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**Daily Outlook Weather Forecast**

## Meshrano Jirga Blasts NDS, ISI Agreement



KABUL - Some members of Meshrano Jirga or upper house of parliament on Tuesday criticized signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between spy agencies of Afghanistan and Pakistan, calling Pakistan's intelligence agency Afghanistan's enemy. The National Directorate of security (NDS) of Afghanistan has lately signed an agreement with Pakistan's... (More on P4)...(6)

## Taliban Besiege Musa Kala District Center

LASHKARGAH - Local officials and residents said that hundreds of Taliban had besieged Musa Kala district of southern Helmand province, warning people to leave the area for safer places. Musa Kala district police chief second Lt. Essa Khan told Pajhwok Afghan News around 400 rebels were gathered on the outskirts of the district center today morning. Militants have asked residents of the area to leave their houses to safer areas, he said. "The district may fall to insurgents, because we have no resources to offer stout resistance. We have asked



central government for reinforcement but it is unclear when we will provided with the direly needed support," Khan said. Haji Janan, a leading elder in the district, said: "Most of the... (More on P4)...(7)

## MoFA Rejects Distributing Political Passport to Taliban Leaders

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday rejected issuance of political passport to some Taliban leaders and said only Afghan government officials were eligible. Earlier, some media reports had revealed government decided to distribute 170 passports to Taliban leaders, the number of passports to be issued were raised to 210 in some reports.



The reports further said the decision to issue Taliban passports was taken during the meeting between Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani in his recent... (More on P4)...(9)

# CSTO Countries to Review Situation in Afghanistan

BISHKEK - CSTO countries the regular meeting of the Committee of Security Council Secretaries of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) member states will be held on Wednesday (Today) in Tajikistan. The meeting will discuss relevant international issues and measures of CSTO countries to prevent related threats and challenges for regional security, as well as situation in Afghanistan and its implications for CSTO region. Functioning of the emergency collective response sys-



tem and measures to counter recruitment of nationals of CSTO countries to fight on the side of international terrorist organizations in hostilities are also on agenda of the event. The Security Council Secretaries are expected to approve the plan of consultations regarding foreign policy, security and defense for the second half of 2015 and first half of 2016, CSTO secretary said. The CSTO members are Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Tajikistan. (AKI press)

## Tens of Female Students Poisoned in Samangan

AIBAK - Dozens of female students were poisoned in Khuram Sarbagh district of northern Samangan province, with few of them were stated to be in critical condition, officials said on Tuesday. The school is located in Abdul Malik locality of the district. Qari Tajuddin, development council head of the locality, told Pajhwok Afghan News when students entered the school sharp at 9:30am they found white-type powder sprayed on the school's yard. He added the students first felt itching in their bodies and later fell unconscious. Abdul Latif, a resident whose two daughters had been shifted to hospital, said: "When I came to know about the incident I rushed to school. I saw white powder with bad scent. Itching first and when I came out I nauseated twice." Mohammad Nawab, Khuram Sarbagh acting district chief, said more than 50 students had been poisoned at the school. He added eight of the students were in critical condition and were being shifted to the provincial... (More on P4)...(10)

## President Briefed on Paktika Security

SHARANA - President Ashraf Ghani discussed a range of issues with officials of southeastern Paktika province through a video conference, an official said on Monday. Paktika deputy governor Attaullah Fazli told Pajhwok Afghan News the conference was attended by senior security and civil officials and discussed with the president a number of issues concerning Paktika. The topics discussed included the overall security situa-



tion, a number of plans and challenges the government faced in Paktika besides several proposals in this regard, Fazli said. "A major part of the conference focused on security, wherein provincial officials urged the president to increase the number of security forces protecting the 365-kilometre... (More on P4)...(8)

## Four-Day Domestic Product Expo Opens in Herat

KABUL - A four-day domestic product expo opened in Herat on Tuesday with 65 local factories participating. The factories - all from the Herat industrial park - collectively have 50 stalls at the expo. Speaking at the opening of the event, Herat governor Mohammad Asif Rahimi called on government to help promote the domestic manufacturing industry and to use locally produced goods. "We have taken the necessary steps in support of domestic products. For this purpose, we are calling on all government institutions to use domestic products," Rahimi said. Head of the Herat industrialists union Hamidullah Khadim said the exhibition will help develop and enhance public awareness about domestic products and educate people on what is available so they can use these instead of imported versions. "Out of 470 companies in Herat industrial park 200 of them are operational. One of the effective ways that can help... (More on P4)...(12)

## Balkh Governance System to be Improved

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The head of provincial council for northern Balkh province on Tuesday said local governance in the province was faced with problems but efforts were on to introduce substantial reforms. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Mohammad Ibrahim Khairandish accused the education

and public health departments of negligence and blamed security organs for interfering in some legal issues. He said that around 300 persons visit the provincial council in connection of their cases daily. The new provincial council office started functioning seven months ago but the office... (More on P4)...(11)



## 600 ANA Soldiers Complete Rigorous Training

KANDAHAR - At least 600 Afghan National Army (ANA) cadets who recently joined ANA completed a 12-week long training in southern Kandahar province, an official said on Tuesday. Brig. Gen. Dawood Shah Wafadar, corps commander of 205th Atal Military Corps, Brig. Gen. Sayed Aqa Sapi, deputy corps commander of 205th Atal Military Corps, and other high officials attended the training con-

cluding ceremony. Lt. Col Mohammad Hassan, a senior office of 205th Atal Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the cadets were trained in firefight, using heavy and small weapons, ambush, security and several other skills. The tough and hard training would make them capable enough to protect lives and casualties during battles. Col. Haroon... (More on P4)...(13)

## 4,695 Illegal Afghans Arrested Since APS Attack

PESHAWAR - Over 4,634 suspects and 4,695 unregistered Afghan national were arrested as more than 138 search and strike operations were carried out in the provincial capital alone under the National Action Plan (NAP) launched in the wake of the worst terrorist attack on the Army Public School (APS) in December last year, officials said. Separately, according to statistics compiled from Jan.1 to May 5, as many as 175 Afghan prayer leaders

were removed, 42 people were arrested for spreading hate material and 238 were rounded up for misusing loudspeakers in Peshawar. Operations under the NAP are underway all over the country. However, the action in Peshawar is more stringent than any other district, resulting in a high number of suspects being arrested. The provincial capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has been the softest and nearest... (More on P4)...(14)

## Governor Rejects Fall of Badakhshan Province to Taliban

FAIZABAD - Acting Governor of Afghanistan's Badakhshan Province Shah Waliullah Adib categorically rejected the news reports on the fall of Badakhshan to terrorists control. Adib's statements came after some western media outlets claimed that Badakhshan has fallen to Taliban control. "Badakhshan has not and is

not on the verge of falling and those who spread these rumors are willingly or unwillingly acting in the interest of the terrorist groups, specially the Taliban," Adib told FNA on Tuesday. He underlined that the security of Badakhshan is increasing day by day, and said, "Fayzabad, Badakhshan's capital, is in favorable... (More on P4)...(15)

## Most Channels' Serials Against National Values: Minister

KABUL - The minister for Information and Cultural Affairs ruled on Tuesday most television channels programs against national and religious values which left negative impact on viewers. Speaking to reporters, Abdul Bari Jahani said the broadcasts of some television were against local norms but freedom of expression should be utilized in a positive way. "Instead of airing meaningless plays that fuel family and other kinds of deuces in our society, people should be offered with construc-

tive programs and documentaries that are not in contravention of religious and national values," he remarked. Without naming any television network, he said that broadcasters should not air luxurious musical and other types of programs that destroyed the minds of people. He said there was dire need to introduce children related and awareness programs which would leave far-reaching positive impact on coming generation. He expressed disappointment after watching current programs on televisions. Jahani said that a commission would soon be formed to identify programs in contravention of religious and national values... (More on P4)...(16)



## 11 Policemen Get one Year in Prison in Farkhunda Case

KABUL - Kabul Primary Court Judge Safiullah Mujadidi on Tuesday sentenced 11 out of 19 policemen to one year in prison each for their involvement in Farkhunda's murder. Mujadidi found 11 guilty of dereliction of duty but freed the remaining eight due to lack of evidence. The judge said the one year prison sentences would include time already served while in custody. Among those handed down prison sentences were a district police chief and a



crime investigating officer. However, his findings evoked fierce criticism among some people in Kabul with one MP claiming the judge's de-

cision had been politically motivated. "I am very sorry that political compromises have been seen in the court. The Kabul police chief has close ties with the president and the crime investigation chief has close ties with the CEO," said Farkhunda Zahra Nadiri MP. The MP went on to imply that those passed down prison sentences had no political connections but those that did, were freed. said Farkhunda Zahra Nadiri MP... (More on P4)...(17)