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KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has assigned the Attorney General’s Office to probe a “leaked disciplinary document” of the Ministry of Interior (MoI). The letter was sent by command- er of the Afghan Public Protection Force to officials calling for a list of candidate recruits for the anti-corruption units. The document, leaked to the medi-
e earlier this week on Sunday, called for a list of names of people from Hazara, Pashtun, Uzbek and other ethnicities – except Tajiks. President Ghani had said in a state-
ment on Friday that the Attorney General’s Office was assigned by President Ghani to investigate the document and act against the perpetrators. (More on P4-D)

II Cabinet Picks to Seek Trust Vote Today
KABUL - The government is all set to introduce President Ashraf Ghani’s nearly a dozen nominees for Cabinet portfolio-
s to the Wolesi Jirga for a vote of confidence. The ministers-designate in-
cluded Shah Faizullah Sharzad as the minister for interior, Sartash Jowkar, the minister of interior. Faizullah Jalili has been named as minister for defence, minister for tele-
communication, and foreign affairs, Nato Afzal Olibi was assigned as minister for petroleum and Mohammad Shafi Nadeem was assigned as minister for energy and Shehzad Gul Ar-
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yan, telecommunication and information technology. Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament secretary Ferozul-
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that documents of the ministers-designate had been received. (More on P4-D)

Government Collects Over $20m from Tobacco Tax
KABUL - Ministry of Finance said that more than 1.1 billion Afghans – over $27 million USD – has been collected from tobacco tax since the beginning of this fiscal year, December 2016 to December 2017. Figures from the Central Statistics Office indicate that Afghan in-
shippers spent more than $14 million USD on cigarette imports in the past six months while this amount was up to $50 million USD last year.
“We had 90.5 billion Afghans – over 139 million USD – from tobacco tax in 2015-16 (Past year) but in the past 11 months, we have collected 1.45 billion Afghans as the tobacco tax revenue. This is an expected result for an Afghan government,” said Aimal Ayubi. (More on P4-D)

President Orders Assessment of Kandahar’s Aino Mina Township
KABUL - A copy of President Ashraf Ghani’s decree obtained by TOLOnews shows that the president has assigned the Attorney General’s Office to conduct an assessment, from a technical and legal perspective, into Aino Mina Township in Kandahar in the south of Afghanistan. According to the decree, the Attorney General’s Office has been assigned to assess the township in collaboration with the National Directorate of Security, Ministry of Urban Develop-
ment, the Independent Directorate of Local Governance and Afghanistan Independent Land Authority to review if the township has completed its legal. (More on P4-D)

Direct Talks with Taliban the Best Way to End War: Khalili
KABUL - The High Peace Council (HPC) head has said direct dialogue with the Taliban militants is the best way to put an end to the conflict in Afghanistan. Karim Khalili expressed the view while addressing an aca-
demic workshop, organised jointly by the HPC and Berghof Foundation in Indonesia on Wednesday. He called for strengthening relations between Afghanistan and Indonesia, praising the Berghof Foundation for improv-
ing the capacity of the HPC. Fortunately, Khalili said, the Afghan peace process had once again been under discussion. He also welcomed the Indone-
residents’ support for the reconciliation-efforts. Support from different countries and organisations, including Germany and the Berghof Foundation, for peace in Afghanistan was also important, he added. (More on P4-D)

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IRAN – President Hassan Rouhani in a telephone conversation with his Afghan counterpart Ashraf Ghani voiced his country’s support for eradicating terrorism and establishing peace in Afghanistan. During the phone talk on Thursday night, the Iranian presi-
dent said that Tehran is determined to help Kabul to get rid of the terrorist groups and restore stability to that country. “Sustainable peace and security in Afghanistan is in the ben-

Indonesia to Organise Ulema Conference on Afghanistan
KABUL - Indonesia plan to organize a conference in collaboration with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for finding a solu-
tion to the Afghan problem. Indonesian Vice-President Mohammad Jusuf Kal-
la made the announcement. (More on P4-D)

Kabul, NATO Discuss Preparations for Key Event
KABUL - NATO special civilian representative has discussed Heart of Asia (HoA) Istanbul Process, a statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said.

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