

## Quote of the Day

Life only demands from you the strength you possess. Only one feat is possible - not to have run away.  
- Dag Hammarskjöld



## Serena Hotels Wins Big on the World Travel Award Forum

### SERENA HOTELS

Serena Hotels - South and Central Asia was honoured with huge accolades by the World Travel Awards at the Asia & Australasia Gala Ceremony 2015 held at the Inter-Continental Grand Stanford in Hong Kong on Thursday 29 October 2015.

Kabul Serena Hotel was awarded Afghanistan's Leading Hotel at the ceremony, a big honour for the country. Dushanbe Serena Hotel was awarded Tajikistan's Leading Hotel and the Islamabad Serena Hotel won in two categories; it was awarded Pakistan's Leading Hotel & Pakistan's Leading Hotel Suite. The World Travel Awards™ are voted for by travel and tourism professionals worldwide, and the awards



recognise industry leaders in tourism and hospitality. CEO Mr. Aziz Boolani who spoke at the ceremony said, "Serena Hotels' philosophy centres around its guests, associates and the neighbouring communities where we are located. We aim to maximise comfort and luxury in traditionally hospitable settings. These awards are a testament

to our guests' continuing trust in one of the World's Leading Hotel Brands. Thank you for continuing to support us." Serena Hotels across the world, work under the umbrella of the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development. They are a hospitality brand of international reputation, owned and operated by Tourism Promotion Services, that

has within its portfolio a collection of 35 luxury hotels, resorts, safari lodges, resorts and heritage properties in Afghanistan, Kenya, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tajikistan, Tanzania and Uganda.

The Islamabad Serena Hotel, Kampala Serena Hotel and Nairobi Serena Hotel are members of the prestigious Leading Hotels of the World and Zanzibar Serena Hotel and Kirawira Serena Camp are members of Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

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## Jihadi Council Intensifies Call for Convening Loya Jirga



KABUL - The newly-established council of former Jihadi figures on Saturday called on the government for an urgent holding of traditional Loya Jirga to amend the Constitution. Based on the political agree-

ment between now President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah to form a power-sharing National Unity Government (NUG), the two leaders must convene Loya Jirga (Grand Council) within first two years of their

office to amend the Constitution and create the post of Prime Minister. The Jihadi Council - which was established after security situation deteriorated over the past few months - said... (More on P4)...(1)

## پوليو درملنه نلري

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د دايمي گوزن څخه ژغوري



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## Parliament Wants Security Accord with US Reviewed



KABUL - Referring to growing insecurity across Afghanistan, members at the House of Representatives demanded the government on Saturday to review the security accord it signed with the United

States. A number of members at Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) said the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) signed between Kabul and Washington has not been useful for the... (More on P4)...(2)

## US to Send Special Forces to Syria, Powers Divided on Assad



WASHINGTON - The United States announced Friday its first sustained deployment of ground troops to Syria to help the anti-jihadist fight, as major powers remained divided over President Bashar al-Assad's fate. The decision to send a

small special forces team marks an escalation in Washington's efforts to defeat the Daesh group, which has seized Syrian territory despite more than a year of US-led air strikes. The White House rejected accusations that... (More on P4)...(3)

## Zia Massoud Calls Taliban 'More Brutal than Before'

KABUL - President's special representative for reforms and good governance, Ahmad Zia Massoud said Saturday that today's "Taliban are wilder than they were

in the past." Massoud warned the war in Afghanistan will be prolonged more as he said the Taliban were fighting for the interest of... (More on P4)...(4)

## US Attacks Massive Al-Qaida Camps in Southern Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - The U.S. military official in charge of the U.S. war effort in Afghanistan says U.S. forces have attacked what are believed to be the largest al-Qaida training camps found in the course of the 14-year Afghan war. Army General John Campbell told The Washington Post in a report published Friday that some 160 al-Qaida operatives were reported killed in the attack, which involved dozens of American air-



strikes and 200 Special Operations forces. He said the operation that took place on or around October 11 hit training areas that covered an area of 80 square... (More on P4)...(5)

