Civilian Casualty Toll Increased By 17% in 1394: AIHRC

KANDAHAR CITY - Officials at Minowas Zonal Hospital in the southern province of Kandahar said Saturday that every month 1,600 women give birth at the hospital, but that the facilities are not sufficient enough for the mothers that need medical care.

According to officials, overcrowding at the hospital, which is Kandahar’s main health facility, has created enormous challenges for the people.

They said in terms of maternity care, although the maternal mortality rate has sharply decreased in recent years in Afghanistan, the southern Kandahar province still deals with the problem. Officials said that lack of sufficient medical facilities

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4 Kidnappers Sentenced to 15 Years in Jail

MAZAR- I- SHARIF - The western court in northern Balkh province on Saturday sentenced four to 15 years in jail each over kidnapping a child.

The court handed down the sentences at an open hearing in Mazari-Sharif, the provincial capital. Besides to the case, journalists and common people were also present at the trial.

Judge Wahidullah said all the accused Mohammad Baish, Mohammad Afza, Mihrab and Mohammed Asif were 15 in years jail each under clause four of the anti-kidnapping and smuggling law. One of the convicts, Mohammad Bashir, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the verdict was not acceptable to him. He accused the prosecutor of falsely implicating him in the case. He claimed police used torture to coerce him into making false confessions that were cited before the court.

Father of the 13-year-old Muslina, who was kidnapped, said he was satisfied with the ruling. He named the four convicts - Mohammad Bashir, Mohammad Afza, Mihrab and Mohammed Asif.

Experts Call on Govt to Mobilize World Against Pakistan

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