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TEHRAN - Chancellor of Shaheed Beheshti University Mahmoud Fotouhi Firouzabad announced the university’s plans to expand cooperation with Iraq and Afghanistan. Sharif University of Technology plans on scientific and educational cooperation with regional countries including Iraq and Afghanistan, with international student admission as a part of the cooperation, Fotouhi told Mehr. (More on P4, 18)

Protestors Demand Public Hanging for Absain’s Killers

JALALABAD - Protestors in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday demanded capital punishment for individualsdetained in connection with the kidnap-slaying of a child, Absain. The 12 years old Absain was kidnaped in the Kart-i-Naw area of capital Kabul about two months ago. A few days after his abduc- tion, the, (More on P6, 11)

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