**US to Help Kabul Counter IS Threat: Campbell**

**KABUL** - US and NATO forces top commander in Kabul Gen. John Campbell on Monday said the United States would work jointly with Afghanistan to counter possible threats posed by the so-called Islamic State (IS) and other militant groups.

The US general, who called out the Afghan government for its failure to respond to IS threats, accused the US of failing to respond to threats from the IS and other militant groups. Campbell said he had discussed with high US officials the situation about the ground situation in the country. He said US officials were attentive to possible threats posed by the IS and other groups and his country.

After Presidential Decree, 3 PCRs Return to Work

**KARACHI** - Following President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani’s decree allowing provincial councils (PCs) to evaluate the local administration’s performance, the elected bodies in three provinces reopened their offices, officials said on Tuesday.

Almost a month and a half month ago, the Wolesi Jirga barred the councils from monitoring the performance of local governments. The decision prompted PC members to shut their offices.

A week back, President Ghani issued a decree giving back the provincial councils the right to oversee the performance of local departments. Subsequently, officials on Wednesday (More on P4/6)

**Islamabad Orders Halt to Arrest of Afghans**

**KARACHI** - Pakistan’s federal government has instructed provinces to stop detaining Afghan refugees and return them to their countries.

In a letter, which copy is available to Pajhwok Afghan News, Foreign Secretary Asad Q dav was directed to convey the provincial governments to comply with the central government’s policy regarding the refugees. (More on P4/6)

**Banyan City to Get SAARC Cultural Capital Status**

**RAMYAN CITY** - Officials from various ministries held a meeting in central Banyan province to observe preparations ahead of an event which would mark Banyan City as the cultural capital of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

The event is expected to take place in April, and the government of the Banyan province said the meeting was held to discuss the preparations for the event.

KARUL - In order to resolve the challenges facing the Afghans, a bilateral meeting among Kabul, Islamabad and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be held in Pakistan on Sunday.

**Pakistan Set to Host Meeting on Afghan Refugees**

UNHCR said Pakistan’s Federal Minister for Refugees and Repatriate Hazara Abdul Qadeer Baloch and his Afghan counterpart Sayed Noor Hussain Jawad and representatives of the UN agency would attend the meeting. The meeting would be followed by a joint press conference.

**Atta Muhammad Noor**

No Peace without Consultation with Political Parties and Jihadi Leaders

Atta Muhammad Noor said there was no peace without consultation with political parties and jihadi leaders. He said that in the future there would be a political council representing the different political parties and jihadi leaders.

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