Pakistan and Afghanistan continue to maintain up-ward trajectory of trade contrary to the false news by some Afghan media, a statement from the Pakistani embassy in Kabul said on Tuesday.

The Embassy of Pakistan in Kabul was pleased to report that due to its well-directed efforts, Afghanistan exports to Pakistan for the period i.e. US$ 1,271 million in year 2016-17 to US$ 1,504 million in year 2017-18. It added, Pakistan remained the largest export market for Afghanistan. On the other hand, Afghanistan continue to increase its imports from Pakistan by 18.33% from Pakistan’s FY 2016-17 to US$ 443 million in year 2017-18 though the Port. (Pajhwok)

KABUL - Head of the Hizb-E-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) has said his party was fully prepared for upcoming presidential election and would not allow delay in the elections, according to a statement on Tuesday.

HIA Head Gulbuddin Hikmatyar expressed the view during a meeting with elders, youth and a number of residents from northern Kunduz province here, read the HIA statement.

“The Wolesi Jirga polls were our first experience, despite the fact that all state machinery was in difficult circumstances,” said Hekmatyar during the HIA candidates could grab most of the votes,” he believed.

KABUL - The Ministry of Edu- cation, with the support of UNICEF and other sector min- istries, on Tuesday celebrated Girls Hygiene Day, and the launch of the first ever Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) Guideline for teachers in Afghanistan, according to a statement.

The Guideline is complement- ed by comic and simplified materials for adolescent girls, both in and out of schools, the UNICEF statement said.

The main aim of the Guide- line is to break taboos and raise awareness about the im- portance of good menstrual hygiene management for ado-

13th Iran-Afghanistan Joint Exhibition Opens in Herat

HERAT - The 13th Iran-Af- ghanistan Joint Exhibition started in the northeastern city of Herat on Monday Ali Reza Sadriehzadeh, who is in charge of holding exhibitions of Iran Trade Promotion Or- ganization said, “Some 30 Iranian and 30 Afghan com- panies are participating in the ongoing event.” The participants are display- ing their capacities and capa- bilities in the housing, agri- culture, industry and home appliances sectors, he said, noting that the exhibition aims to help promote eco- nomic relations between Iran and Afghanistan.

“Teheran is interested in see- ing Afghanistan hold similar exhibitions in our country, and we are ready to assist it in this respect,” he said. Meanwhile, Iran’s Consul General Mahmoud Akhshani told the inaugural ceremony that trade between Iran and Afghanistan has a long histo- ry, and Iran’s major foreign policy (More on P4,8)