KABUL - At least eight people were killed and 25 wounded after a magnetic IED was detonated against a fuel tanker in Charikar city in Parwan province.

Khalil Mosadeq, the provincial health chief, confirmed the casualty toll. Early reports indicated the explosive device was detonated when a passenger bus was alongside the tanker. According to police officials, at least ...(More on P4)(2)

**Quote of the Day**

Every man has his fault,
and honesty is his.
William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)

**Afghan Govt. Continues Losing Territory to Militants**

The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) continue losing territory to the insurgents, a congressionally-constituted American watchdog says.

KABUL - In its latest report, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) said 54 of the country’s 407 districts were under rebel control.

This indicates an increase of nine districts over the past six months, according to the report, which says 13.3% of the country’s districts are under insurgent control. In other words, 3.7 million Afghans (11.4 percent of the population) live in districts under ...(More on P4)(1)

8 Killed in Fuel Tanker Explosion in Parwan

**Wolesi Jirga’s Decree Rejection Sparks Protest**

KABUL - Justice Party of Afghanistan (JPA) supporters on Wednesday protested against the Wolesi Jirga for rejecting a presidential legislative decree amending the population registration law.

Two days earlier, the lower house threw out the decree by a majority vote.

In March 2013, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) had shared the draft population registration law having seven chapters and 39 articles with the lower house, which approved the measure within a month.

However, many people around the country opposed the law and demanded the addition of nationality and ...(More on P4)(3)

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani met with Russia’s National Security Adviser Nikolay Patrushev on Tuesday at the Presidential Palace and discussed ways to jointly combat terrorism.

In a statement released by the Presidential Palace after the meeting Ghani said that terrorism is not only a threat to Afghanistan but it is a threat to the region and to foreign countries.

According to the statement Ghani said that a joint and a serious combat ...(More on P4)(4)

**Pakistan Has Had Longstanding Ties to Taliban, Haqqanis**

KABUL - Pakistan has had long-standing ties to the Haqqani network and the Afghan Taliban, US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson informed US lawmakers on Monday night.

Relations with the militant organisations might have helped Pakistan’s stability in the past, but they no longer served that purpose, the secretary told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"And it’s up to Pakistan ...(More on P4)(5)