120,000 Afghans Seek Asylum in 44 Countries: UNHCR

KABUL - As the refugee crisis continues in Europe, the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) reported Tuesday that 132,000 Afghan nationals sought asylum in 44 countries during the first eight months of this year. The report does not include the thousands of Afghans who have since fled the country in the past two months. According to UNHCR, Afghans make up almost 15 percent of the total number of refugees who reached Europe between January and August.

In addition, there has been a significant drop in the number of return refugees from Iran and Pakistan in the

Satellite-Based Map to be used to Preserve Cultural Heritage

KABUL, The Tim- 
basiny in Afghanistan has announced the launch of a new project with the Ori- 
tinal Institute of the Univer-
sity of Chicago and the Afghan istan Institute of Archae- 
ology to help ensure Afghanistan’s cultural her-
itage.

The project, formally launched on October 21, 2015 in a ceremony with Minister of Information and Culture Abdul Basir Mir and Director of the Afghan 
istan Institute of Archaeology, Abdur Raheem Taimori, will produce a satellite-based map database of Af-
ganistan’s cultural heritage. It will also integrate the databases of Afghanistan on the field of ar-
cheology and Geographical Information Systems (GIS). The database will be the first of its kind in the Mid-
dle East and Central Asia, and will allow the Afghan government to map all ar-
cheological heritage sites in the country, document the current state of sites preservation, monitor looting, 
and serve as a planning tool to incorporate heritage protection into mining and other economic develop-
ment projects.

Director of the Oriental Insti-
tute, Dr. Gil Stein, noted that the initiative would help save a country focused on capacity building at the Afghan Institute. (More on Pg. 3)

Senate Wants
Kabul-Islamabad Policy
Reviewed

KABUL - Criticizing recent comments by Pakistan’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif following his official visit to Kabul earlier this month, President Barack Obama last Wednesday sent a senator in the Medina-

cago region on Sunday called for Pakistan to reverse its policy to-
wards Islamabad.

The Afghan senators condemned Pakistan of having double standards when Afghanistan is concerned. In line with this, the senators urged govern-
ment to reverse its policy to-
wards its neighboring coun-
try.

Speaking in the U.S. on Fri-
day, Sharif said he told Af-
gham President Ashraf Ghani that Pakistan was prepared to assist with the peace talks process but could not bring the Afghan Taliban to the nego-
tiating table and be asked to take action against them at the same time.

“We are concerned about such an issue. The statement by Nawaz Sharif is a slap in the face of the failed govern-
ment in Afghanistan,” said Farnas, a senator. “We ...” (More on Pg. 4)

Remains of Six People Found in Presidential Palace Relates to Tai terminal

KABUL - Preliminary it was expected that the remains of two people have been found in Presidential Palace but forensic examination revealed that the remains belong to six people.

Sayed Ghah Bahrami, a spokesman for the Presidential Palace said on Sunday that according to forensic report two of these were children, two women and two men. “They have lost their lives 15 years ago,” Bahrami said, adding that “they might have been killed.”

Although, Bahrami did not specifically name Taliban but 15 years before Kabul was controlled by Taliban. Forensic report does not reveal identi-
ity of the deceased but Bahrami had said before that if they are not identified then Presidential Palace would make arrangements for their burial. The remains were found in a depth of 1.5 meters during construction work. (KPC)

US, KSA to Bolster Support for Moderate Syrian Opposition

RIYADH - The United States and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia agreed to increase support to Syria’s moderate opposition while seeking a political resolution of the four-year conflict. The U.S. State Depart-
ment said after Secretary of State John Kerry met with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir to discuss the Syrian conflict and other regional issues.

The two countries hosted more than 70 nations and international organizations, each of which contributed $20 million for a new international fund to support the moderate Syrian opposition. The United States and Saudi Arabia have been leaders in providing support for the moderate opposition in Syria.

2 Afghan Women Grab 2015’s N-Peace Awards

KABUL - Two Afghan women, Sona Dashtab and Hamisa Nerkhad, were among the two peace prize winners honored by the United Nations Development Pro-
munition. (More on Pg. 4)

The two winners were recognized among three differ-
cents. Nerkhad was the winner of the Un-
ited Nations Women Trans-
forming their Communities
categories, and Darnaz was recog-
nized for her work in Women in Peace Process. (More on Pg. 4)

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