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Health Ministry Shuts Down 9 Private Hospitals

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health has shut down nine private hospitals and put restriction on 23 other health facilities and disqualified licenses of 159 medicines factories, an official said Saturday. Addressing a press conference, Health Minister Dr. Firuzuddin Firoz said of 124 private hospitals, the performance of 54 private health centres have been reviewed by the ministry one month back. He said that health centres included Ali Sena, Spinghar, Mudawa, Shamsul Rahman Turki, Karim Rahman, Khurami, Elaj and Faisal were closed for offering poor or low health facilities.



Firoz stated Tolo-i-Sehat, Khwaja Musafar, Kamal Orthopedic, Fatematul Zahra, Nadera Sedeqi, Faizi, Makroryan birth hospital, Al Sayed, Al Bader, Babur, Kawsar Sena, Watan, Naser Khesraw Balkhi, Wahaj, Hasani, Bust, Ghani Afghan, Rahimi, Tolo, Imam-e-Zaman, Sayedul Shuhada and Sarwar-i-Kainat are 23 private hospitals which have been restricted. He said that Ali Sena hospital established by a public health director had no license, forcing health hospital to ban the facility. Also three months time were given to Zhwandon, Kim, Najib Sedeqi, Ariana, Afghan, Ariana Shafa, Sama, Razeqi, Mawla ... (More on P4)...(9)

Noor Threatens Action if Violence in North Continues

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - Atta Muhammad Noor, the acting governor of Balkh, said Saturday at a Russian Consulate gathering in Mazar-e-Sharif that he believes the northern parts of the country are rapidly turning into a war zone and that unless government takes a stand he will be forced to step in. Noor voiced his concern while speaking at the ... (More on P4)...(10)



Khost Residents Want More Development Projects

KHOST CITY - Provincial council members and civil society activists demanded the government to initiate multidimensional projects to develop the overall infrastructure in southeastern Khost province. Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Abul Wali Wahidzai, provincial council member, said 60,000 students were enrolled in schools but 60 percent of schools did not have buildings. Education and health departments should immediately focus on infrastructures ... (More on P4)...(11)

Body Formed to Ensure Peace in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - In an attempt to ensure peace, a rural peace advisory council has started work aimed at resolving tribal disputes and convincing insurgents to join peace process in northern Jawzjan province. Some districts in the province such as Qosh Tapa and Darzab have witnessed a ... (More on P4)...(15)



Pakistan Deports 123 Afghan Nationals

KABUL - Pakistani authorities handed over 123 Afghan nationals to the Afghan officials at the Chaman border crossing, officials said on Friday.



The Pakistan's Dawn.com quoting officials reported the men were arrested in different areas of Chagai district because they were found living in Pakistan without legal documents. They were sentenced by local courts and after completing their jail term on Thursday they were ... (More on P4)...(13)

Paktika Governor Sacked

KABUL - The governor of southeastern Paktika province Abdul Karim Matin has been removed from his position following the decision taken by the National Security Council (NSC). Earlier, Abdul Karim Matin alleged that the NSC had disbursed \$200,000 amount among families that belonged to Daesh. The NSC rejected the allegations

and said previous government provided financial assistance of \$200,000 to refugee families from North Waziristan and South Waziristan to Paktika and few other districts. NSC took strong notice of the allegations and ordered formation of a committee to investigate the governor's allegations. The decision was made during NSC meeting chaired by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. The committee, to investigate the



matter, was headed ... (More on P4)...(12)

Kandahar Officials Thousands of Girls Dropping out of School

KANDAHAR CITY - Concerns are mounting in Kandahar over the growing number of parents pulling their girl-children out of school, long before they complete Grade 12. According to education officials,



thousands of Grade 1 girls are enrolled each year but parents are not letting them continue their studies once passing grades 7 or 8. Officials say that each year about 10 000 girls are enrolled into schools... (More on P4)...(14)

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