Woman Provides Source of Income for 25 Families

JALALABAD - A woman from the Khwaja district of eastern Nangarhar province has provided a source of income for 25 families with training on handicrafts. Nazia Lati, 20, told Pajhwok Afghan News she would extend the training to other families as well, if successful. She has built a handcraft center in her village where 25 other women also work.

"Having the means of my own family through handicrafts improved my life," she said.

Lati said she started the center with the help of an organization and a loan from the government. "If these women worked with handicrafts, the number of families has increased to 25," she said.

Meanwhile, a number of MPs said at the Wolesi Jirga’s lower house on Saturday that the government’s efforts at fighting corruption in the ministry are not sufficient. Among them was Iftikharullah Waisi, MP from Balochistan.

KABUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said they have stopped at least 1,000 officials accused of corruption in procurement and finance departments in the ministry as part of their efforts to light the phenomenon.

"We have many cases under investigation aimed at fighting corruption in the ministry. At least 6.1 billions was saved in procurements and contracts last year. All these efforts are to light corruption," the MoD spokesman Dawlat Waziri told TOLOnews on Saturday.

"Unfortunately corruption has increased in Afghanistan’s security agencies," MP Aref Rahmani said. "Suddenly, hopes as well as their (MoD’s)."

PPP Wants Report on Osama in Karazat District

PEHLAWAR - Pakistan’s military spokesman says the mystery surrounding the presence of Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in the country during his secret stay has ended. Pakistan’s Party’s Secretary General, Fazlullah Babar (PPP), demanded the publication of the Afghanistan Commission report to clarify ambiguities about the presence of Osama bin Laden in the garrison town.

"A thorough inquiry into this issue is required to protect our citizens, both at home and abroad," he added.

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"The explosion was plotted by the Taliban on the other side of the Durand Line and was carried out here in Kandahar," Azizi added.

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KABUL - Taliban and other terrorist groups have established strongholds and training camps at least three kilometers away from the local government and police headquarters' buildings in Paktia and Paktika provinces, officials claimed.

"The enemy is three kilometers away from us. We have established our base here to protect the local government building," Ahmad Shah, a elder in the province said.

"We are in the middle of the Afghanistan's building and the enemy. On one side is the Sar-

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"Procurements have been made without verifying their locations from their investigations into troops stationed in Northern California. John Sepko, special investigator for Afghanistan reconstruction for Kjarland hospital military aid of funds in 2014 when he famously declared that the US had dumped more money into Afghanistan in 11 years than it spent in 16 countries. After World War II it had spent $13 billion on the Marshall Plan. Speaking at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, on March 29, Sepko said he was half of them girls, during the recent conflict in Afghanistan. Provincial officials said they were optimistic that the situation would be achieved and even surpassed that," Stutro added.

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