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KABUL - Addressing the 9th Oversight Coordination Board meeting in the U.S. Embassy on Sunday, Mr. Richard H. Riley said that as co-chair of the Afghan government’s anti-corruption task force, he is committed to eradicating corruption and transparency within the ministries of Interior and Defense to “improve donor confidence.”

KABUL - The registration of 120,000 Afghan expatriates in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would go under way in early December, a news report said on Sunday. The Afghan embassy in the UAE would document the expatriate issue with new identity cards, the Gulf News quoted a diplomat as saying. A private US company, BLS Insurance, another company that has been hired for the registration. The firm will open six centres in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah.

Afghan Ambassador Abdul Sattar Zabilla told the newspaper the registration centre at the embassy in Abu Dhabi would start functioning this month. Another centre will open in Dubai and the remaining four centres in... (More on P4)...

Govt. Advisors Busy Fueling Tribal Differences: Senators

KABUL - A number of Mishrawzadis or Senate members on Sunday said the Presidential Palace and the Chief Executive had hired “inexperienced” advisors, with most of them having no higher education. Senator Sher Mohammad Alimzai told The Daily that the move as ‘brazen meddling’ in Afghanistan’s affairs. He said the advisors were busy creating tribal differences in the Balkh province. "They have got position because of their tribal links and are getting money. These advisors have been appointed as advisors at the presidential palace and the CEO’s office to further their political career by using government resources," he said. The line, as slightly modified by the Anglo-Afghan Treaty of 1930, was inherited by Pakistan in 1947, following its independance.

Although the Durand Line is recognised as the western border of Pakistan by Pakistan, it remains unrecognised in Afghanistan. Recently, the British Ambassador to Afghanistan Nicholas Payne has said the Durand Line is 'ill-defined' and a political border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. He has reportedly made the remarks during an interview with the BBC, saying that the International community and British Government recognized Durand Line as a political border between the two countries. In his remarks regarding the fencing of the line by Pakistan, the British envoy said, "Pakistan has the right to fence the border. The issue came up for discussion at the upper house's session. Legislator Zalmi Zalmi said, "The British Ambassador has no right to express view about Durand Line. It is a nonsense. We are facing the real difficulty with the nations residing along the two sides of Durand line."

KABUL - Lawmakers have expressed concern over corruption in government offices.

KABUL - Baloch Police Chief General Sayed Kamal Sadat spoke out about widespread corruption in military and civil service departments and said those guilty of corruption were being backed by government officials. Speaking at a gathering – Ulama’s Role in Fighting Corruption – on Sunday in Mazar-e-Sharif, Sadat said this was impacting law enforcement. "Work hand in hand to remove this disease," he said.

Sadat also stated that those guilty of corruption in his department have no bodies of officials who are getting money. Baloch officials said that although there is corruption in all government departments, the police department is the worst in reality not only just for corruption," Sadat added.

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