Ministers Designate to Seek Vote of Confidence on Tuesday

In a further development, four ministers, including Interior Minister Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum and Justice Minister Abdul Salam Hanafi, submitted their resignations to the president on Monday. The ministers’ resignations came just days after the government was dissolved by the Supreme Court following protests demanding the release of jailed opposition leaders. The resignations were a blow to the already fragile government, which has been struggling to overcome a series of political and security challenges.

Public Distrust Remains in Peace Process: Poll

A new poll conducted by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) found that public trust in the government has remained low, with only 28% of respondents expressing confidence in their elected officials.

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UNAMA Welcomes Civil Society’s Call for Sustained Peace

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Women Claim "Baad Custom" Still Exists in Khost

KHOST CITY — Despite significant women's gains in Khost and Afghanistan, a large number of women in eastern Khost province still face intense violence, especially forced marriage and "baad," a tradition aimed at settling disputes by giving a bride to the victim party. "Still the custom of baad exists," a female Khost resident Nazera Niazai complained. "Many women are forced to marry old men."

According to the locality, the tradition of baad exists in several parts of the province which create huge problems for the women. Women are among the most vulnerable Afghans affected by the absurd traditional rules writing the country for centuries. Hard is among those traditions which are off, and affected men's and women's civil and human rights. Khost women's affairs Forum, Dr. Malika Lalzad, said, the problem by tradition persisted in a number of villages.

In most of the villages where fathers and brothers committed murder, they give their daughters in marriage.

"Many others give their daughters or sisters in exchange for a large sum of money. Meanwhile, the head of Khost Religious Scholars, (Mowtow-Pol) said, "In the last 17 years, our youth families and people try to defend the anti-traditional laws until the issue is finalized for existence in some regions of Khost, (mowtow-pol)."

27 Insurgents Killed in Nationwide ANSF Raids

KABUL — At least 27 insurgents were killed during a firefight between Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and the Taliban in Khost province on Saturday.

The Ministry of Interior (MOI) and ANSF announced on Sunday that six insurgents were injured and eight others arrested in the operations.

The operations were conducted in Kamar, Khanij, Heart, Pakhtika, Kandahar, Balochistan, and Maimana, according to the ministry.

The MOI released a statement saying, "In addition, the security forces have discovered =6 regulatory devices and weapons. During the same 24-hour period, the police discovered and destroyed 62 different types of IEDs placed by the insurgents for destructive activities in Kandahar, Ghazi, Khost, Horn, and Helmand provinces." The statement said the insurgents used IEDs to target civilians and security forces. However, the MOI did not provide details of possible ANSF casualties (mowtow-pol).

Several Women Arrested in Kabul

Several women are being held by the Afghan government which is the result of an internal security operation, officials said. "Several women are being held by the Afghan government that are accused of committing crimes such as theft, prostitution, and drug trafficking," said an official. The official said the women have been accused of committing crimes and have been held in prisons in Kabul. The official also said that the women are being held for their alleged involvement in criminal activities.

Liquefied Gas Price Dips; Lax Govt. Control an Issue

Liquefied gas prices have fallen in the past few weeks, according to the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. However, the government has not taken any action to control the prices.

The ministry said that the prices have fallen due to the increase in the production of liquefied gas. The ministry also said that the government is monitoring the situation and will take necessary action if the prices continue to rise.

Newborn Care Training Center inaugurated in Kabul

KABUL — A newborn care training center has been inaugurated in Kabul, Afghanistan. The center is part of a national effort to improve newborn care in Afghanistan.

The center will provide training for midwives and other health care providers on newborn care and will help improve the survival rates of newborns in the country.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by government officials and representatives from international organizations.

The center is funded by the government and is being managed by the Ministry of Public Health.
Unresolved Women’s Miseries Awaiting Unity Government

By Asmaturag

The birth of a female child makes the beginning of endless awaited
miseries, in this piece of land. Every day, we hear a heart
bleeding story of a woman who is faced with rampant
harassment, physical abuse, mental torture and societal discrimination.
Some don’t even manage to live. Blast, riots, civil war, and
poverty have deterred the cases of female murder. In Afghanistan, we
see the magnitude of mental sufferings she endures while getting
married, women who are forced to marry child brides, and
victimized, they are frequently, by fabrication of socio-religious
dictates. I have seen women in Afghanistan who were subjected
to repression after being found ‘illicit’ and flogged. In Afghanistan,
violence against women is much widespread and deeply rooted in
different parts of the country. Violence against women is a
dreadful problem in Afghanistan that has caused off of the
lives of so many Afghan women. Violence against women is
present in Afghanistan have no or little voice to be heard and they have
always been victims of vicissitude from the society. The Afghan
society has never given equal rights equally the right to
convention and never been able to secure their rights because of
their lives. They have little in education which is one of the
reasons that usually subjugated them to extreme deprivations because they
follow the tradition, custom and practice have always kept men to be superior.

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different parts of the country. Violence against women is
African such as domestic violence, honor killing, and sexual violence against women and young girls. Some cases of violence that has contributed to the death of women in Afghanistan in particular and to the society in general. Additionally, a marriage contract is another severe problem that defies women’s
girls’ issues that meritoriously subjected an innocent being into eternal physical and mental suffering. Particularly, when this marriage is forced, then it will be an irremediable harm. Violence against women includes domestic violence, sexual abuse, and harassment. The main methods of violence against women are rape, honor killings, and employment. In Afghanistan, a girl is denied its right to a full and fair marriage. A child is pushed in at the cost of all those rights! This is a matchless example of obstinate violence on an innocent girl.

The uncivilized and socially accepted belief that women from baseline branches and other ethnic groups is also the root of others’ political influences. The Afghan government is opposed to the growing of the influence of outside communities. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. Women’s miseries are much widespread and deeply rooted in different parts of the country. 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Under national unity. Under Article 126 of the Constitution, a minister should have at least 40 years of age, and the Prime Minister has the authority to accept or reject them. The political failure believed dual nationality-holders could leave the country without fulfilling any obligations or facing any legal consequences. The members of the new cabinet include 93 ministers and 23 ministers of state who are dual nationality-holders, 56 members of the last cabinet. Each such cabinet member did not accord priority to the supreme national interest but to protect the vested interests of their own political parties. This is why the cabinet of the new government should be reconstituted to reflect the needs of a dual nationality

(2) A New Year

We need to pay most attention to the conflict in Oubangui-Chari. The region has been a source of conflict in the past. The EU has joined the United States, China, and others in calling for an end to the conflict. The UN has also expressed concern about the situation in Oubangui-Chari.

(3) Tajikistan

The main points of the Tajikistan situation are as follows. First, the government has taken steps to address the economic situation. Second, the government has taken steps to address the political situation. Third, the government has taken steps to address the social situation. Fourth, the government has taken steps to address the security situation. Fifth, the government has taken steps to address the environmental situation. Sixth, the government has taken steps to address the health situation. Seventh, the government has taken steps to address the education situation. Eighth, the government has taken steps to address the energy situation. Ninth, the government has taken steps to address the transportation situation. Tenth, the government has taken steps to address the tourism situation. Eleventh, the government has taken steps to address the communication situation. Twelfth, the government has taken steps to address the water situation. Thirteenth, the government has taken steps to address the food situation.

(4) Burma

Despite the absence of NATO countries, the American-led coalition forces remain involved in these operations, and the hostilities between the Burmese government and the Automated Peace Force continue.

(5) The United States

The United States continues to face a number of challenges. First, the United States continues to face a number of economic challenges, including high unemployment and low wages. Second, the United States continues to face a number of political challenges, including a divided government and a lack of political stability. Third, the United States continues to face a number of environmental challenges, including climate change and pollution. Fourth, the United States continues to face a number of social challenges, including poverty, homelessness, and inequality. Fifth, the United States continues to face a number of health challenges, including a lack of access to healthcare and a lack of investment in medical research.

(6) Secretary-General

The Secretary-General's report on the situation in Afghanistan indicates that the situation remains critical. The Secretary-General calls for increased efforts to address the root causes of the conflict and to support a political solution. The report highlights the importance of international cooperation and the need for a comprehensive approach to addressing the situation in Afghanistan.
Troops Take to Belgian Streets for Guard Against Attacks

TEHRAN — French President Emmanuel Macron has denied deploying hundreds of thousands of troops to nine major cities as a preventive measure against terrorist threats. The French president has said that Paris is taking the precautions necessary to prevent aRepeat of 2015 terrorist attacks.

TEHRAN — Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who will arrive in Warsaw on Saturday for talks with his Polish counterpart, condemned the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, saying that they were an act of the "Islamic State," in the words of Russian President Vladamir Putin.

Troops will reinforce Frontex, the EU's external border agency, Thursday, when a summit on migration policy is held in Brussels.

On Thursday, two gunmen were arrested in the Belgian town of Vereen, which is near the village of Tongeren, in trouble.

Syrian Army Makes Fresh Gains in Idlib, Homs

Syria's army has made significant gains in the battle for control of the country's northern province of Idlib, which has been a stronghold of rebel forces for years.

New Meanings of Nuclear Talks: Senior Iranian MP

TEHRAN — A senior Iranian MP has warned that the country's nuclear program could be used for military purposes.

Nuclear talks in Vienna are expected to continue until the end of the year, but there are no signs that a deal will be reached.

Japan PM Pledges $2.5 Billion in Midast Aid

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has pledged $2.5 billion in humanitarian aid to countries affected by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The aid will be used to help with recovery and reconstruction efforts.

GDP Growth Below Expectations

The government has revised downward its growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 1.1% from 1.3%.

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Clerics Urge Afghans to Work for National Unity

GHAZIURRAHMAN • Religious leaders in southern Chahar province urged the Afghans to show ethnic difference and work for a solid national unity.

Attending a Serapi-i-Nabi conference in Ghani City, on Friday evening, the scholars said the “men have declared all Muslims as brothers. Tabukhi, Talib, Hazara and Uzbeks should love their brothers. The day-long conference was organized by a civil society group “Ghurat” (life) and was attended by a number of religious scholars, tribal elders and local residents. One of the speakers, Maulavi Mohammad Nadir, shed light on the life of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and urged the Afghans to join hands for national unity. Religious scholar from the Qarnabah (More on P.10)

42 Rebels Killed in New Dangam Offensive

ASADULLAH • Forty-two Taliban militants were killed and seven others wounded as a result of a new-lunched operation in the Dangam district of northeastern Kunar province in past 24 hours, an official said on Saturday.

Maj. Gen. Mohammad Za- man Waziri, the 21st Sedfa Military Corps commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News that security forces had made progress during the ongoing operation.

Eight bodies of Taliban fighters were found in Kunarwali area and handed over to local residents, he said.

-Ghazni (More on P.11)

Anti-Taliban Group in Paktaa Seeks Govt. Support

GHARDAK • An anti-Taliban group in the Ghardak, the capital of southwestern Pakita province, on Saturday urged the government to assist them in the fight against milita-

Talibakhd, deputy comman-

ducer of an anti-Taliban

tribal militia, told

Pajhwok Afghan News that they had been waging a struggle against the insurgents, but needed government’s assistance in purging their area of fighters.

Some members of groups visited the provincial council headquarters late on Friday and asked the public representatives to contact their authorities for equipping and arm-

ing them.

We will fight till our

last breath against the armed, insurgents if the government extends us a helping hand,” said Talibakhd, who demanded weapons and ammunition.

-Ghazni (More on P.12)

Armed Militants Concentrate in Afghan-Tajik Border

DUSHANBE • Tajik Interior Min-

ister Rakhmat Rahimov has confirmed information about concentration of armed militi-

ans in the Afghan area near the Tajik border.

Militants that have concentrated in Afghan areas bordering Tajikistan are members of various se-

cretary groups, including Taliban and the Islamic Movement of Mo-

belistan (MI). Rahimov told journalists in Dushanbe on Janua-

ry 16.

“In this connection, Tajikistan is taking 115 Illegal

Afghans Round up in Peshawar Raids

KABUL • Pakistan security agen-

cies have detained more than 110 Afghan citizens during a three-day search operation in northeastern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a media report said on Saturday.

At least 143 inmates, includ-

ing 13 women and 30 other citi-

zens, were detained in different parts of the province, especially Peshawar, on Thursday and Fri-

day, a Pakistan newspaper reported.

A large quantity of arms and am-

munition was seized by police and security forces during the op-

eration, which led to the torture and the standoff of several private hos-

tax in different neighbourhoods of Peshawar.

Police spokesman Waz Ahmad told Dawn 189 weapons, 5,536 rounds and a large quantity of ammunition had been recovered from the detainees. At least 1,157 houses were hit.

-Ghazni (More on P.13)

Ghani Condemns Prophet Mohammad’s (PBUH) Cartoons

KABUL • The Afghan government on Saturday condemned the repudiation of Muslim cartoons of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) by the French magazine Charlie Heb-

do.

President Ashraf Ghani said the freedom of expression should be exercised responsibly to create a peaceful environment for coexistence and understanding among followers of different faiths.

Publishing such caricu-

tures was an insult to Is-

lamic and provocative to

-Ghazni (More on P.14)

150 Truckloads of Inferior Fuel Seized in Nimroz

ZARANJ • The customs department of southwestern Nimroz province on Saturday announced seizing 150 truckloads of low-quality fuel imported from neighboring Iran. The Council of Min-

isters banned inferior fuel imports this year, Customs Director Waisullah said, asking the importers to return the low-quality oil.

But the traders said they had placed orders for the import of “cleaned 90” before the start of 2014, their tankers could not reach the borders in time due to

-Ghazni (More on P.16)