Senior Officials Set to Go on Trial: AGO

KABUL - The Anti-Corruption Judicial Center (AGC) will hear the cases of senior officials who are accused of corruption - without any political interference, the Attorney General’s Office (AGO) said on Tuesday.

“Considering the fact that we have the support of the Presidential Palace, the Chief Executive Office, the Ulama [Religious Scholar] Council and the people, we will assess any type of (corruption) case under the structure of our authorities,” AGO spokesman Jamshid Rasuli said.

Meanwhile, a number of MPs and analysts said the AGO has not assessed big corruption cases as yet; therefore, they feel it is difficult for them to see this actually happening.

Protestors Want Faryab Education Director Removed

MAIMANA - Ulama Council members and workers of the Islamic education department on Tuesday urged the removal of the education director of northwestern Faryab province, warning of more protests if their demand was not met.

The protesters accused Education Director Cha- laam Saloi Bayan of taking bribes and not ensuring the city’s authority, mental corruption and... (More on P4)...(12)

Daikundi Relatively Secure But Underdeveloped: Residents

NILI - Daikundi might be relatively secure but for residents it is undeveloped and many areas have little or no access to electricity, healthcare or other basic services.

Situated in the central part of the country, just over 400kms from Kabul, it shares borders with Uruqgan, Helmand, Ghor and Ghazni provinces.

TOLOnews’ Tamim Hamid recently visited the province, which has eight districts – of which only one, Kijran, is relatively insecure.

“Unfortunately, they started their activity from assessing small corruption cases. I think they are deceiving the people and they lack the capacity to assess big corruption cases,” said Tahir Hashemi, a university lecturer.

“The people will lose their trust in the AGC if it failed to assess big corruption cases which involve millions of dollars,” said Farhad Sededi, an MP.

According to the AGO, almost 55 corruption cases have been forwarded to the AGC, of which eight have been assessed.

The AGC has been assigned to assess corruption cases which involve more than 10 million Afs, the AGO said. (Tolnaews)

900,000 Refugees Return From Pakistan, Iran This Year Alone

KABUL - Minister of Refugees and Repatriations (MoRR) said on Tuesday that the number of Afghan refugees who have returned from Pakistan and Iran since the start of the year is estimated to be about 900,000 - surpassing all previous years.

According to the MoRR, more than 90,000 returned from Pakistan and 30,000 from Iran. Meanwhile the World Food Program (WFP) has said that there are about 23,000 children among those returnees, adding that many of them are suffering from malnutrition.

“Government has failed to deliver on its promises re: MoRR,” (More on P5, 10)

Fact-Finding Team to Probe Attack on Dostum Convoy

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has appointed a fact-finding delegation to investigate an attack on security convoy of First Vice-President Abdul Rashid Dostum. A statement from the President’s Palace received said:

“in order to investigate the attack on the operational convoy of Dostum in Cha- har Sharabi area of Guzor district of Faryab province, we have appointed a delega- tion led by deputy strategic intelligence head at the Ministry of Defense.”

Faryab Governor Sayed An- war Sadat, Deputy Interior Minister Lt. Gen. Moham- med Salem Ehsas and the head of the department of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) Brig. Gen. Ali Ahmad are members of the delegation. (More on P6, 15)

US Faces Investigation into War Crimes in Afghanistan: ICC

KABUL - The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has said that a full investigation into poten- tial war crimes committed in Afghanistan is likely. In a preliminary report pub- lished on Monday, Fatou Bensouda said that she had evidence of possible war crimes, including crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide.

As a result of its examina- tion, the Court has identi- fied, at a minimum, the fol- lowing crimes:

a. Crimes against human- ity and war crimes by the Taliban and their affiliated Haqqani Network.

b. War crimes of torture and related ill-treatment by Af- ghan government forces, in particular the intelligence head at the Ministry of Defense.

(More on P6, 15)

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