Pakistan Trying to Hide Its Global Isolation: Waziri

The Ministry of Defense (MoD) on Sunday rejected Pakistan foreign minister’s remarks regarding the Afghan security forces, saying "the entire world has recognized Pakistan a state sponsoring terrorism." Waziri said the Pakistani foreign minister accused Afghanistan in order to hide his government’s "double standards" and "regional and "global isolation." (Pajhwok)

MRRD Executes 41,000 Projects in 3 Years

KABUL - The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) on Sunday announced executing nearly 41,000 projects at a cost of $916 million over the past three years across the country. According to MRRD spokesman, Gen. Abdul Raziq, the projects were implemented during the period. He said the schemes were related to transportation, irrigation, agricultural development, capacity building and employment for peace, water supply and sanitation.

Gen. Raziq Confirms Taliban Chief’s Visit to Helmand

KABUL - The provincial police chief of southern Helmand province Gen. Abdul Raziq confirmed the Taliban supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour visited southern Helmand province nearly two days ago. Gen. Raziq said a number of the members of the Quetta Council of the Taliban as well as some operationstarts of the Pakistani intelligence were also accompanying Mullah Mansour during his visit. He said the Taliban chief arrived to Musa Qala district where he summoned a meeting of his local commanders and leaders to discuss the ongoing situation. According to Gen. Raziq, the Taliban commanders and leaders were somewhere from the southern and western provinces of the country for the talks. The Kandahar police chief believes the main topic discussed during the meeting included the growing pressure, including increased air strikes, that have badly disrupt the operations of the group. This comes as a source in South of Afghanistan (More on P4...(10)

Freed Taliban Governor Fuelling Insecurity in Bamyian

RAMAN CITY - The administrative chief for the Bamyian district of central Bamiyan province claims Taliban’s shadow governor freed from Pul-e-Charkhi prison is back fuelling insecurity in the area. The Bamiyan district chief Mohammad Aamir Farid, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, said Mawlawi Mundarlam had been detained in 2009. But he was released from prison after two years. Farid was the provincial governor of Bamiyan, a post he had served for more than five years. Farid alleged Mundarlam was involved in power struggle with the provincial police chief before his arrest. He further added, "When we advised him to stick to the road of development, he didn’t listen to us."

Nangarhar Governor, Alokoozy Company Trade Blames

JALALABAD - The owner of the company that built the second Behsud bridge in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday told Pajhwok Afghan News that he was arrested as part of a conspiracy hatched by the provincial governor, requesting for his dignity to be restored. However, the governor accused the company of corruption during implementation of the bridge project in Behsud district. Nusrat Mohammad Alokoozy, head of Alokoozy Company, was arrested on the governor’s order after the second Behsud bridge in district partially damaged before its inauguration. Photos of the damaged portion of the bridge went viral on social media, prompting the governor to take action. (More on P4...(7)

Increasing Civilian Casualties Worries AIHRC

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Qudra Yasinzadepustain, AIHRC commissioner, said, as expressed these views during a meeting with families of war victims in Mazari Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, on Sunday. "According to a recent report, the number of civilian casualties in the ongoing conflict has surprisingly risen," she said, expressing concern over the economic situation of some families affected by the war. Mohammad Reza, a resident of Balkh province, said his brother was not fully equipped and hence his inability to stabilise the district, Jariq said, "The judiciary should solve the question why the top Taliban (More on P4...(10)

KARUL - Pakistan’s Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif during his ongoing trip to Washington had alleged that the Afghan security forces were unable to take security responsibility of their country. He had said around 40 percent of the Afghanistan territory was under Taliban control and the group had also argued widespread corruption in the security sector of Afghanistan impaired the abilities of Afghan forces. MoD spokesman Maj. Gen. Dawtal Waziri told Pajhwok Afghan News that the international community recognized Pakistan as state supporting terrorism and had changed relations with Islamabad. He alleged Pakistan played a key role in the protection and supporting the militants who carried out attacks in neighboring countries. Waziri said the Pakistan foreign minister accused Afghanistan in order to hide his government’s "double standards" and "regional and "global isolation." (Pajhwok)