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Land Grabbing Main Cause of Delay in Construction of New Kabul City

KABUL - Minister of Urban Development in presentation of his first 100 days work said that land grabbing caused the delay for construction of New Kabul City. Sayed Sadat Mansour Naderi, minister of Urban Development notes that challenges against this important and big project, particularly solving the problem of land ownership are still in place. Naderi assured Afghan people that efforts are underway to determine the fate of grabbed lands of New Kabul City. The National Planning Policy Framework of urban, completion of Khwaja Rawash's first phase residential projects, the completion of Khushal Khan Project, plan settle-



ments of areas that have no plan and finalization of reports from condition of the country's cities are the main programs that carried out by the ministry. "The Ministry of Urban Development

succeeded to sign accords with China which according to the agreements the China country will complete the biggest project in Afghanistan history that is the construction of 10,000 buildings," Sayed Sadat Mansour Naderi, minister of Urban development said. It has been scheduled that the New Kabul City to be constructed in an area of 370 thousand acres of land in May-2015. National program of urban, reform of urban management, reform of the Executive Affairs of the Ministry, fight against corruption and the determination of New Kabul City fate are said to be the important programs of the ministry's second hundred days working plan. (ATN)

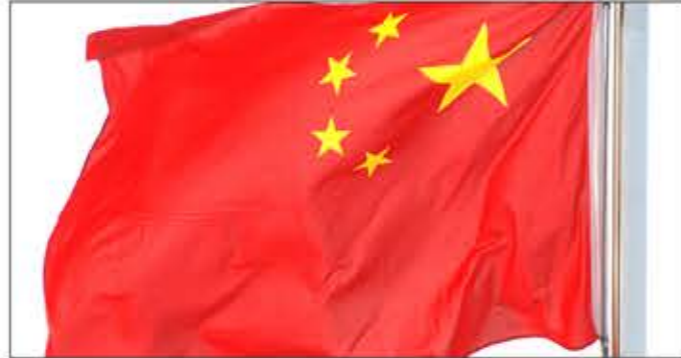
Afghanistan 'Poised to Acquire' Military Helicopters from India



KABUL - Afghanistan is reportedly about to acquire four Russian-made Mi-25 attack helicopters from India amid a widening Taliban insurgency across the country. Sources in New Delhi and Kabul were quoted as saying Afghan National Security Adviser Mohammad Hanif Atmar was due in the Indian capital this weekend to finalize the transfer. One Indian source said India had discussed ways to ship the ... (More on P4)...(7)

Chinese Special Envoy on Afghanistan Calls on Fatemi

ISLAMABAD - The newly appointed Chinese Special Envoy on Afghanistan, Ambassador Deng Xijun, called on the Special Assistant to the Pakistani Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs (SAPM), Syed Tariq Fatemi, on Friday. Syed Tariq Fatemi felicitated Ambassador Deng Xijun on his appointment as Special Envoy and expressed hope that his presence would further strengthen the close cooperation and understanding, which the two sides enjoyed on important regional issues. He underscored that peace in Afghanistan was vital for the peace and stability of the en-



tire region and highlighted Pakistan's role in facilitating an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned reconciliation process. He emphasized that Pakistan and China had convergent interests and shared goals vis-à-vis Afghanistan and welcomed China's growing engagement with Afghanistan, as well as its efforts for peace and development in the country. Ambassador Deng Xijun lauded Pakistan's role in facilitating ... (More on P4)...(8)

Criticisms Spark after Kabul Bank Criminals Allowed to Enjoy Business

KABUL - The recent move of government to include bankrupt debtors of Kabul Bank to a vast government project has questioned the independence of Afghanistan's Judicial Branch, said the legal experts on Thursday. Calling the government's decision against all laws of Afghanistan, the lawyers stated that no government body including the Council of Ministers has the authority to interfere into judicial decisions. The government launched the 'Smart City Township' Project on Wednesday in which Khalilullah Ferozi, one of the biggest convicts in Kabul Bank scandal, shares a big part in the project worth \$900 million



sparked mounting criticism of the government, which in first place promised to recover the stolen money of corruption-hit Kabul Bank. "This is contrary to all legal norms," a legal expert Tahir Hashemi said. "Judicial independence is undermined." The move has however

The project was launched in a special ceremony attended by President Ashraf Ghani's legal adviser Abdul Ali Mohammadi, Ghnai's special representative for reform and good governance, Ahmad Zia Massoud and other government officials. But the Minister of Urban Development Sayed Sadat Mansour Naderi, who is implementing the project, said on Thursday that Ferozi's activities will be closely monitored. He said no deal had taken place over the program. "We are monitoring the project and there is no reason to be worried about," Naderi said. This comes after Ghani promised ... (More on P4)...(9)

Pakistan Fearful of Kabul-Delhi Ties: Washington



WASHINGTON - A recent U.S. Congress report says that Pakistan is fearful of a strong relationship between Afghanistan and India. According to a report by Congressional Research Service (CRS), Pakistan is putting much efforts in denying strategic depth to India in Afghanistan. "Experts and officials of many governments continue to debate whether Pakistan is committed to Afghan stability or to exerting control of Afghan decisions through the use of proxies and ties to insurgent groups," the report said. According to the report, Pakistan is using proxies in Afghanistan to counter Indian influence in the war-hit country. "DOD (Department of Defense) reports on Afghanistan's stability repeatedly have identified Afghan militant safe haven in Pakistan as a threat to Afghan stability, and recent DOD reports state that Pakistan uses proxy forces in Afghanistan to counter Indian influence there," it said. This is said to be the first re-

Planes May Have Attacked Staff Fleeing Kunduz Hospital: MSF

KABUL - Medical aid group Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF) said Thursday it was hard to believe a U.S. strike on an Afghan hospital last month was a mistake, as it had reports of fleeing people being shot from an aircraft. "All the information that we've provided so far shows that a mistake is quite hard to understand and believe at this stage," MSF General Director Christopher Stokes told reporters while presenting the group's internal report on the incident. The report said many staff described "seeing people being shot, most likely from the plane" as they tried to flee the main hospital building, which was under attack by U.S. military aircraft. At least 30 people were killed when the hospital in Kunduz was hit by a powerful U.S. attack aircraft on Oct. 3 while Afghan government forces were battling to regain control of the northern city from Taliban forces who had seized it days earlier. The United States has said the hospital was hit by accident and two separate investigations by the U.S. and NATO are underway. But the circumstances of the incident, one of the worst of its kind during the 14-year conflict, are still unclear. Stokes told reporters the organization was still awaiting an explanation from the U.S. military. "From what we are seeing now, ... (More on P4)...(12)

8th Anniversary of Baghlan Incident Commemorated

KABUL - Kabul residents on Friday marked the 8th anniversary of the deputies of the National Assembly in the Baghlan incident and other martyrs. Sayed Mustafa Kazemi, the former minister of commerce, who was killed in a suicide attack in Baghlan province on November 7, 2007, was remembered by his friends and followers on his eight death anniversary on Friday.

Survivors of the 8 years ago incident in Baghlan called on government to reopen the case of 15th Aqrab and identification of the perpetrators of the serial killers in Afghanistan. "The former government failed to reveal the real incident of 15th Aqrab. Now we hope from the leaders of the national unity government to fulfill their commitments regarding the issue," Sayed Ali



Kazimi, Parliament member of Executive Officer, Abdulah ... (More on P4)...(10)

U.S. Charges Four with Aiding Al-Qaeda



KABUL - The United States has charged four men with working together to aid Al-Qaeda attacks against U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. A U.S. Justice Department indictment said two pairs of brothers worked to raise money through fraudulent credit-card charges and deliver it to Al-Qaeda for seven years starting in 2005. One of the suspects traveled to Yemen in 2009 and gave \$22,000 to an associate of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula leader Anwar al-Awlaki, who masterminded several attacks targeting U.S. and Western interests before being killed in a drone strike in 2011. Charged with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists were Yahya Farooq Mohammad, Ibrahim Zubair Mohammad, Asif Ahmed Salim, and Sultane Room Salim. Three other unnamed co-conspirators were also mentioned in the indictment. (AFP)

Pak-Afghan Officials Meet to Discuss Polio

QUETTA - The Afghan and Pakistan officials have decided to improve the strategy in upcoming anti-polio drives to reach the missing areas in Pak-Afghan border and ensure that every child crossing is vaccinated. A delegation led by Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Balochistan Dr. Syed Saif Ur Rehman met Afghan officials polio teams in Chaman Town led by Azullah Kakar from Ministry of Public Health Afghanistan. The officials reviewed the devised strategy for bordering areas during the anti-polio drive. Commissioner Quetta Kambar Dashti, Deputy Commissioner Killa Abdullah Khuda-e-Dad, N-Stop Officer Dr. Aftab Kakar, Afghan officials Dr. Mohammed Essa, Dr. Sadaat and, UNICEF and WHO teams attended the meeting. The meeting thoroughly discussed the recent anti-polio drive at bordering areas and villages. The meeting was informed that over 14,000 people daily cross the gate with an average of 900 children below the age of 5 years. "The



average children covered daily by the medical teams are around 600, which means we miss almost 300 children below 5 years daily," the officials informed the meeting. The officials of either side of the border vowed to improve the coordination and increase the number of teams in order to ensure that every child in the bordering areas is vaccinated anti-polio drive. It was noted that Southern Afghanistan and Balochistan is considered one epidemiological block where most of the cases were reported in recent years. The officials held a separate meeting with senior officials of Frontier Corps (FC) Balochistan in order to seek their help in vaccinating the children who cross the border. (Monitoring Desk)