**Licenses of 817 Drug-Importing Companies Suspended**

National Medicine & Health Product Regulatory Authority (NMHPRA) says licenses of 817 drug-importing companies have been suspended.

KABUL - Dr. Noor Shah Kamawal, NMHPRA head, told a press conference on Tuesday that licenses of 817 drug-importing companies were canceled, as he had suspended the licenses of companies that violated the authority’s rules over the last three months.

These firms were given a deadline to coordinate their activities with the NMHPRA, otherwise their licenses would be canceled, he warned. He said 113 foreign companies that illegally imported drugs into Afghanistan were barred and their list shared with relevant organs and drug distributors.

Ninety-three medical stores in Kabul, violating pharmacy rules, were warned and given a deadline of one month to correct themselves. (More on P4)

**Stop Pakistan from Fencing Durand Line: Nangarhar PC**

JALALABAD - The Provincial Council (PC) of eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday demanded the Afghan government stop Pakistan from fencing the Durand Line.

At Sunday’s meeting of the upper house, some lawmakers strove to convince a traditional loyal jirga but others opposed the idea.

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**KABUL - A pre-dawn Taliban attack in northern Afghanistan has killed at least 13 government forces.**

Officials reported the heavily armed insurgents raided a police outpost in the Khan Abad district of troubled Kunduz province.

The district police chief, Hayatullah Amiri, confirmed the deaths toll to VOA, saying 14 police personnel were guarding the post at the time. One officer managed to escape, and the as-sailants took away weapons, ammunition and an armored military vehicle, Amiri added.

The Taliban swiftly took credit for the attack, claimingersen clashes killed 17 Afghan police personnel, including their commander, and left an insurgent fighter dead. (More on P4)

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