President Ghani Approves Restoration Work of Dar-Ul-Aman Palace

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday approved the restoration work of the historic Dar-ul-Aman Palace in capital Kabul.

The President informed reportedly the approval of the restoration work of the palace in an online statement posted on official Twitter account.

"National Dar-ul-Aman Palace is a reminder of our darkest days. Thus, I've approved its restoration work today," the post reads.

The palace received serious damages during the civil war which erupted following the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from the country. Located in the outskirts of the capital, the palace was once the residence of the Afghan kings before the fall of the last king Amanullah Khan in 1973.

170 Badakhshan Women Acquire New Work, Business Skills

FAZALABAD - Around 170 women completed their training in English, computer skills and food processing for small businesses in northeastern Badakhshan province, the German Cooperation Office in Afghanistan said on Wednesday.

With their new skills, they are now better qualified for positions in government, non-government organisations and commercial businesses, the Deutsche. (More on P6:21)

Greater Role for Women in Health Sector Underscored

KABUL - Afghan, World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) officials on Wednesday stressed the need for gender equality and a greater role for women in the health sector. The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), together with the World Health Organisation (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and partners, celebrated International Women’s - (More on P6:18)

MAZAR - The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) disrupted the anti-government armed militant groups’ plans to establish a strong operational base in Khani-Nabili district of northern Balkh province.

Acting provincial governor Ata Mohammad Noor said the militants were looking to establish the base in Zirda village in the mountainous terrain of Balkh province.

Noor further added that the ANSF have foiled enemies’ vicious design to overrun Gereshk district, a local security official said.

A group of militants attacking the local residents as they were establishing the base, killing and torturing the residents and torching the houses in the area. The operations were jointly conducted by the Afghan national security forces who were receiving close-air support by the Afghan Air Force. Noor added. According to the . (More on P6:21)

Iran Calls for Muslims’ Unity to Counter Terrorism

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has underlined the need for unity among Muslims to counter terrorism and extremism.

In a meeting with Sultan of Brunei Hassanal Bolkiah in Bandar Seri Begawan on Wednesday, Zarif said challenges facing the Islamic world are the result of terrorism and extremism, urging Muslims to strengthen unity to counter the scourges.

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Mol Cautions Sayyaf Over His Recent Remarks

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) on Wednesday cautioned former jihadi leader Abdul Rassoul Sayyaf who said he will go to war without permission if the situation in the country does not change.

The MoI deputy spokesman Najib Danish said the ministry warns any move that supports the security forces but all struggles to save the country should be taken within the context of the law. Sayyaf has on several occasions raised the issue of fighting insurgents but this time his remarks were different. "We called on government many," (More on P6:18)

Taliban Attack on Gereshk District Claims 16 Lives of Attackers: Official

DUSHANBE - The Taliban have reportedly carried out an attack in the southern Helmand province, the Afghan Interior (MoI) on Wednesday.

At least 16 attackers have been killed and many others injured, according to a local security official said. "The security forces by killing 16 attackers on the spot have foiled enemies’ vicious designs to overrun Gereshk district," Amanullah told Xinhua.

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