Dadullah Besieged in Zabul as Taliban Cracks Widen

KABUL - Some Taliban sources on Wednesday said supporters of the group’s new supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Manzoor Daudkhel have killed a senior Taliban military commander Mullah Mohammad Dadullah in Zabul’s district of southern Zabul province.

The sources said differences between supporters of the two assert that Dadullah refused to pledge allegiance to Manzoor as the Taliban’s new leader to replace the late founder and longtime chief Mullah Mohammad Omar.

After Omar’s death, the Taliban leadership council elected Mullah Mohammad Rabbani as the new leader, but Omar’s family and a number of supporters opposed the election. Some reports say supporters of Mullah and Dadullah have fought several clashes over the leadership issue in Kandahar district during the past one week.

Rabbani reportedly sent a delegation to Dadullah asking him to pledge allegiance to the new supreme leader, but Dadullah refused.

A commander of Dadullah’s group, who wished to go unnamed, told Panjshir Afghan News a number of their... (More on Pg.13)

Miseries of the Afghan Refugees Risking their Lives to Reach Europe Continue

KABUL - An expert in the refugee movement said the number of Afghan youths and women are still facing challenging and difficult problems to reach European countries.

Some of those Afghan youths who have fled from the war-torn country are facing imprisonment, torture and even death because they try to escape to Europe.

Taliban’s Shadow Governor for Faryab Detained in Herat

MAZAR-I-Sharif - Herat’s governor for northern Faryab province has been detained, officials said on Wednesday, hoping the arrest would help resolve the security situation.

Qaiwallah Aftab, the acting governor of Faryab province, said that the National Directorate of Security (NDS) - the Afghan spy agency - arrested Aftab last night on the Herat-Shaidan highway.

Nimroz Customs Revenue up by 1b Afs: Official

ZARASAT - Customs officials in southwestern Nimroz province claim their department’s revenue has increased by one billion Afghanis during the first one month of this solar year as compared to the corresponding period last year.

Musaq, customs department head, said more than one billion Afghanis had been collected so far - 30 percent up against previous year’s earnings.

Musaq was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASCUDA) at the port in Zaranj, the provincial capital.

ASCUDA, a computerized customs management system, covers all foreign trade procedures and handles manifest and customs declarations, accounting procedures, transit and customs procedures.

Sahibzada said 20 percent of the total revenue came from a duty charge on wool imports from Iran and the remaining from textile, electronic equipment and spare-parts.

He linked the increase in... (More on Pg.13)

500 Displaced Families Get Weather Forecast

FALZABAD - Fifty-hundred internally displaced families were assisted with food items in the northwestern province of Badakhshan on Wednesday, officials said.

A total of 455 families received food items provided by the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) to 45 districts in 12 provinces.

The displaced families are currently in Jawzjan and Bahar district. ANDMA provincial head Sayed Abdallah Hamouz, told Panjshir Afghani News.

Each family received a 90-kg bag. (More on Pg.13)