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KABUL - An International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission has reached staff-level agreement with Afghanistan authorities on an economic programme to be supported by a three-year Extended Credit Facility (ECF) arrangement. The IMF mission, led by Christoph Duenwald, held discussions with Afghanistan authorities in May and June last year on IMF support for Afghanistan’s economic programme. Following the discussions, Duenwald said: “IMF staff and the Afghanistan authorities have reached... (More on Pg. 4).”

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**Wolesi Jirga to Investigate Pagham Attack**

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament on Saturday questioned the transfer of a large number of police cadets without needed security measures in place and called for “real perpetrators” of the attack in Paghman district to be punished. At least two Taliban bombers ambushed five buses the attack in Paghman district to be punished.

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KABUL - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Saturday said that the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) are carrying police cadets from several districts across the country. The statement comes at a time that concerns are on the rise over the possible collapse of several key districts in the northern... (More on Pg. 6).