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KABUL - The cabinet announced a three-day national mourning to express solidarity with families who lost their beloved ones to avalanches in several parts of the country, a statement from the Presidential Palace said on Saturday.

The death toll from a series of avalanches and flash floods rose to 260 on Friday, with the bulk of deaths coming from central Panjsher province, where above 200 lost their lives, including women and children. Chaired by President Ghai, the cabinet announced a three-day national mourning from Saturday till Monday. The special meeting decided to fly the national flag at half-mast at home and Afghan embassies and consulates abroad during the period. The meeting called the damage from avalanches as "tragic and sad."

The cabinet also asked unfettered Afghans to hold funeral for the victims in absence across the country. Condolences will be offered on Sunday (Pajhwok).

Mafia Boss Raees Khudaidad Executed

KABUL - Raees Khudaidad, the most notorious mafia boss in Afghanistan's history, was hung to death following the verdict of Kabul's National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement on Saturday.

Charged with hundreds of heinous crimes including murders, kidnappings and armed robberies, Khudaidad was executed by hanging following the verdict of Kabul Appellate... (More on P4)...(10)

China Provided Emergency Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan

KABUL - Chen Shipin, Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Consulate in Kabul, on behalf of the Chinese embassy said on Saturday that two C-130 planes arrived at Kabul airport on Saturday carrying tents, blankets, warm clothes, medicines and essential food items to help the disaster-hit people of Afghanistan on behalf of the government, army and people of China. The Afghan cabinet announced a three-day national mourning to express solidarity with Afghanistan on behalf of the government, army and people of China.

US Embassy

KABUL - The US Embassy in Afghanistan is deeply saddened by the loss of life in Afghanistan as a result of the recent avalanches, a statement released by the embassy said on Saturday. "We extend our sincere condolences to the people of Afghanistan, especially those who have lost family members, friends, homes and livelihoods in this disaster," the statement added. It said that the US continues to...(More on P4)...(14)

Tajik President

DUSHANBE - Tajik President Emomali Rahmon on Saturday extended his condolences to Afghan counterpart Mohammad Ashraf Ghani over the avalanches disasters that shook the country. The Tajik presidential press service said Saturday. In his message to the President Ghani, Rahmon asked to convey his deep condolences to the fraternal people of Afghanistan... (More on P4)...(15)

Iranian Speaker

 TEHRAN - Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani extended his condolences to the Afghan people and government over the death of the country’s nationals during the recent natural disasters to the Muslim neighboring state. Larijani sent separate messages to Chairman of Afghanistan’s Senate Fazel Hashemi and Speaker... (More on P4)...(16)

Helmand Operation Demonstrated ANSF Professionalism: RS

KABUL - Praising professionalism among Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Resolute Support (RS) mission on Saturday said there was dire need of launching re-construction projects in the provinces. Amirullah Zarezad, head of provincial council, told the Resolute... (More on P4)...(11)

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