



Parliamentary Elections Govt's Top Priority: Arg

KABUL - The Presidential Palace (ARG) said in a statement on Sunday that holding the parliamentary and district councils' elections is government's top priority this year. Meetings were conducted on financial aspects and security issues of the elections day, President Ashraf Ghani's deputy spokesman Shahhussain Murtazawi said in the statement. "The most important priority of the national unity government this year is to hold the parliamentary and district councils' elections. Meetings were held on financial aspects and security of the elections," added Murtazawi. Meanwhile, a number of observers and electoral moni-



toring groups called on government to take robust action which could help to nourish transparency of the elections. They said implementing the

e-voting system and rolling out the electronic identity cards to Afghans could improve the credibility and fairness of the elections. "Digitizing the elections will

help to ensure transparency of electoral process, accelerate the process and announce the results in a short time," said Sayed Ekram Afzali, head of Integrity Watch Af-

ghanistan. "How is it possible to digitize the election system in a short time? First, there is a need for the electronic identity ... (More on P4)...(10)

Govt. Urged to Help Drug Addicts



KABUL - As the issue of addiction to drugs and drug smuggling in Afghanistan shows no sign of an end, doctors in a drug rehabilitation center in Kabul on Sunday urged government to speed up its

plans of building more centers for this purpose. The doctors asked government to formulate a strategy for residence and job opportunity for those who have abandoned the use of drugs. ... (More on P4)...(11)

US Confirms Killing of Qari Yasin in Drone Strike

WASHINGTON - The US has confirmed the killing of Qari Yasin, a top Al Qaeda leader responsible for several high profile terrorist attacks in Pakistan, in a drone strike in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said in a statement on Sunday.

"The death of Qari Yasin is evidence that terrorists who defame Islam and deliberately target innocent people will not escape justice," the US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said in a statement. The airstrike was ... (More on P4)...(12)

Kabul Residents Concerned about Price Hike

KABUL - A number of Kabul residents on Sunday said they are concerned about price hike in local markets, adding that government has failed to take action in this respect. They said the Torkham and Spin Boldak crossings have been opened five days ago but the prices have not decreased so far. "There are many problems in the local markets. Prices are increasing rapidly but fall slowly and even in some cases the prices remain the same for a long time," Masjidi a Kabul resident said. "Government must prevent hoarding, monopoly and those who are selling with high prices because people are poor and cannot afford their needs if the situation prevailed," said Hidaytullah another resident. Meanwhile, Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) said trucks have not arrived from Pakistan. "We hope that the prices decrease after the trucks arrive from Pakistan," the ACCI spokesman ... (More on P4)...

2 Acting Chiefs Serving Kandahar Education Department

KANDAHAR CITY - On the one hand, the education process in southern Kandahar province is impeded by insecurity and other issues and on the other the education department has been a victim of improper competitiveness. Besides many other issues the education process faces, recently another issue has erupted -- two acting directors running the department. Despite Mohibullah Qaderi has been appointed as acting-director of the education department by the Kandahar governor, but recently an official named Abdullah Asakzai claims to be appointed as the department's acting chief by the Ministry of Education (MoE). Qaderi was appointed as acting head after the former chief Abdul Qader Paiwastoon and Mohammad Ewaz ... (More on P4)...(18)

Pakistan-Afghanistan Dialogue Start in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani and Afghan lawmakers, former officials, members of civil society and media will hold a three-day dialogue here from Monday to explore ways to bring ties closer, organizers said on Sunday.

Independent think tank the Center for Research and Security Studies in Islamabad and the Kabul-based Women & Peace Studies Organi-



zation will hold the talks at a time when tensions have affected bilateral official contacts. The last week meeting of senior Pakistani and Afghan advisers in London led to the reopening ... (More on P4)...(13)

States Supporting Terror Need to be Controlled: Muslimyar

HAINAN, CHINA - Meshrano Jirga chairman Fazl Hadi Muslimyar said that terrorism would engulf other countries if needed steps not taken against states supporting terror groups. Muslimyar said this while addressing the Boao Forum for annual Asia economic conference in Hainan. The conference was attended by Chinese deputy prime minister, Nepal prime minis-



ter, the president of Madagascar, the president of Micronesia, vice-president of Myanmar and leaders from some other countries. Muslimyar said Afghanistan had still the prestige of connecting Central Asia, Middle East ... (More on P4)...(14)

4 Afghan Officials Jailed for 20, 7 Years Each and Total Fine of 1.186b Over Corruption



KABUL - The special tribunal formed to try the officials in corruption cases jailed four Afghan officials for 20 and 7 years each and a total fine of 1.86 billion Afghans on charges of embezzlement. The four officials belonging to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing appeared before the special tribunal today as their open public trial official kicked off in Kabul. According to the court hearing, Mohammad Aminullah ... (More on P4)...(16)

Delegation to Resolve Jumbish, Jamiat Conflict Attacked

MAIMANA - A delegation tasked to resolve the dispute between Jamiat and Jumbish parties came under armed attack in Pashton Kot district of northwestern Faryab province but no casualties reported, officials said Sunday. Pashton Kot district chief said a delegation comprised of representatives from the governor's house, police, intelligence forces and military attorney was dispatched to Dahandara area of the district to resolve the dispute between two commanders of Jamiat and Jumbish groups. "Unidentified gunmen attacked the delegation convoy upon their arrival in the area on Sunday afternoon," Abdul Qadir Qaderi ... (More on P4)...(17)

Belgium Rally Condemns Pakistan Rocket Attacks

KABUL - A number of Afghans based in Europe on Sunday staged a protest in front of European Parliament in Brussels against Pakistan's rocket attacks and violation of Afghanistan sovereignty. Shan Pacha Shinwari, the one who led the protest, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghans based in different European countries and people from Pakhton Khwa took part in the protest. He said the protesters condemned Pakistan's rocket attacks into Afghanistan ... (More on P4)...(19)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Procuring Entity	National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MoCI)
Funded By	Afghanistan Government
Item Description	Gin and textile State Owned Enterprises (SoEs) Audit Services
Reference No	NPA/MOCI/96/CS-1562/LCS
Deadline for Submission of EOI	15 April 2017, 04:00 PM (Kabul Local Time)
Address for Submission of EOI	Request for Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail): Attention: Mr. Aziz Ahmad Obaidi National Procurement Authority Administrative Office of the President Pashtunestan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan Email: aziz.obaidi@aop.gov.af copy to wais.rahimi@aop.gov.af , mirwais.shalgarai@gmail.com , nasiry.1364@googlemail.com , and malik.ghanizada@aop.gov.af
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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION

Procurement Entities	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Finance (MOF), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
Funded By	Government of Afghanistan
Item Description / Ref No.	Prequalification for Procurement Of Construction of Sukuk printing press New Building NPA/MOF/96W-1592/ ICB
Deadline for submission Applications	April 30, 2017 at 10:00 AM (Local Time). The public opening of applications received will be held immediately after the deadline.
Address for submission Applications	Fifth floor, National Procurement Authority (NPA), Administrative office of the president, Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan
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