Human Rights Watch

Afghanistan Must Prosecute Govt. Officials Who Violate Rights

KABUL - The United States and other aid donors should press Afghanism to prosecute government and security forces officials guilty of serious human rights violations, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Tuesday.

holding powerful individuals accountable should be a top priority, the rights group said in a report, as impunity fuels support for the Taliban and news concerns about efforts to train and supply Afghanistan's security forces.

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mHawala Electricity Bill Payment, Simply Better for Businesses

KABUL - Bilateral mHawala in cooperation with DAM launched its Electricity Bill Payment services for the first time in Afghanistan. Bilateral is a more efficient way of paying electricity bills simultaneously by uploading them in a portal, provided by Bilateral, and sending it to respective fiscal department to pay the amount via mHawala portal.

With mHawala Electricity Bill Payment portal, customers can now pay for their time writing, checking or making hundreds of individual electricity bills in a single payment.

Bilateral Afghanistan is the first company to register and start paying its electricity bills via this service.

Rescue Operation Launches in Zabul to Free 30 Hazaras

QAMAR - The Afghan military launched a rescue operation in southern Zabul province on Monday night to free the 30 Hazara prisoners who were kidnapped by unknown masked men, an Afghan security official, on condition of anonymity, said.

The operation was launched in Khel-Aghan district of Zabul and is still underway.

So far, 30 inmates have been killed and 50 when injured. Leading the operation is Kandahar Police Chief Gen. Abdul Rauf, Military Commander of "Men on Plls."

Pak. Afghan Ties Moving on Path to Progress: MoFA

KABUL - Prospecting Pakistan's support to Afghan peace avenues, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday said that relations between Kabul and Islamabad were moving on a path to progress and stability.

A spokesperson said talks about establishing a joint committee to work on Afghan reconstruction are set to begin as soon as Pakistan's premier is in Kabul.

In addition, the Independent Directorate of Local Government (IDLG) and provincial councils' commission agreed upon the new rules and regulations.

KABUL - The Provincial Councils' coordination commission on Tuesday warned to launch a series of protests if a presidential decree empowering PDUs was not implemented. On January 28, Abdul Rashid Sayed, a leader of the Islamic community, in a press conference demanded the government to respect the electoral process and the results of the recent presidential election.

The council has declared that the presidential decree is a violation of the Basic Law.

Notably, Abdul Rashid, the head of national councils, told reporters that President Ghani has issued a decree empowering PDUs to the council heads.

Safar Mirzayee, one of the council heads, alleged that individuals did not allow the council to pass the law.

While a source (MoFA), it is reported that the council heads support the decree.

numbers and ages of the Chabahar port have been prepared. A suitable area for the port, devoted to special goods, especially from the Gulf countries, including Iran, has been prepared. The port has been prepared for the transport of goods to the border of the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf.

The port has been partially built by the state and is expected to expand into a main seaport to Afghanistan and Central Asia, helping Pakistan. The Chabahar port, which is located 72 kilometers, remains open.

Children's Workers Kidnapped

TARIN KOT - Unidentified armed groups abducted five workers of "Save the Children" NGO in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Gul Ahm, chief of the first district in Tarin Kowt, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok Afghan News that employees of the organization had traveled to Uruzgan to visit their projects.

The organization said it was implementing development projects for the residents of Uruzgan district, which are located on the outskirts of the capital Uruzgan, and do not have adequate facilities.
Tajikistan to Extradite Afghan Laminates: Official

TALSHAN—Officials in southern Tajikistan province say a young girl who went missing under suspicious circumstances died due to unexplained reasons.

Talsh district police chief Ismatullah Toor says the incident took place in the Talsh district, the provincial capital of Talsh province.

He said that the girl, known as the girl of unknown origin, was found dead on the morning of May 18.

The investigation is under way to determine the cause of death, he added.

Two Passengers Dead, 29 Hurt in Traffic Mishap

Afghan News Agency—A car carrying two passengers went off the road and hit a tree near the southern city of Zabul province, killing two and injuring 29 others.

The accident occurred Sunday afternoon, police said.

Talash Afghan News Agency

Vehicular Vehicle Laden with Weapons minus Bodies

Afghan News—A car going to a large convoy of soldiers was loaded with weapons. The soldiers say they were not informed about the weapons.

They say that it looks like a angry crowd in your way.

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Disregarding Education Has Made Us Suffer!

By Anwarpur

Tm: no matter how inspirational then seeing theир recent graduation ceremony in the video. They seem to work every day to learn a single letter or digit with evident joy. Just as their counterparts in the western world, the children of Afghanistan do not have the opportunity to learn in a comfortable and well-lit classroom. The children in Afghanistan are forced to work hard to learn. Despite the challenges, they persevere and continue their education. The Afghan government has made significant efforts to improve education in the country, and it is evident in the growth of education-related programs. The government has implemented policies to increase access to education, and the results are promising. However, there is still much work to be done to ensure that all children have access to quality education. This is particularly important in rural areas, where the infrastructure is limited and resources are scarce. The government and international organizations are working together to overcome these challenges and make education accessible to all children in Afghanistan.Only by investing in education can we build a better future for the children of Afghanistan. It is a long-term investment that will pay off in the future. The children of Afghanistan are eager to learn, and it is our responsibility to provide them with the opportunities to fulfill their potential. The government and international organizations must continue their efforts, and we all have a role to play in supporting these initiatives. The future of Afghanistan depends on the education of its children.
3 Afghanistan

A headless body was found in the province of Herat because they were "killed in action, or perhaps killed by the):(1)
They later retracted the comments because several senior police officials had been killed in the province.

1 Emergency Power

Police have killed the armed men in the province. The police have announced that the armed men had been killed in a firefight.

2 Weather

The government has announced that a severe weather warning has been issued for the next week due to heavy rain and strong winds.

3 Rescue Operation

Afghan soldiers have rescued 32 people from the debris of a building that collapsed in Kabul.

4 Security

The UDRA has announced that they will provide security in the provinces of Ghor and Badakhshan.

5 Resistance

The Mujahideen Council has announced that they will continue their resistance against the Taliban.

6 Intelligence

The CIA has provided intelligence to the Afghan government indicating that the Taliban are planning to launch a major offensive.

7 Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture has announced that it will provide assistance to farmers affected by the drought in the province of Kandahar.

8 Education

The education minister has announced that schools will reopen in the province of Helmand.

9 Health

The Ministry of Health has announced that it will provide medical assistance to the areas affected by the recent floods.
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Outlook

Obama, European Leaders to Discuss Ukraine, Global Security: WH

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Barack Obama will hold talks on Tuesday with European leaders to discuss the Ukraine crisis and global security issues, the White House said Saturday.

Obama and the leaders of Britain, France, Germany and Italy as well as the head of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, will meet at 1300 GMT (0900 EST) in a Brussels hotel.

The meeting comes amid ongoing violence in Ukraine following a fragile, 21-day cease-fire agreement.

Ukrainian and Western governments have accused Russia of sending troops and weapons across the border into Ukraine, despite the peace deal agreed to last month.

OSCE to Monitor Truce Violation Areas: Kiev

KIEV - The leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France have agreed to deploy observers to three flashpoint sites in eastern Ukraine, in a bid to deaden attacks continue in the region, a Ukrainian official said Tuesday.

Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Pavlo Klimkin acknowledged that the ground was "very dirty" after a "penetrating" week of work after a peace roundtable talks last month in Minsk.

Kiev's military situation was "very serious" and "the situation is serious" bled soldiers said Tuesday, adding that the number of killed in the past 24 hours, but a number of soldiers in the Ukrainian Armed Forces on February 12, truce observers from the OSCE, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met in Minsk.

The intensified monitoring of the situation by Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the military observers, the OSCE mission in Ukraine, and the OSCE mission in Ukraine - where more than 300 OSCE observers - should be increased, Besuk said.

The authorities also added "irredentist aggression" to the list of early warning signals, in a bid to prevent a repetition of the situation in the Crimean peninsula, which was annexed by Russia in March 2014.

Egypt Court Rejects Appeal on Torture Case

CAIRO - Egypt's highest administrative court on Tuesday rejected the military's petition to suspend a preliminary ruling in a case against it for torture.

The Military Intelligence agency was founded in 1945 and is responsible for internal and external security.

The court rejected the military's appeal against the ruling on the case which was filed by 106 former service members.

The court ordered the prosecution to investigate the allegations and file a charge in the case.

If convicted, the former soldiers could face up to 25 years in prison.

The court also ordered the military to pay $500,000 in compensation to each of the former soldiers.

Internalフレーズ

Iraqi Forces Try to Seal Off IS Around Tikrit

BAGHDAD - Thousands of Iraqi soldiers and Shiite militias东南 sought to seal off Islamic State (IS) fighters around Tikrit on Tuesday, despite a threat of death by Islamic State (IS) fighters around Tikrit on Tuesday, despite a threat of death by IS militants as they try to recapture the city.

In a statement on Monday, IS militants threatened to "execute" military personnel and civilians who try to retake Tikrit.

The statement came as the United States and its allies launched a massive air campaign against IS in Iraq.

IS fighters have seized Tikrit, a city of about 300,000 people, from Iraqi forces last year and have used it as a base to launch attacks on Iraqi cities and towns in the area.

IS also controls large parts of Syria, including the city of Raqqa, which it captured last March.

In Tikrit, IS fighters have taken over residential areas and have used the city as a base for their operations.

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‘MoAF New Leadership
committed to Reforms’

KABUL - Following a Press Release by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoAF) was learned by the IEC that the new leadership of government officials and lawmakers, the spokesman of MoAF on Tuesday, promised to say that new leadership was committed to introduce tangible reforms in the ministry.

The two days back, the new leadership of MoAF has been seen with keeping strict watch over the decision of Afghanistan nation and its guests. The new leadership will be utilized at the time of implementation of the Afghan government’s policy of repatriation of Afghan refugees. The MoAF is now controlling the process of repatriating Afghan nationals from Pakistan, which is the majority of the Afghans. The Afghans are settled in being collected, which has also claimed another emergency plan by Waziristan district and the Afghan government has accepted the requests of both posts. (On the PAGE 01)

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NEIL/RAMANAY CITY - Provincial council members in central Ramani and Dandkhel province say the closure of their office has a negative impact on good governance. A month back, the Wazir Janghawar handed over a resolution to parliamentarians, thereby amending the law on provincial councils, barring them from fulfilling the performance of local council members.

The lower house’s decision prevented provincial council members in all provinces and they closed their office. Council members in Dandkhel said they were unable to receive people’s problems after the PC office had been closed. (On the PAGE 02)

Kandahar Bank Robbers Ready to Return Money

KANDAHAR CITY - Officials who raided their own bank, its Kandahar province on Tuesday claimed they had not been paid their stipend for the last five months. They warned if the government did not pay attention to address their legitimate issue then they would go on strike.

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Khost Governor Vows Jobs for Youth

KHOST CITY - The acting governor on Tuesday said his administration was trying to appoint youth in civil and military institutions of southwestern Khost province.

Abdul Jabbar Nazari, who was attending a conference "Youth Capacity Building," in Khost City, the provincial capital. About 350 youth and civil society representatives were present at the conference aimed at enhancing youth capabilities and assessing their problems.

The governor said they were trying to appoint as many as possible youth in various civil and provincial governments and security administrations and to reduce their problems.

He said he had discussed with President Ahmad Shah Massoud regarding youth and resolved them permanently.

"If our problems are solved, because all challenges in the Afghan society will be overcome. It is very important for the youth," another witness, Sp. Rawan, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Municipality Workers Threaten to Go on Strike

MAIDAN SHARIAH - Municipality workers of Maidan sharah in central Maidan Shar province on Thursday claimed they had not been paid their stipend for the last five months. They warned if the government did not pay attention to address their legitimate issue then they would go on strike.

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Kunduz Municipality Revenue Surges Manifold

KUNDUZ CITY - The Kunduz municipality revenue increased by 12 million afghans (K207,600) this year, an official said on Tuesday.

Last year, the official said, the municipality stood at 43 million afghans. This year, the current year has surged to 75 million afghans.

Mayor Najibullah Osmankhel told Pajhwok Afghan News that the revenue was collected from market levy, levy of "khanarkhs" shops, hotel and municipality-owned property and a number of other investments.

Top Pakistani Cleric Welcomes Afghan Talks

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Contractor for Qaisar-Laman Highway Asks for Security, More Funds

KARUL - Deputy Minister of Public Works, Abdul Rashid Wahid said on Monday that the second round of meeting between the Ministry of Public Works (MoPW) and the Turkish-Afghan private company ECCO over the contracted for the planned Qaisar-Laman Road ended on Monday. ECCO was reportedly only willing to commence the project if adequate security was provided for both the contractor and the security personnel and sufficient fund from the Afghan government back it.

According to Mr. Wahid, ECCO has asked the Afghan government for more money to finish the incomplete highway project, but the amount is likely out of Kabul's range at a time when public funds are already high and foreign aid is growing more scarce. "It is very difficult for the government and Ministry of Public Works to pay the amount that they have been asked for," he said.

In addition, Mr. Wahid expressed concerns over reports of the withdrawal of public protection forces from Balkh which were assigned the task of providing security for the highway construction. Incertitude over the project site was the initial factor that delayed ECCO’s work in the project. Local officials in Balkh have also accused the Afghan government about the possible withdrawal of public protection forces assigned for security on the Qaisar-Laman Highway.

"We created this province after making heavy sacrifices, and I am very concerned about (On the PAGE 01)