IEC to Review 7,000 Polling Stations Nationwide

The IEC continues to roll out plans to hold elections in July next year and is soon to embark on an assessment process involving 7,000 polling stations.

Thishowever comes as security still remains a challenge ahead of next year’s parliamentary and district council elections, which are scheduled for next July. Meanwhile, the IEC’s technical and public awareness officials have said that security threats and the lack of accessibility to remote regions... (More on P4)...(3)

NATO Praises ANDSF Bravery in Fight Against Militants

KABUL - The NATO Resolute Support (RS) has hailed the bravery and skill of Afghan National Defence Security Forces (ANDSF) in regaining grounds temporarily captured by the Taliban recently.

NATO spokesman Bill Salvin during an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News said the Afghan security forces faced a patient, determined and ruthless enemy who did not make differences between civilian and military targets.

When asked about Russian attacks on the Taliban, Salvin said NATO wanted Russia to play constructive role in Afghan peace and reconciliation process.

He said Moscow should support the Afghan National Unity Government (ANUG), a legitimate body representing the people of Afghanistan, in bringing peace to the war-torn country. NATO spokesman said aimed support to the Taliban by any country was against international law.

Earlier a report in the CNN said the Russian provided weapons to the Taliban.

The NATO spokesman said they would continue their training, advice and support to ANDSF and provided weapons to the Taliban.

Law enforcements and the police headquarters to bring pressure on DABS, the Attorney General Office, the Ministry of Public Health on Sunday said around 150,000 people were infected with hepatitis-B in the country and warned that the disease would increase if not controlled on time. Hepatitis-B is a viral infection that attacks the liver and can cause both acute and chronic disease. The virus is transmitted through contact with the blood or other body fluids of an infected person. The virus can be transmitted through sexual contact with a person infected by the virus and sharing of needles and syringes from an infected person to a healthy person.

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Quote of the Day

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Urban Water Supply Contract Worth $111.14 Million Signed for Kabul City

A contract for the urban water supply for Kabul city was signed in the presence of President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani.

KABUL - The contract worth $111.14 million will be supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), The State Enterprise for Water Supply and Canalization and Muma Group signed the contract in ARGC Palace today.

The Office of the President, ARGC Palace, said the contract for urban water supply is part of a major water project which is launched and administrated by the German Development Bank. According to ARGC Palace, the United States Agency for International Development and the French development bank also contributed in the funding of the project.

ARGC Palace further added that the total funding of the project is estimated at 72 million euros or $111,140,881 US dollars. With the completion of the first phase of the project, around 30 thousand residential houses will receive pure drinking water on 24 hour basis. The contract for the first phase of the urban water supply for Kabul city has been signed amid popular inflows in the capital that has increased the demand for the drinking drinking water besides the city was previously facing issues of burning and other urban issues. (K7)

Provincial Councils Regain Supervisory Role

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The bill in three chapters and 17 articles was approved by the Cabinet on January 4, 2017 before it was signed into law by the president on March 3 and then published in the official gazette.

Sayed Ahmad Khamou, head of the local councils... (More on P4)...(3)

Govt, Officials Owe more than 7bn Afs to DABS

KABUL - Afghan government owes more than 7 billion Afghanis to DABS. The government officials owe around 7 billion to the power utility, ADAB, because of their failure to pay the utility bills on time.

Talking to Pajhwok Afghan News an interview ARGC spokesman Wahid Tawhidi said that hundreds of government departments, officials and local councils owe DABS around 7 billion Afghanis.

“We ask all those defaulting on power bills to make the payments because DABS, out of money for development and electricity production,” he said.

He warned to publish a list carrying names of defaulters within next 10 days if the debtors failed to clear the dues. The list has been shared with the Presidential Palace, the Attorney General Office and the police headquarters to bring pressure on power bills defaulters, he said.

Tawhidi said government organs were responsible to pay electricity bills from their budget and use the electricity according to their budget level under a presidential order. (More on P4)...(7)

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Laghman Health Clinics Resume Services after 45 Days

JALALABAD - Health clinics, mostly run by the Washooh, Committee for Afghanistan (SCA), have been reopened after remaining closed for 45 days due to security threats in eastern Laghman province.

The clinics close soon after the SCA wanted to rehabilitate a clinic in Aqla district, but Taliban militants threatened the committee people over the move.

Sahibuddin Memand, SCA spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the rebel had demanded the construction of a clinic in an area under their control.

While residents of Sangi locality where the clinic is located asked them to appoint a surgeon in the clinic, none of the clinics had been... (More on P4)...(4)

Women’s Contributions to Agriculture Economy in Afghanistan Need Recognition

KABUL - Agricultural Research and Extension (AREU) is pleased to release the findings of an in-depth study on women in agriculture in Afghanistan. The study shows that women and the issues that hamper or boost the recognition and enhancement of women’s activities in farming, livestock, horticulture, and farm-related entrepreneurial activities in the country.

The study has addressed five particular issues associated with women’s participation in the agriculture economy. This includes women’s expanded validity and collectivisation, the need to target women for skills development, women... (More on P4)...(5)

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