Ghani Pledges to Resolve Land-Grabbing Issue

Addressing the 4th Urban Conference in Kabul on Saturday, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said Afghanistan’s urban areas were facing numerous challenges but that these issues need to be resolved.

NDS Personnel Search Deputy Speaker’s Office

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel raided and searched the office and house of the first deputy speaker of the Wolasi Jirga, Humayun Humayoun, after alleging he had installed a phone tapping device. Humayun told lawmakers at today’s session that the house administration minister in his absence had sent a letter to the NDS for searching his office and house. In response to the letter, the prosecutor entered the house and office search and the NDS personnel obtained the search warrant from the court.

The letter that calls for a search of my house and office is dispatched from the Wolasi Jirga under the signature of second Deputy Speaker Naeem Ahmadzai, “Affairs on P.270”

Three Women Elected to Head Wardak Provincial Council

KABUL - The Independent Director of Local Governance says the provincial council leadership elections were carried out in all 34 provinces on Saturday. In a first-ever move, three women were elected on Saturday – out of 15 – to the top leadership positions of the Wardak Provincial Council. Halima Askani, Nafisa Selai and Hajar Mirzaie were elected as chairwoman, deputy head and secretary of the provincial council respectively.

This happened in an insecure province where violence against women is still a problem and is unacceptable across Afghanistan. Provincial members, perhaps with help from the provincial council leadership elections were carried out in 34 provinces on Saturday (ToloNews)

Lawmakers Call IEC Chief Ahmadzai’s Removal against the Law

KABUL - Some Wolesi Jirga members on Saturday alleged that the dismissal of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) chief Ahmad Jawed Raghi was an attempt to engineer the up-coming polls through these means. The elections for the Wolasi Jirga or lower house of the Parliament are scheduled for July 18, 2018. On “Affairs P.310”

TIR Membership Has Yet to Yield Results

KABUL - The Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCIA) officials said Afghanistan has not benefited from the Transport and Civil Aviation (MoTCA) agreement in the past 13 years. The ACCIA officials said Afghan truck drivers are prevented from transporting goods to Transport International Risque (TIR) member countries despite Afghani-ans being a signatory to the agreement.

“We have talked with ARU (Afghanistan Road Union) organization and agreed to send a number of drivers, who want to use the TIR system, to Pakistan in order to get technical training,” ACCIA spokesman Saym Pashtay said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Transport said it is working on a plan to implement the TIR agree- ment.

“We have done our assessments. Some of the transport companies have the required equipment. We introduce them to chambers of commerce through which they will be introduced to TIR spokesman for the ministry, Hekmatullah. “Affairs on P.40”

US-Funded 32 Irrigation Networks to Benefit 44,000 Afghans

PENTAGON - Battled and beset in Iraq and Syria, the Islamic State group is seeking fighters into Afghanistan, rebulding its flagging ranks and using its foothold in regional politics as a base for attacks on both the West and Russia.

Afghan officials tell Voice of America that Islamic State may now have as many as 3,000 for- eign fighters in the country, many of them coming from Pakistan and Uzbekistan. They also fear those numbers are only likely to increase as IS fighters from Iraq and Syria leave those countries as part of an effort to regroup. A large number of Danish fight- ers are foreign fighters,” said Afghan Ambassador Hamidullah Mohib, using an Arabic acronym for the terror group. These numbers have been further bolstered by a “small number of Afghans within,” Mohib said in Washington this week. “The Tali- ban, some of the factions — some of the irreconcilable elements that are much.” “Affairs on P.40”

Pakistan Must Stop Supporting Terrorists: Waziri

KABUL - Addressing a joint press conference of security agencies, the Defense Ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said the international community in- cluding the United States should stop supporting terrorists.

Pakistan Needs to Be Told US Won’t Tolerate Terrorist Havens

WASHINGTON - US should “make it clear” to Pakistan that the Trump administration will not tolerate Pakistani providing safe havens to terrorists, nomi- nee for Under Secretary of De- fense for Policy John C. Rood said on Friday. Rood claimed Pakistan’s failure to keep a check on terrorist ha- vens was undermining US’s ef- forts in Afghanistan, compelling Washington to explore new op- tions in the war on terror: “Ultimately, we see in the United States, “Affairs on P.40”

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