SCO Should Pay Special Attention to Situation in Afghanistan: Atambayev

KABUL - The member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) must pay special attention to developments in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan’s President Almazbek Atambayev has told TASS. According to Atambayev, Afghanistan’s role in the system of regional security is “unquestionable.” The process taking place around the country is playing a key role in the geopolitical system of international relations, and the developments in the country have a direct impact on security and geopolitical balance of power in the region. Atambayev said, “We are interested in the...” (More on P6-1).

Abdullah Promises Justice to Jalrez Victims

KABUL – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Monday promised to bring to justice all officials who neglected former’s call for support during the deadly battle in Jalrez district in central Maidan Wardak province. Speaking at a meeting of Council of Ministers, Abdullah acknowledged the negligence by the security officials in the Jalrez area that led nearly 50 Afghan Local Police (ALP) force members dead with three civilians... (More on P6-1).

President Reviews ID Cards Distribution Process

KABUL – President Ashraf Ghani on Monday evaluated administrative and technical allies of the electronic national identity card process and asked the committee concerned to present solutions to challenges and hurdles impeding the project. A statement from the Presidential Palace said the president presided over a meeting to review the electronic ID cards process. The committee evaluated the ID cards process technical and administrative aspects and presented views and proposals on the existing opportunities and challenges. The meeting discussed the ID cards test-launch plan, in schedule and possible locations of distribution centers. The statement said the president directed the committees to work on legal... (More on P6-1).

Govt. Property Allegedly Sold in Makkah

KABUL – A huge building known as Rahbet-al-Afgani and the property of Afghan government in Makkah, the holiest city in Saudi Arabia, has reportedly been sold by a former high-ranking official in Afghan government. But the Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs contradicted the claim by saying that the area had been used for following purposes: accommodation of Muslims in the holy place, a place for the pilgrims to rest, a place for the pilgrims to pray at the holy mosque, and a place for the pilgrims to rest. Rahbet-al-Afgani was a specie of area owned by Afghan government for years where Afghan pilgrims used to stay. It was also known as Hag Khana or Khamin. Senate of Muslims. However, just recently reports emerged that during the rule of Ustad Burhanuddin Rabbani, disputed reports among some officials concerned the ownership of Rahbet-al-Afgani building. Later, the... (More on P6-1).

Abdullah Puts Pressure on Taliban to Care for Victims

TASHKENT – On his first visit to Central Asian countries, Prime Minister Nariman Madni Molla on Monday held talks with Uzbek President Islam Karimov on key bilateral and regional issues including the situation in Afghanistan as the two countries agreed three paths to boost cooperation... (More on P6-1).

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Ata Mohd Noor Proposes 11 Nominees for the Ministry of Defense

KABUL – The acting governor of northern Balkh province and chief executive of Jamiat-e-Islami party Ali Muhammad Noor has proposed eleven nominees for the Ministry of Defense. The proposal... (More on P6-1).