Minister

Ilan's Plan to Export Wheat Flour to Afghanistan

TEHRAN - Minister of Agriculture Jihad Mahmoud Heyjat said on Monday that in spite of self-sufficiency in producing wheat, Iran has not yet entered the market of the exported crop, but it intends to export wheat flour to countries neighboring countries as far as Afghanistan. Ministry's plan to export wheat flour to Iraq, Afghanistan, Considering increasing in production and storing wheat in the country, part of it should be exported, Heyjat told reporters here on Monday. He said that Iran and Afghanistan are importing wheat flour and added that Iran has good capacity in flour industry, so we should use the vacant capacity in the industry to export either wheat or wheat flour. Iran has produced 14 million tons wheat so far, while the forecast for last year was 11.5 million tons (FNA)

Prisoners Want Cases Reassessed after Afghan-Iran Swap

KABUL - A number of prisoners, who were part of a prisoner exchange program between Iran and Afghanistan, on Sunday said their cases had not been investigated properly by Iranian authorities and called for a visit to reexamine their cases. The prisoners swap three weeks ago was based on an agreement signed between the Afghan and Islamic governments in which both countries agreed to free prisoners they are holding against prisoners of their country of origin. Based on the agreement, (More on P4)...(6)

Kabul Set to Discuss Pakistan’s Anti-Terror Policy at UN

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Refugees Return in Record Numbers

KABUL - Sayed Haaim Allah Bakhshi, deputy head of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation, on Monday said at the inauguration ceremony of Babukhah Housing Project that the number of Afghan refugees returning to the country has reached record levels. Bakhshi said on average, around 4,300 Afghan refugees return to the country daily - with most of them coming from Pakistan. This is the highest seen in 14 years. (More on P4)...(8)

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KARL - The High Peace Council (HPC) said on Monday that a peace agreement with Gulbuddin Hekmatyar’s Hezb-e-Islami party would be signed this week. They said that once the agreement is signed the National Unity Government (NUG) will prove the carte blanche for Hekmatyar to return to Kabul. Meanwhile, the CEO Abdul Karimullah Abdullah, said government will implement the peace agreement with Hezb-e-Islami once it has been signed. Details of the peace agreement with Hekmatyar’s Hezb-e-Islami party are not yet known, but the HPC said the agreement’s articles have been finalized and the accord will be signed this week. (More on P4)...(10)

Afghanistan Beat UP Team in Warm-Up Friendly

KABUL - The Afghanistan national cricket team beat a domestic Indian cricket team in a friendly warm-up match in New Delhi, an official said on Monday. Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) spokesman Farid Hotak told Pajhwok Afghan News the game was played between the national side and Uttar Pradesh cricket team. The said the Afghanistan decided to bat after win... (More on P4)...(11)

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