Muscat Meeting to Discuss Afghan-Pak Relations

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah on Sunday said relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan would be discussed in upcoming Quadrilateral Cooperation Group (QCG) meeting in Muscat, the capital of Oman.

British Special Envoy Calls on President Ghani, Assures Future Cooperation

KABUL - British Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Omeed Qureshi has reaffirmed his country’s continued support to Afghanistan, a statement from Presidential Palace said on Sunday.

During a meeting with President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, the British special envoy discussed issues pertaining to Afghanistan, South Asia and the region.

The new US strategy for Afghanistan and South Asia was also discussed at the meeting.

The Afghan president hailed British cooperation and assistance to Afghanistan over the years.

The meeting was part of the British special envoy’s visit to the country. The British envoy stressed on expansion of bilateral relation and assured Ghani of the British future cooperation in different areas.

10 Inmates Released from Nangarhar Jail

JALALABAD - Nine prisoners, including a woman, have been released from the central jail in eastern Nangarhar province in compliance with a presidential pardon decree, an official said on Sunday.

Nangarhar appellate attorney Khalid Orya, speaking at a ceremony in honor of the released inmates, said the prisoners were released based on presidential decree No. 110 that was issued on the country’s 98th Independence Day.

To a question, Orya rejected reports that prisoners’ cases were postponed and not dealt with timely at the Nangarhar appellate attorney’s office.

Afghan Youth Explain Problems, Gains in Russia Festival

KABUL - A delegation of Afghan forces released from Nangarhar jail in eastern Nangarhar province has shared problems and the youth face in their country with the international community at the just-started World Festival of Youth and Students in Russia, an official said Sunday.

Dr. Kamal Sadaat, deputy minister of youth affairs, who is heading the Afghan youth delegation at the festival in Moscow, told Pajhwok Afghan News over the telephone that they shared problems being faced by Afghan youth and their achievements with the international community.

Besides speaking at the conference, Sadaat said he met youth ministers and heads of delegations from different countries of the world.

Australian youth affairs minister hailed the achievements of Afghan forces released from Nangarhar jail in eastern Nangarhar province and expressed hope that Afghan youth and relations with the neighboring countries.

An informal meeting was held in Russia with the participation of Afghan youth.

Fate of 14 Ghazni Captives Still a Mystery: MPs

KABUL - Members of the Wolesi Jirga on Sunday said that 14 people kidnapped from Qaerghil district in Ghazni province more than five months ago and who were handed over to the Taliban by the local police have so far managed to clear their names from the list of inmates from the prisoners in Ghazni province.

The provincial government in a statement said the list of the eight other inmates were killed during the operations and 11 others were freed.

Operations are jointly being conducted by the Afghan army, Afghan police, and security personnel of the local branches of different authorities.

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