**Kunduz Desperate as Battles Continue**

KUNDUZ - Kunduz residents are tired of the city's continued criticism of government's security strategy for the capital city, saying the security institutions have failed to safeguard the province. Residents felt the pressure on Monday as the fire front lines and the outskirts of Kunduz indicate that countless people are dealing with severe food shortages after a week of ongoing battles between government forces and the Taliban and security forces.


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**Procurement of hardware (s) for NBP Afghanistan Operations (Kabul & Jalalabad Branch)**

1. National bank of Pakistan (NBP) is, one of the largest commercial bank operating in Pakistan. NBP Afghanistan operations with its two branch network (Kabul & Jalalabad) invites sealed bids from the authorized distributors / suppliers / contractors etc. on a turnkey basis for handing over relevant hardware(s) / infrastructure & complete core banking solutions for Afghanistan operations.

2. Bidding documents, containing detailed terms and conditions are available for the interested bidders from the office of undersigned.

3. The bids prepared in accordance with the instructions in the bidding documents, must reach the office of undersigned on or before October 31, 2016 at 3:00 P.M (Afghanistan local time).

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**Kunduz Residents queue up to get on a bus to leave Kunduz on Saturday October 8, 2016. The UN says that as many as 10,000 people have fled Kunduz in recent days. (Xinhua/Ajmal Kakar)**

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**Taliban Shadow District Chief Among 2 Held in Herat**

KABUL CITY - National security forces in Herat (NPSO) personnel have arrested the Taliban shadow district chief for Obyr district in western Herat province, a statement from the spokesperson for Herat NPSO on Saturday. Majullah, who is also the head of community relations for the incumbent Mohammad (Morsa on PA, 22).

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**2 Dead, 3 Wounded in Kabul Suicide Bombing**

ZABUL - One civilian was killed and two others were wounded in a suicide bombing in southern Zabul province on Saturday. Local officials said that the incident took place in Shabab area of Zabul district late on Friday. The bomb was planted by the Taliban, and blew up when the children were passing the area, he said. He said two children were killed and three others were injured (Main on PA, 21).

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**Bank Alfalah Limited Afghan Branches**

All customers of Bank Alfalah Limited (Afghan branch) whose balance in the account is presently “Zero” and they intend to keep or maintain their accounts are requested to visit their respective branch/unit within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to activate and continue their accounts. Those accounts wherein the balance is “Zero” and holders do not approach their respective branch within 21 days of this notice, the bank will close such zero “Balance Accounts without any further notice or intimation.

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**Anger as Fighting in Kunduz Forces People to Flee**

KANDAHAR - Two U.S. service members were wounded in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday when their vehicle struck a roadside mine and Taliban fighters, sources said. They were "conducting a normal security patrol" near the airport on the outskirts of Kandahar city, capital of Kandahar province, when their vehicle hit the improvised explosive device (IED), the U.S. military's spokesman in Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. Charles Griffin said on Saturday.

The individuals were deployed to Afghanistan to conduct a mission in support of the Afghan National Army (ANA) for the incident took place in Jallalabad Airfield for Shabab district late on Friday. The bomb was planted by the Taliban, and blew up when the children were passing the area, he said. He said two children were killed and three others were injured (Main on PA, 21).

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**Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)**

You think you know what someone else is feeling today or apologize for inadvertent barbs, worry, wrong.

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**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

You might be compelled to defend your personal ideals today or skilfully navigate by overlapping your limits. In other cases, you might be encouraged to take on a new role of your own.

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**Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)**

You could be involved in sometimes interminable conversations and power struggles in relationships today, but they also set the stage for positive changes. Disagreements over principles of might could be resolved through the temporary acceptance of the opposing party.

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**Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)**

To speak your truth, but it's more productive if you do it discreetly or you could undermine trust within your family tree. Be careful with your words.

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**2 Children Killed, 3 Injured in Kandahar Roadside Blast**

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**Libra (Sep.23-Oct.22)**

You might be engaged in a new situation-to-situation negotiation regarding your financial objectives. Although retreat may be necessary in such situations, you could be more confident in your ability to effectively므로. Although your creative energies are running strong today, you become un-