**Quote of the Day**

“Difficult times produce strong men, and strong men produce nations.”

— William James, US Pragmatist philosopher & psychologist (1842 - 1910)

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**World Trade Organization**

Afghanistan Agrees to Terms for Membership

KARUL - Afghanistan Wednesday agreed to terms for joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) a meeting with representatives from the trade body’s existing 161 members. A WTO official who attended the meeting in Geneva told Reuters that trade ministers will confirm the terms of Afghanistan’s accession during a meeting in Nairobi in December.

Afghanistan would become a member of the WTO 30 days after it ratifies the deal.

The deadline for Afghanistan to ratify the deal is June 30, 2016.

Afghanistan agreed upon a draft deal in March 2016. But WTO officials said the final deal still requires “appropriate signaling” from Kabul.

Joan the WTO candidate countries must offer to cut tariffs and... (More on P4)... (2)

**Kyrgyz Official**

Terrorists from Afghanistan May Engulf Central Asia

SOCHI - Central Asia is threatened with a terrorism epidemic that has spilled over from Afghanistan, a Kyrgyz Prosecutor General told journalists on Wednesday.

Joldubayeva said the situation in Kyrgyzstan was critical, and called for the Taliban militants to be removed from the region.

She said the Taliban had been active in Kyrgyzstan for the past three years.

The prosecutor general noted the danger posed by radicals returning to their countries of origin after taking part in terrorist activity in Syria, Iraq and the Afghan-Pakistan conflict.

Extremism has spread so fast that there are now thousands of radicals in the region, Joldubayeva said.

Illegal recruitment and trafficking activities funnel terrorist groups in terrorist organizations, and are a threat to national security, she said.

In this photograph taken on October 13, 2015, Afghan Taliban militants gather around parts of a US military base in southern Zabul, Afghanistan. (ATN)

Medvedev

Russia, West Going Through Difficult Period but War Impossible

VLADIVOSTOK - Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev admitted that Russia and the West are facing a difficult period, but said a war is impossible.

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**Ghani Addresses Nation and Calls for Calm, Promises Justice**

KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday evening addressed the nation and called for calm after the Taliban’s massive demonstration through Kabul that drew an estimated 100,000 people.

Speaking to the people, Ghani said government was committed to ensuring justice is served and that those responsible for the beheading of the seven Zabul residents are brought to book.

The seven, including three women, were kidnapped last month while traveling between Zabul and Ghazni. They were beheaded a few days ago by alleged Daesh members.

In his address, Ghani said he has issued a decree to provide security and safety on highways.

He also said the enemy is not able to fight security forces face-to-face. "Security forces make up every ethnic group," he said. But then went on to name all the ethnic groups that have kidnapped prisoners have traveled to Syria and Iraq to join violent ex... (More on P4)... (3)

**Deputy to CEO's Special Resigns over Zabul Incident**

KARUL - Asil Ashna, deputy to the special assistant on security and safety on high security areas, has resigned from the government.

Ashna said the reason of his resignation is the incompetence of government to prevent the atrocity of seven civilians in Zabul province.

Two women, a child and four men were abducted from Gilan District of southern Zabul province about a month before and their bodies were found in the outskirts of Zabul.

Seven people including two women and a child have been beheaded by suspected Islamists.

State militiamen three days ago in Zabul province.

W, Abdul Rafaq Ibrahim, the head of the provincial police and international organizations and the world’s countries, particularly the United States to stand by their commitments to securing Afghanistan. This comes as that the hostages’ corpse was... (More on P4)... (2)

WHO, Afghan officials have condemned the killings in the group’s territory, including in parts of Zabul, the scene of deadly attacks.

The Taliban, who have been gaining momentum in Afghanistan this year, attract... (More on P4)... (2)

**Kabul Protest An Opportunity to Unite Afghans**

KARUL - General John F. Campbell, Commander of NATO’s Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan, said Wednesday’s protest in Kabul was an opportunity for unity among Afghans and that the country’s problems will be... (More on P4)... (2)

**Quote of the Day**

“Peace and stability” in neighboring countries... (More on P4)... (2)

SLAMABAD - A U.S. official in Pakistan is an apparent effort to strengthen the peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

According to a foreign minister’s special assistant on reconciliation, the U.S. is in talks with Pakistan and India to bring Afghan leaders to the table.

US no longer has a direct role in military operations in the country but that the Afghan security forces are able to... (More on P4)... (2)

Camps in Afghanistan... (More on P4)... (2)