Prof. Rabbani’s Death Anniversary Observed

KABUL - The 4th death anniversary of former High Peace Council (HPC) chief, Sardar Haji Rabbani was observed with the laying of floral wreaths on his grave in Kabul on Sunday.

Rabbani was assassinated at his residence in Wazir Akbar Khan along with three members of the peace panel by a suicide bomber posing as a Taliban emissary. He remained president from 1992 to 1996.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) and the Ministry of Interior alleged the suicide attacker was a Pakistani national and the assassination plot was hatched in Balochistan’s capital Quetta.

Rabbani’s son, Salehuddin Rabbani, President’s Special Representative for Reform and Good Governance AhmadZia Massoud, 2nd Vice-President Mohammad Sayer Sarawat and acting defense minister Masoom Stanizai attended the ceremony.

Rabbani’s family members, a number of senior government officials, HPC officials and lawmakers also participated.

A closed ceremony, the day was observed in Kabul and several provinces.

The Council of Ministers has announced a nationwide holiday on September 20 to remember the former president. (Pajhwok)

Pakistan Blame Afghan Militants for Air Base Attack, Afghanistan Reject

KABUL - Pakistani military spokesman, General Asim Saleem Bajwa, said on Friday that security forces have concluded the gunmen who killed 78 people in the northwestern city of Peshawar, including 19 worshippers at a mosque, earlier in the day, came from Afghanistan.

The attack on a Pakistani military base triggered on Thursday night and authorities said they killed 13 of the attackers, though it was unclear how many. (More on P6,

Pakistani troops killed 27 Afghan-owned Shopping Centers

KABUL - Pakistani troop killed 27 Afghan-owned shopping centers in parts of Mazar-i-Sharif and sealed off the buildings, local media reports.

According to APP, Mazar-i-Sharif’s district administration said police stormed the business centers and killed dozens of unregistered Afghan nationals during an operation in different parts of the city. Mazar Deputy Commissioner Amanat Ullah said.

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Some Circles in Kabul Plotting Terror Attacks, Alleges Sayyaf

KABUL - Prof. Abdul Ahad Rasoul Sayyaf, former president and former interim political party chief, on Sunday claimed terror attacks were being planned and executed across Kabul.

If the government failed to eliminate charismatically, terror, the country would face horrid consequences, the religious scholar warned while speaking. (More on P6,

Rabbani Makes Strong Pitch for Party-Based Electoral System

KABUL - Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani, also son of ex-president Burhanuddin Rabbani, on Sunday called for a party-based electoral system. He also asked for investigations into serial killings.

While speaking on the fourth death anniversary of... (More on P6,

Balkhi Asks Europe Not to Mistreat Afghan Refugees

KABUL - Refugee and Repatriation Minister Sayed Hussain Amin Bakhsh Balkhi has called on European countries to prevent discriminatory against Afghan refugees. Balkhi, who participate in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHCR) meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on Sept 26, said he had asked Europe...

300,000 Children Face Uneducated Future Because of Daesh in Nangarhar

KABUL - 300,000 children across the country have been facing uneducated future because of Daesh in eastern Nangarhar province. According to the information...

Muslimyar Asks Govt. to Resume Peace Process

KABUL - Senator chairman Nazar Hadi Muslimyar on Sunday asked the government to resume and accelerate the stalled peace process.

Addressing a ceremony marking the fourth death anniversary of former president and chairman of the High Peace Council, Burhanuddin Rabbani, in Kabul, Muslimyar said the young generation was fighting in different parts of the country, but the government was paying no attention to them.

Rabbani was assassinated on September 20, 2011 at his residence in Wazir Akbar Khan along with three members of the peace panel by a suicide bomber posing as a Taliban emissary. He remained president from 1992 to 1996.

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Kidnapped Passengers Returned in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Passengers, kidnapped a day earlier in Ander district of southern Ghazni province on their way to southeastern Pakhtika province, were freed on Sunday, local officials said.

The people were traveling from Ghazni to Pakhtika when Taliban militants kidnapped them in the Khonai area of the district. The governor’s spokesman, Shabir Naqvi, told Pajhwok Afghan News five people had been freed. (More on P4,

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