50 School Students Poisoned in Kabul

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KABUL - The Ministry of Education (MoE) on Sunday said 30 students had been dis-
poised in the third education directorate of Kabul. The students were poisoned during a pro-
gram titled Supporting Education in Kabul city this morning around 9:30am, the MoE spokes-
person, Mohammad Kabir Haqmal told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said the affected students were evacuated to Istafal Hospi-
ttal for treatment. He added 17 of the students were still un-
der treatment while the rest of them had been discharged af-
aft receiving initial treatments. Haqmal said the students were poisoned by poisons sprayed on trees in the school compound. But Dad Mohammad, running manager of lo-
tifal Hospital, said 38 school girls poisoned were shifted to the hospital.

The school girls were suffer-

ing from dizziness but most of them discharged after receiv-
ing initial treatment, he said.

He did not provide informa-
tion about the cause of the pois-
oning but said investigation into the issue was underway. (Pajhwok)

113 Taliban Dead as Forces Advance in Uruzgan Operation

TARIN KOT - At least 113 Taliban have been killed and a strategic area in the Tarin kot, the provincial capital was wrested back from the Taliban during military operations in the province on Sunday.

Brig. Gen. Ghulam Haider, unit commander of the Afghan National Army (ANA) told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces recaptured the Shah Manzoor area from the insurgents.

He added 113 soldiers were... (More on P4)...(15)

Ongoing Clashes Close Baghlan Roads to Traffic

POL-E-KHUMRI - Local officials in Baghlan prov-

ince said on Sunday that the Afghan security for-
ces are still battling the Taliban in Baghlan and Baghlan-Baghlan corridor in order to clear the key routes of the militants.

The fighting broke out after scenes of Taliban fires-

were attacked on Balkh highway in Pul- e-Khumri, the capital city of Baghlan.

Baghlan officials said the fighting is ongoing in Baghlan-Markazi and Farkhi districts in the prov-

ince.

The Taliban suffered massive fatalities during 10 hours of battle in Balkh highway in Pul-e-Khum-

ru city. The security forces managed to make the area safe, said Baghlan police chief, security chief at the Baghlan Police Headquarters.

Police sources in Baghlan claimed that the Taliban suffered heavy losses in the battle.

The Taliban had taken positions along the high-

way and they were burning vehicles by closing the road, however the operations launched by gov-

ernment forces... (More on P4)...(12)

Stop Torturing Passengers, Activists Ask Parwan Police

JALALABAD - Civil society ac-

tivity in northern Balla kna province on Thursday saw an end to torture of passengers going to northern provinces on eth-

e and tribal lines, says the problem emanated from im-

provable behavior of unoffi-
cial police at check-points on the highway.

Pajhwok Afghan News talked to individ-
uals who claimed paying over 6,000 afghans in bribe at a check-

point at the entrance to Manzar-e-Shur, the capital of Balkh. Over the past few days, police in central Farkhwa province have been preventing passengers, who-

oked suspects, from traveling to northern provinces.

Some people these days travel to northern... (More on P4)...(11)

White Blood Plasma Procedure Starts for the First Time in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - The white blood plasma procedure started for the first time in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, the lo-

goal officials said Sunday.

The provincial public health depart-

ent, in a statement said the procedure has been launched in Tarin Kot hospital with the support of the WHO and the Ministry of Public Health of Afghanistan.

Dr. Kamal further added that the Afghan patients on new visit the Nangarhar provincial hospital for the procedure.

He said the launch of the pro-

cedure in Nangarhar will help the patients to have... (More on P4)...(17)