No Afghan Refugee Involved in Terrorism: Mosazai

KARACHI - Afghan Ambassador to Pakistan Jamaal Mosazai, on Saturday said the terrorists in a matter of concern for both Afghanistan and Pakistan, adding that leaders and institutions of both country are in contact with each other against terrorists. Talking to journalists, he said that he could proudly say that no Afghan refugee was involved in crime and terrorism in Pakistan. He said there are 1.6 million registered Afghan refugees living in Pakistan, and the Afghan government is working to ensure their safe return to the country as early as possible. “Afghan refugees had played a vital role in the economic development of Pakistan in last three decades”, Jamaal Mosazai added. He claimed that more than 200 local and foreign terrorists have been killed during Afghan security forces’ operation in Kamar province. (Agencies)

Pakistan Duping World on Border Trench: Gen. Raizq

KANDAHAR CITY - The Kandahar police chief on Saturday alleged that Pakistan was deceiving the international community as it was providing a 480-kilometer trench along the border on the pretense of providing militaryinfrastructure. Gen. Abdul Raizq levelled the allegation while responding to a question from the audience during a press conference at the Governor’s House media office in the capital of the southern province. Raizq said the eight-foot deep and 10-foot wide trench in Balochistan province has been “a curse” for the inhabitants. (More on P.8)

Turkmen Aid for Disaster Victims Receives Ovation

SHERBERGHAN - Turkmenistan’s food aid for victims of natural disasters arrived in northern Jawzjan province on Saturday, an official said. Baward Bhati, Turkmenistan’s consul general, told reporters in Mazari-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, 1,000 war and natural disaster-affected families would benefit from the aid. He said his county planned to build 4,000 houses.” (More on P.8)

Irrigation Tools Distributed to Farmers in Northeast

KABUL - As many as 370 sets of irrigation tools, including water tanks, pipes and pomegranate, were distributed to orchard owners in northeasten provinces, an official said on Saturday.FLlig Mohamed Jamaluddin, coordinator of the Agriculture Ministry’s National Irrigation and Livestock Project (NILP), said 370 sets of tools were distributed to orchard owners in Kunduz, 130 in Tagab, 17 in Baghlan and five in Badakhshan. (More on P.8)

Thousands of Illegal Afghans Detained in Pakistan

KABUL - Police in Pakistan’s northeastern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have detained 1,900 illegal Afghan nationals in a series of search operations, a nuclear report said on Sunday. A total of 1,550 suspects have been taken into custody by 1,900 Afghan nationals who were found involved in various crimes, the report said. (More on P.8)

UNSC Stresses Need for Further Cooperation in Central Asia

UNITED NATIONS – The UN Security Council (UNSC) on Friday stressed the need for cooperation and coordination between governments in Central Asia and regional organizations to strengthen peace, stability, prosperity and sustainable development in the region. Speaking on the issue, the Security Council body underscored the need for governments to work together with the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA), and acknowledged the role of the UN regional office in assisting those countries to respond to domestic and transnational threats.” (More on P.8)

New Australian Ambassador Presents Credentials to Ghani

KABUL - Australia’s new ambassador to Afghanistan Matt Andrews on Saturday presented his credentials to President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. Ghani accepted the ambassador’s credentials during a meeting at the Presidential Palace here. The diplomat promised to do his best to cement Australian-Afghan ties. A statement from the Palace quoted Andrews, who replaced John Phillips, as promising to do his best to further cement Australian-Afghan ties. Ghani’s military and financial assistance during the last decade. (More on P.8)

Ghani off to Riyadh to Mourn King’s Death

KABUL - Accompanied by a high-level delegation, President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday left for Saudi Arabia to offer his condolences to the Saudi King, said a day after the death of his half-brother King Abdullah. Former King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, a US ally and a cautious reformer, died early Friday aged about 90. President Ghani left for Riyadh, the Saudi king’s capital, this afternoon, a statement from the Presidential Palace said without identifying other officials accompanying him on the trip. The king’s body, wrapped in a cream-coloured shroud, was borne on a simple litter by members of the royal family wearing traditional red and white checked headwear. It was quickly moved to nearby Al-Imam public cemetery and buried in an unmarked grave, as kept with. (More on P.8)

Militants Still in Control: Dangam Residents

ASAMBAR - Despite stern claims by security officials that insurgents have been killed in various parts of the Dangam district of eastern Kunar province, residents of the troubled town on Saturday said the heavily-armed rebels were still in control. About one and a half months ago, hundreds of armed insurgents launched simultaneous attacks in various parts of the district and targeted local security forces and residents in an ongoing against them. Lt. Gen. Zaman Wa- wa, 20th Strike Military Corps commander in the town, was gathering last week that the conflict in. (More on P.10)

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