KABUL - The new tariff system comes in to effect following the recent signing of trade and transit agreements between the two countries. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on Monday said that based on business and transit agreements signed between, ... (More on P4).

Open Tender – Framework Agreement Contract for Domestic and International Travel Booking and Visa Services

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) would like to invite competent Travel Agencies to submit their bids for domestic and international flight tickets, visa services, and hotel bookings based on following specifications:

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The interested Travel Agency should have past experience of providing tickets, visas, and hotel bookings to International organizations or UN agencies. The bidding documents can be collected from Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Logistics Department, at following address:

Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Kabul
Khurshid TV Station Street, Kolola Pushta, PD4
Kabul, Kabul Province, AFGHANISTAN
Tel: +93 728 832 036

The bids should be addressed to the Procurement Committee, NRC Kabul Office, in sealed envelopes.

The last date for submitting of the bid documents is 06 February 2018

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