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MPS Oppose

Moving Film Archive to Presidential Palace

KABUL - Some Meshrano Jirga or Senate mem-

ers on Sunday opposed shifting the Afghan

movie archive to the Presidential Palace, saying cul-
tures were not happy with the move.

Shah Hazrat Muradzai, spokesman for the pres-

ident, told reporters here that the Afghan movie

archive was shifted to the Presidential Palace for

better conservation and security on July 3.

But senator Mohammad Rahim Husainyar from

southern Ghazni province told today’s session

that a number of culturalists, artists and writers had

visited upper house members, calling for the deci-

sion to be reviewed.

He said the film archive should be moved back

to its old building which had been reconstructed.

Another senator Shahzada Mustafa Zahir said mov-

ing the archive to the Presidential Palace had

created a lot concerns.

He said the archive remained unsafe during the

long domestic conflict but this time it might face

problems.

A number of other senators expressed similar

views on the issue.

Mohammad Alam Izadyar, first deputy chair-
mann of the Afghan Senate, said the archive was

not moved back.

(More on P5/L3)

Nearly 400,000 Afghans Returned Home in Mid-2017

KABUL - The Ministry of Refugees and repatria-

tion on Sunday said nearly 400,000 Afghans other-

wise were voluntarily or were forced to return

from different countries in mid-2017.

A statement from the ministry said the 387,358

refugees, 363,510 voluntarily returned from Iran

and 23,848 from Pakistan.

It added 206,910 Afghans departed from Iran

and 3,277 to Pakistan.

According to the statement, the refugees entered

Afghanistan from Iran and Pakistan.

The returnees with or without immigration docu-

ments were provided with cash and non-cash

assistance by international institutions with the

ministry’s cooperation.

Since the takeover of President Ghani, about three

million Afghan refugees have returned to the

country. (Pajhwok)

In Poppy-Free

Pakista, Growers

Deprieved of

Assistance

GARDEZ - Poppy cultivation in southeastern Pakista, the area

has been brought down to zero but farmers continue deprived of nec-

essary assistance, an official said on Sunday.

Counter narcotics Department of-

ficials said poppy cultivation level

has been zero in Pakista for the past 20

years. However, growers have not

received any assistance so far.

Counter narcotics department head,

Ha-
fereullah Ahmadzai complained Pakista and its farmers have been
denied appreciation. His depart-

ment fear the farmers may turn to

growing the illicit crop.

Ahmadzai made the remarks at a gathering, marking Counter-

narcotics Day and inauguration of a new building for his depart-

ment. The project has been com-

pleted at a cost of more than 12

million afghanis.

He demanded growers should be

provided with assistance to help

them boost their agricultural pro-

duce, increase crop yield, afford

cultivation support and other in-

centives.

Some work had been done such as

construction of culverts, distribu-

tion of refined sulfur and ozone

seeds and tractors, he recalled.

Not much assistance was needed to

pursue poppy eradication and the

Government stressed the need to

stop the practice of buying poppy

poppy cultivation. He demanded

proper steps be taken in the re-

gion.

He also hit out at the Counter-

narcotics Department for being

unable to curb the cultivation of

the illicit crop in the backward

provinces.

Taliban

Kidnaps 2 Road

Workers in Ghor

FEROZKOH - Two workers of a road construc-

tion firm have been abducted by Taliban militants in central

Ghor province, an official said Sunday.

Ahmadzai Akhund, the governor’s spokesman, told Pajhwok that

Shah Shah, the Taliban com-

mander, kidnapped the workers to the Taliban stronghold in

Lashkar Rah.

A resident of Lashkar Rah vil-

lage of Ferozkoh, the provincial
capital, said the workers were

kidnapped after their construc-

tion company failed to give

them their promised pay.

Another source quoted the Tal-

iban said they would not re-

lease the workers until their firm paid

the money.

However, Mullah Eid Gul, the

village’s development council head, said they would discuss the

issue with the Taliban through tribal

eiders.

The Taliban have so far said noth-

ing in this regard. (Pajhwok)

ACC Reports Increase in Export of Fresh Fruits

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U.S. Afghan Forces Clear Islamic State from Eastern District

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Several days of heavy fighting ended in early June with US and ISaf State fighters killing large quantities of equipment captured.

The fight against Islamic State and other militant groups including Al Qaeda in the heart of the U.S. counterterrorism mission was being con-

ducted alongside the NATO-led Resolute Support operation that trains and advises Af-

gans. (Pajhwok)

Intended to prevent Afghanistan being used as a base to plan and carry out major attacks against the United States, it is a large part fought against irreg-

ular forces in remote valleys on the far eastern edge of the country, an area characterized by

smuggling routes into the tribal areas of Pa-