

Quote of the Day

Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.
Warren Buffett

Ghani Launches Kabul City Cleaning Programme

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday formally launched "city cleaning programme" from the BiBi Mehro area in capital Kabul, the presidential palace said. A statement from the palace said public works minister and Kabul mayor accompanied the president at the launch of the programme. Ghani, while inaugurating the programme, said the increasing garbage in Kabul city was one of the most complained about problem. He said Kabul police districts and the Bagrami district would be



cleaned of garbage in the first step of the programme. Around 100,000 square meters garbage collected so far in Kabul city would be taken to Gazak area outside the city as first step of the workforce engaged in the programme, the president said. The second step would be the assessment of the cleaning programme by one of the world's famous companies to be elected. Third step would include 'Campaign for Peace' programme aimed at creating a special force for keeping the city permanently ...*(More on P6)...(1)*

Andarabi Pakistan Trying to Expand War in Afghanistan



KABUL - The acting spymaster on Monday said three Pakistani militant groups were fighting against the Afghan government and accused the Pakistani intelligence of trying to expand the war in Afghanistan. Acting National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief, Massoud Andarabi, acting Interior Minister Taj Mohammad Jahid and Chief of Army Staff Gen. Qad-am Shah Shaheem on Monday

appeared in the Wolesi Jirga to answer queries from lawmakers about the country's current security situation and recent rocket attacks from Pakistan into Afghan territory. "The enemies had three plans last solar year-- controlling an area of the country, continuing the war in Afghanistan and getting political legitimacy, but fortunately they failed to reach their targets," Andarabi told ...*(More on P6)...(2)*

At Least 73 Dead, 300 Wounded in Lahore Suicide Attack



PESHAWAR - 73 people were killed and more than 300 wounded in a massive suicide bombing in Pakistan's central province of Punjab on Sunday evening, hospital sources said. The bombing, claimed by the Jamaatul Ahrar group of the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), happened in the Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park of Iqbal Town. Superintendent of Police Dr. Muhammad Iqbal said the attack took place outside the exit and a few metres from children's swings. A large number of families, especially women and children, were in the park at the time of the explosion. Captain (R) Muhammad Usman, ...*(More on P6)...(5)*

Govt. to Consult Pakistan's Key Allies amid Talks Deadlock

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) announced Monday that government is thinking about consulting the U.S and China on the peace process after Islamabad failed to deliver on its promises to bring the Taliban to the table of negotiation. The much-awaited process hit a deadlock since last month after the Taliban leadership refused to attend the negotiating tables unless certain preconditions were ...*(More on P6)...(3)*



Balkh Girls Celebrate Samanak Festival

MAZAR - A number of schoolgirls in Balkh province dressed in traditional clothes and celebrated the Samanak Festival by preparing the sweet paste, by the same name, made from germinated wheat. Traditionally Afghan women participate in the festival and spend days growing, ...*(More on P6)...(6)*

Dostum, Sheikh Mansoor Discuss Afghanistan-UAE Cooperation

KABUL - First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum has held talks with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Currently on a visit to the UAE at the head of a ...*(More on P6)...(7)*

Municipal Campaign to Demolish Illegal Buildings Faces Resistance

KABUL - Kabul Municipality recently started a campaign to demolish and stop the construction of illegal buildings in Kabul's PD4 but municipal officials said their move has faced opposition by some powerful men. One building ...*(More on P6)...(8)*



Funding opportunity for civil society organisations under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights

The Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan has launched a call for proposals under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) - Country-Based Support Scheme (CBSS) for Afghanistan.

The overall amount made available under this call for proposals is EUR 1 600 000.

The global objective of this call for proposals is to support Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) when they are most at risk and to support the most vulnerable group of women and children in precarious situations or in conflict with the law.

Actions in support of Human Rights Defenders and help achieve the following objectives:

- Professionalisation of the HRD protection mechanism
- Establishment of a basket fund to support coordinated action on the protection of HRDs in Afghanistan
- Gradual development of real support measures both before and after the threat against the life of an HRD occurs

Actions can alternatively opt to focus on the second objective, support of the most vulnerable group of women and children in precarious situations or in conflict with the law.

Download the full guidelines
The full guidelines for applicants are available for consultation on the following website:

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/afghanistan/grants_tenders/grants/index_en.htm

For the first time, applications to this call **must be submitted online via PROSPECT**

(<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prospect>) following the instructions given in the PROSPECT user manual.

At this link:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/4li1dkn1x4rwp4/EL_PROSPECT_APPLICATIONS_EN.pdf?dl=0 you can

download a video tutorial on how to use PROSPECT.

With [PROSPECT](#), you can submit your application online, saving paper, time, and resources! You will also be able to verify the status of your application and receive official communication via PROSPECT.

Apply latest
22 May 2016

The deadline for submission of concept notes is 22 May 2016 at 23:59 hrs. Kabul time.

Want to know more?

An information session on this call for proposals will be held on 11 April 2016 at 10.00 hrs. at the premises of the Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan in Kabul.

For security reasons, those interested in attending this session are required to confirm their participation in advance by sending an email with the name of each attendee and their affiliation to the following email address: delegation-afghanistan-tenders@eeas.europa.eu