**Political Wrangling behind Deteriorating Security**

KABUL - Some parliamentarians and political analysts say the differences between the unity government leaders and poor management of security organs have strengthened the Taliban. The Taliban earlier this month announced the launch of their ‘spring offensive’ or so called Operation Mansouri, intensifying attacks on security forces and government targets. The militancy captured a number of districts and attacked government facilities in a number of provinces including Farah, Kunduz, Baghlan, Ghazni and Uruzgan after the announcement of the operation. However, government forces were able to re-capture the fallen districts. However, the differences between the government leaders and appointment to government posts on ethnic lines are an (More on P19).**

**US, Saudi Arabia Sign $110bn Arms Deal during Trump Visit**

KABUL - Ministry of Interior Affairs Minister Bismillah Khan Mohammadi has declared its policy on displacement and retorno. He said, “A Finnish lady was kidnapped last night at 11.30. A German aid worker and an Afghan guard were killed and a Finnish woman and an Afghan guard were kidnapped from police district (three) Friday night. A Finnish lady was kidnapped from police district (three) last night at 11:30. A German lady and an Afghan guard were killed.” The local police is a temporary force with the purpose of being used in the structures of the ministry of interior, “The local police is a temporary force with the purpose of being used in the structures of the ministry of interior, however, government forces were able to re-capture the fallen districts. However, the differences between the government leaders and appointment to government posts on ethnic lines are an (More on P19).**

**Pakistan has Promised Assisting Afghan Refugees**

JALALABAD - Deputy Director general of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Laura Thompson, on Saturday said Pakistan had promised to address Afghan refugees’ issues and to formally recognize them. Thompson visited Torkham border crossing to oversee the situation of returning Afghan families on Saturday. She told reporters that her visit of aiming Afghanistan’s situation and to see if the assistance by UNHCR was to assess the Afghan refugees’ situation and to see if the assistance by UNHCR was properly used. She also met with Afghan authorities and humanitarian colleagues here. (More on P19).**

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**arming the government has surrendered to his party.**

**KABUL - The chief of government troops, Mr. Hekmatyar is acting as if the government has surrendered to him,” Noor was quoted as saying in a report by the Washington Post. Hekmatyar arrived in Kabul earlier this month after almost 20 years after signing a peace agreement with the (More on P18).**

**Demilitarization of some ANP Units**

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**NSC yet to sign off on Demilitarization of some ANP Units**

**Announcement for Deciding to Award Contract**

Hereby, it is announced based on item 2 article 40 of Procurement Law, the Ministry of Public Works intends to award Advisory Services Project of Studies and Details of 5 and 6 Corridor Design Contract (Salang Corridor with total value of 16,756,317 US dollars) to SMEC International Pty Ltd Corporation. In case of any dissatisfaction, the legal entities and individuals are able to submit their written complaints along with their reasons to the ministry of public works seven calendar days after the publication of this announcement – based on article 5 of Procurement Law. This notification does not mean the award of the subject contract. The contract will be made after aforementioned periods and the passing of legal process.