

Quote of the Day

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death.

James F. Byrnes

Constitution

All specific decisions of the courts are enforceable, except for capital punishment, which is conditional upon approval of the President.

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President Ashraf Ghani

Greater Unity Needed to Ward-Off Looming Threats

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Sunday said war has been imposed on Afghanistan and Afghans would never give in to it. Speaking to journalists here in Kabul, the president said terrorist networks that have targeted the neighboring countries planned to use Afghan soil in order to bring chaos to the region and the Islamic world. "We are indeed representing the entire international community in this war that we are fighting. The worst acts are committed by those today who do not belong to us... We need



to defy these dangers together and unite as a nation," he remarked.

Ghani said over the past 10 days, the Afghan national defence and security

forces have defended their motherland with their blood. ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

Warduj District in Danger of Falling to Taliban



FAIZABAD - A lawmaker in Mishranjo Jirga or upper house of parliament on Sunday claimed Warduj district of north-eastern Badakhshan was in danger of falling to insurgents if back-up support did not reach the troubled district. Engineer Afzal Shamul, addressing a general session of Mishranjo Jirga,

said security forces in the area had asked him for support after he had contacted them. Shamul added currently 300 security forces were fighting insurgents in the district and officials had asked for at least 200 extra troops. He expressed concerns that if Warduj fell to in ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

Govt., Partners Join Hands to Save Lives of 35,000 Children

KABUL - Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health, donors and international experts gathered on Sunday to review the country's progress in maternal and child health, and identify ways to save over 35,000 lives of children with cost-effective, high-impact health interventions by 2020. A statement from the USAID said that the three-day 'Call to Action' conference will include the launch of major new studies demonstrating how interventions such as skilled birth attendance



at delivery, care of newborns, new vaccines to reduce childhood diarrhea and respiratory infections and improving the nutrition of children can decrease maternal and child deaths in Afghanistan. "During the past decade significant improvement has been made in maternal and child health, which has brought dramatic decrease in maternal ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

Court Delays Verdict on Policemen in Farkhuda Case

KABUL - The primary court in capital Kabul on Sunday postponed issuing verdicts for 19 police officers charged in Farkhuda mob killing case.

The judge ruled that the murder case need to be investigated and the court need time to decide the fate of the accused policemen. An angry mob beat 27-year-old Farkhuda to death on March 18 before setting her body on fire. She was accused of burning a copy of the holy Quran, a charge rejected by the Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs.

Her last brutal moments were captured on mobile phone cameras by witnesses. The clips showed her being punched, kicked, beaten with planks of wood, pushed onto a roof and dropped from it, thrown in the street and run over by a car.

the primary court convicted and sentenced four men to death for their role in the mob killing of Farkhuda in March this year and sent another eight defendants to jail for 16 years each.

Safiuallah Mujaddedi, the primary court judge, awarded capital punishment to Zain-ul-Abidin son of Gulabuddin, Mohammad Yaqoob son of Mohammad Yasin, Mohammad ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

Dr. Abdullah Govt. Committed to Mother, Child Health Care

KABUL - Abdullah Abdullah, CEO of the National Unity Government (NUG), on Sunday expressed shock at the high maternal and infant mortality rates and said Afghanistan was still among the countries with one of the highest death rates in this respect in the world.

While speaking at a three-day conference on "Extending



Commitment for Better Health of Mothers and Children", Abdullah assured delegates of government's ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

Peace Process Must be one in Which Afghans Talk to Afghans: UNAMA

KABUL - The head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has said on Sunday "war is unaffordable" for Afghanistan and the country won't survive if there isn't peace.

Nicholas Haysom, who is also the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan said this while speaking during a special interview for the UN's Department of Political Affairs. ...*(More on P4)...*(6)



Iran is Ready to Contribute to Afghanistan Reconstruction

TEHRAN - Now that time is ripe for construction and reconstruction of Afghanistan, Iran announces its readiness to contribute in this area, Supreme Leader's Adviser in International Affairs Ali Akbar Velayati said on Sunday, IRNA reported. The head of the Strategic Research Center of the Expediency Council made the comment in the First Iran-Afghanistan Strategic Talks Session.



He said the bilateral session was very fruitful and positive, evaluating such meetings as constructive.

'The Afghan people have fallen preys to the expansionist tendencies of those who were quite irrelevant with the nature and demands of that nation,' said Velayati.

He praised the resistance and gallantry of the Afghan nation throughout the past decades ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Officials Taliban Take Control of Jawand District

QALANAW - Taliban insurgents have taken control of Jawand district in western Badghis after an attack on Saturday night, local officials said.



Bahawuddin Qadis, Head of the Provincial Council of Badghis said that the Taliban insurgents attacked the district and took control at about 02:00am local time. He said insurgents have also stolen weapons.

However, he did not provided more details about the attack.

Jawand is one of the largest districts in the province and has only recently become insecure - with insurgents attacking military posts. *(Tolonews)*

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850 Militants Provided with Jobs after Shunning Violence



HERAT CITY - Officials of peace committee in western Herat province on Saturday claimed as many as 850 Taliban fighters had been provided with jobs after they joined the government-initiated peace process.

Maulvi Ghulam Sarwar, head of the peace committee, said the peace office was established in 2012 and since its inception, almost 856 Taliban who fought in 92 different groups had joined the reconciliation.

He said up till now 1,188 people contacted them posing themselves as Taliban but after investigations the peace committee found only 340 of them proved to be Taliban fighters. Most of the surrendered

Taliban were provided with work opportunities in as many as 500 development projects, he said, adding peace committee did not make false promises.

He said previously the cash packages program was for three months but in the future the peace committee would give 13,000 to each Taliban commander and 8,000 to each fighter for six months after joining the peace process.

The officials said all the fighters who joined the peace process had been provided with work opportunities in development projects or introduced to the government institutions.

Abdul Rahman, a former Taliban ...*(More on P4)...*(8)