



Press Freedom Gov't's Red Line in Peace Talks: Danesh

Danesh says peace should not be an excuse for sacrificing the past 18 years' achievements.



KABUL - Second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danesh, who addressed a conference on Introduction of Government's Communication Plan for the next solar year, said the freedom of the press is a red line for peace and that it will not be compromised in the process. Danesh said there are 96 TV channels, 65 radio stations and 911 print media in Kabul, as well as 107 TV channels, 284 radio stations and 416 print media in other provinces. He says there are 1,879 active media outlets in Afghanistan and called it one of the main achievements of the country in the past 18 years. Danish added that all cases of vi-

olation against journalists, which were more than 1,000, have been assessed by government over the past four years. "Peace should not become an excuse for sacrificing the achievements of the past 18 years and on the top the freedom of the press and the activities of free media in the country," Danish said. "A type of dictatorship will take over the society in absence of free media which will naturally sacrifice peace." This comes as the fifth round of US-Taliban talks is ongoing in Qatar. In a new statement on Sunday evening, Taliban said the current round of talks in Doha are ad-

vancing on a step-by-step basis, adding that as the issue at hand is immensely crucial and delicate, its progression is taking place with that much care and vigilance. The talks during January saw an agreement regarding withdrawal of foreign forces and preventing Afghanistan from being used against others, but this round of talks are about the details and nature of these two issues, the statement said. Meanwhile, Haroon Chakhansuri, President Ghani's spokesman, announced government's communication plan for the next solar year - March 2019 to March 2020. ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Afghan Youths Call for Intra-Afghan Talks



KABUL - A group of Herat youths at a gathering in Herat city, in the west of Afghanistan, said they support the ongoing peace talks in Qatar but they added that there should be intra-Afghan dialogues in order to move forward the peace process and pave the ground for a sustainable peace in the country. Those who attended the event, said that the role of political

parties should not be ignored in the peace process, referring to recent efforts by a number of mainstream political parties and movements which sent their delegates to Moscow last month to hold talks with the Taliban. "Our understanding is that Afghans who are in the peace process, whether they are Taliban or politicians or those who are in government, ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Kabul Loses Control of 2 Plots in Saudi Arabia

KABUL - The Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs (MoHRA) says two plots of land belonging to Afghanistan in Saudi Arabia have been added to Haramain Sharifain's property. The plots were purchased by the Afghan government and devoted to Afghan pilgrims. However, they have been added inexplicably to the property of the Haramain Sharifain. There is no clear answer to the question as to who owns right now the two plots of land. One of them is situated near the Haramain Sharifain in Makkah Mukarrama. Another plot of around 800 square metres was acquitted by Kabul during King Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz's rule between 1964 and ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN KART-E-PARWAN, KABUL NOTICE OF SALE

The Embassy of Pakistan, Kabul, intends to sale three official vehicles (Toyota Prado (2) and Toyota Pickup (1)-2005 on "as is where is" basis. Interested parties may inspect the vehicles on Friday 15th March, 2019 from sealed envelopes on Monday 18th March, 2019 up to 12:00 hours, which will be opened on same day at 12:00 hours.



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Publication of the Award of Contracts by ICB

Project Name: Rehabilitation of the East-West Corridor from Herat to Chist-e- Sharif "REWCOR"

Country: Afghanistan

Project Number: NPA/MPW/97/W-1993/ICB

Bid/Contract Description: Procurement of Construction of Herat- Chist-e- Sharif highway from km 00+000-35+000 km Lot 1, Ref.No. NPA/MPW/97/W-1993/ICB

Scope of Contract: Works

Currency: USD

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
Cakir Yapi Construction & Road Construction Co. Afghanistan-Turkey	USD 23,179,475.41	USD 23,179,475.41
Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Alke Insaat Sanaye Ve Ticaret OJSC, Baco, Azerbaijan	USD 41,996,495.8	USD 41,996,495.8
China Railway First Group Co.Ltd, Shanxi, China	USD 25,912,232.48	USD 25,912,232.48
Abad Rahan Pars, Tehran, Iran	USD 35,516,704.00	USD 35,516,873.19
Echco Construction, New Sahak Construction & Global Operation CC (JV), Kabul- Afghanistan	USD 26,850,227.76	USD 26,850,227.76
Unique Builder CC & Tecnologist Inc. (JV), Kabul- Afghanistan	USD 30,986,193.42	USD 30,986,193.42
Badgis Construction Company, Kabul- Afghanistan	USD 41,646,222.00	USD 41,642,545.12
EN-EZ Insaat Sanayeee Ve Ticaret A.S, Anqara, Turkey	USD 28, 569,995.34	USD 28, 569,995.34
Arian Tunnel Dam Co, Tehran Iran	USD 35,239,000.00	USD 35,239,000.00
Road & Roaf Construction Co, Kabul- Afghanistan	USD 29,241,083	USD 29,236,362.53
Limak, Anqara,Turkey	USD 25,603,848.23	USD 25,603,848.23
Fayz CC & Shiv Buildindia (JV) Afghanistan- India	USD 31,104,810	USD 31,104,810
Pars Tablo& Didas (JV), Tehran, Iran	USD 28,460,000.00	USD 28,310,005.00
Rejected Bidder(s)		
None of the bidder bids rejected		

*At least the city & country

The Ministry of Public works (MPW) is supposed to award the above contract, to Cakir Yapi Construction & Road Construction Company D-42850, Wazir Akbar Khan 10th Road, Kabul, (Authorized representative of Cakir Yapi Sanayi Ve Ticaret Anonim Sirketi, Turkey), in the amount of USD 23,179,475.41 (Twenty-Three Million One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Point Forty-One). Bidders who appeal reconsideration or have any objection, they can submit their application within ten working days to the Ministry of Public Works from the date of announcement.

This notification does not constitute award of contract. The contract shall not be awarded until the notice provided elapsed and complaints, if any received, is addressed in compliance with appeal and review manual.