Karzai Rules out Political Comeback

KARUL - Ex-president Hamid Karzai has ruled out the possibility of staging a political comeback, supporting continuity of the democratic order. In an interview with an American news channel, Karzai said he played his political role as a two-term president. “It would be a failure for everyone and on the part of Afghanistan if we return,” he told CSIS new generation of Afghan leaders would never let the country, which must have new presidents and continuity of the political process rather than stagnation. “My return... would be stagnation, and that’s not...” (More on P-11)

70 Firms Importing Low-Quality Drugs to be Blacklisted

JALALABAD - Public Health Minister Dr. Ferozuddin Fuqar on Saturday announced 70 companies importing low-quality drugs would be blacklisted soon. Speaking at a graduation ceremony for 50 medicine graduates in Jalalabad, he termed the quality of medicine and services of private hospitals unsatisfactory. Fuqar told reporters investigations were underway to remove the companies involved in low-quality drug imports. In response to a question, the minister added seized medicines were imported from India, China, Pakistan and... (More on P-4)

Dr. Abdullah Visits CENTCOM

WASHINGTON - Afghanistan’s Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah expressed gratitude to the US army in a speech delivered during a visit to Central Command (CENTCOM) at MacDill Airforce Base in Florida, last on Friday. “Dr. Abdullah thanked US service members...” (More on P-11)

Women Prisoners Go on Hunger Strike

CHAKAN - At least 22 women prisoners in central Parwan province have been on hunger strike since last Thursday to protest what they call unfair treatment in their facility. An officer at Nana’s women affairs department told Pajhwok Afghan News, three of the protesting women had set up these tips. But the overall health of the strikers was not worrying, she said... (More on P-11)

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