'Mostly New Faces in Remaining Cabinet Choices'

KABUL - Nations to fill the remaining cabinet positions have been finalized by President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah and the swearing-in would be introduced to parliament once the national assembly resumes work, an official said on Monday.

CEO's deputy spokesperson Jawadi Faizi told reporters in Kabul the president and the CEO had agreed on names for the remaining 17 cabinet slots but discussions were still ongoing.

"We are waiting for the national assembly to return from its winter break. The government is ready to refer the ministers-designate for a vote of confidence."

PM Mohammad Nawaz Sharif

Pak-Afghan Ties Gaining Momentum

KARUL - Talking to Afghanistan ambassador to Pakistan, Pakistan Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif said that relations between Islamabad and Kabul have been... (More on P6)

McKinley Stresses Representation in Peace Talks

KARUL - The US ambassador to Afghanistan, including 11 ambassadors have been fired for reasons cited as "being above the proper age and not meeting the required criteria", sources told Pajhwok Afghan News on Monday.

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11 Ambassadors, Many Top Diplomats Sacked

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Taliban and the Afghan government had also been paving the way for peace talks between Ghani Orders Plan to Solve Kabul Drinking Water Issue

KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani has directed the authorities concerned to adopt essential measures to resolve the issue of drinking water in Kabul and increasing the number of green belts in the central capital. The president issued the directives at a meeting with members of the City Referrers... (More on P6)

New Police Officers Deployed to Kabul

KARUL - Following a decree by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani regarding appointment of competent district chiefs in the capital Kabul, 27 police officials have been appointed in the capital Kabul, an official said Monday.

Kabul Police Chief Brig Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi told a news conference that the officers included the battalion commanders and district police chiefs. He said that bringing changes to the system was vital but noted that former police officers who were replaced served the people and their performances should be respected.

"It is great responsibility for each of you and you should discharge your duties efficiently," Rahimi told... (More on P6)

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Landmine Planter Arrested

SHARAN: A landmine planter was arrested in Malak Khel area of Sharar district of Helmand province by Afghan National Police (ANP).

He admitted that he had planned to target farmers in the locality with landmine blasts, but was arrested when ANP personnel searched his vehicle and found him with 60 landmines.

He said that he had planned to attack farmers in the area to prevent them from working in their fields.

His arrest was made in a joint operation by ANP personnel and local security forces.

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ASHKABAD, Turkmenistan — The government of Turkmenistan has accused the country’s chief oil producer, Paratur, of destroying evidence in its investigation of a recent oil pipeline explosion that killed three workers.

The government said in a statement on its website that Paratur, a subsidiary of the state-owned Gas Association, had intentionally destroyed evidence and falsified documents in its handling of the incident.

Paratur has denied the allegations and said it was cooperating fully with the investigation.

The explosion occurred on a gas pipeline in the central part of the country, causing a fire that burned for several hours. The government said the blast was caused by a gas leak and that there was no indication of any sabotage.

The government also said it had imposed a temporary halt on all oil production in the region as a precautionary measure.

Turkmenistan is the world’s sixth-largest oil producer and a key supplier to Europe through its offshore Caspian Sea fields.

The government has been under pressure to increase output to meet growing demand and has been working to improve safety standards in the industry.
Netanyahu Brings His Iran Nuclear Fight to Washington

WASHINGTON - John Kerry warned Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday that the Israeli prime minister's nuclear talks with barnstorming U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry are unlikely to produce meaningful results this week. He also said the talks could turn into a "go-nowhere" exercise if Israel's position is too aggressive.

The talks, first reported by the New York Times, are the latest in a series of high-stakes meetings between the United States and Israel. Netanyahu, who has been a vocal opponent of Iran's nuclear program, has repeatedly called for U.S. sanctions against Iran as a way to prevent Tehran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

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Abdullah Pledges Reassessment of Afghan Photographer’s Case

KABUL - The sentencing of prominent Afghan photographer Najibullah Msaif to six months in jail by a judicial panel of the Supreme Court for (in)correctly portraying the Afghan president, Abdullah Abdullah, is a mistake, according to a leading Afghan human rights activist.

The Afghan photographer was sentenced to six months in jail and six months (in)correctness for portraying the Afghan president, Abdullah Abdullah, in a way that is considered (in)correct and against the law. The sentence was based on a complaint filed by the Afghan government against the photographer.

The sentence has been criticized by human rights activists who argue that the photograph captured a moment of truth and should not be considered (in)correct.

The activist, who chose to remain anonymous, said that the sentence is a violation of the freedom of expression and media freedom in Afghanistan.

Iran Planning to Expand Investment in Afghanistan’s Mineral Resources

TEHRAN - An Iranian mining industry official said that the country is keen to expand its investment activities in Afghanistan, in order to develop the country’s mineral resources.

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Xi Extends Condolences over the Deaths in Natural Calamities

BEIJING - The Chinese president Xi Jinping on Monday extended condolences over the recent natural calamities in Afghanistan, which killed over 300 people.

The Chinese president said that the Chinese government is willing to provide assistance to the Afghan government and people, and to support the Afghan government in disaster relief efforts.

OEIC Commiserates with Afghan Govt. on Avalanche Disaster

JEDDAH - The Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Iyad Al Mushtaq, has commended the Afghan government for its efforts to prevent and respond to the recent avalanche disaster.

The Secretary-General has extended his condolences to the families of the victims and to the Afghan government.

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