**Quote of the Day**

*A true friend is one who overlooks your failures and tolerates your success!*

- Doug Larson

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**US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad** says peace would require the support of all interested parties.

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**KABUL** As many as 7,246 cases of violence against women have been addressed by the courts during the past three years, an official said on Wednesday. Amanullah Eman, the Supreme Court spokesman, told a press conference in Kabul that the 7,246 cases of violence against women were addressed in 28 exclusive courts in capital Kabul and 27 in provinces during the period. He said the cases included 920 incidents of sexual abuse, 720 incidents of beatings, 322 murders and the rest were other forms of violence against the gender. Without giving details, Eman said the perpetrators of the violence had been punished with different penalties such as execution, jail term and fines. He added most of the cases had gone through all three stages of trials...

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**President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani** has directed security officials in eastern Kunar province to improve the security situation and resolve the problems being faced by women, according to a statement from Presidential Palace on Wednesday. The president during his trip to Kunar province held a meeting with a number of women activists on Wednesday afternoon in Asadabad, the provincial capital, the statement said. Representing...

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**USAID** Improves Livelihoods for Afghan Women Through Credit Shura

BALKH - One of the most difficult challenges for female farmers and women who operate agriculture-related businesses in Afghanistan is access to credit. In addition, many women often do not understand how credit can help grow their businesses. To address these challenges, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted a Women’s Agricultural Credit Shura...

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**KABUL** - Currently in Doha for meeting Taliban representatives, Khalilzad wrote on his Twitter account: “As my team and I continue peace talks, I stepped away to have dinner with Uzbek FM Kamilov and Special Representative Irgashev last night.” Peace would require the support of all interested parties and they welcomed the participation of regional countries in the process, the US diplomat wrote. Suhail Shaheen, speaking for Taliban’s Qatar-based political office, said in an interview that neither a ceasefire nor intra-Afghan dialogue were on the agenda at this stage. He told VOA: “There has been steady progress...

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