President Ghani Signs Retirement of Over 140 MoI Generals

President Ashraf Ghani has signed the retirement of more than 140 generals of the Ministry of Interior Affairs as part of the reforms and renovation plan of Afghan security forces, officials said Tuesday.

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Access to Justice for Afghan Women Inadequate: UN

KABUL - The report states the use of mediation in criminal cases normalizes violence against women.

A law on the elimination of violence against women has been in place in Afghanistan since 2009, but Afghan women’s access to justice remains severely inadequate, a new report released on Tuesday by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) states.

The report, “Impediments to Access to Justice: Mediation of Criminal Offences of Violence Against Women,” documents the individual experiences of Afghan women, survivors of violence across the country, between August 2015 and December 2017, and identifies the human rights implications of the widespread use of mediation in cases of violence against women.

The report describes how mediation deprives victims of access to justice and hinders the realization of their fundamental rights.

“This is our responsibility not only to normalize violence against women but also to undermine confidence in the criminal justice system as a whole,” said Tadamichi Yamamoto, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Afghanistan.

Efforts Underway to Promote Pistachio Farming

KABUL - Eight years ago pistachio saplings were planted on a farm in Kabul in a move to research the sector. Employees from Kabul’s Badam Bagh farm said Monday that they are trying to promote pistachio farming in the country in order to expand the sector.

According to them, eight years ago the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock planted pistachio saplings in Badam Bagh and this year they were able to harvest the nuts.

The Badam Bagh farm manager, Abdul Sabor, said they planted three types of pistachio trees on the farm and have had good results. He said they also experimented with Iranian pistachio trees but that the local variety yielded a better harvest.

Fahim said for the past eight years, farm employees have been researching pistachio nut farming.

It started research on a few types of pistachio saplings many. (More on Pg.6)