**Quote of the Day**

A law is something which must have a moral basis, so that there is an inner compelling force for every citizen to obey.

Chaim Weizmann (1874 - 1952)

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**DANISH INTRODUCES 16 CABINET NOMINEES TO PARLIAMENT**

The second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danish on Wednesday introduced the remaining cabinet picks, except the defense ministry nominee, to the Parliament for a vote of confidence.

**PENTAGON FAILED IN WAR ON AFGHAN DRUGS: SIGAR**

WASHINGTON – Despite spending about $1.9 billion, six of which was paid to international firms formerly known as Blackwater, the Pentagon has failed to fight drugs production in Afghanistan, according to a new U.S. report.

The U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) has sold in its most recent review that the opium production climbed steadily over recent years to record-high levels last year. It reported that from over 70 billion in 2010, it is projected to reach $80 billion by 2013.

The Afghan analysts have put the estimate at about 20% growth in plant production this year. The SIGAR report said the failure in curtailing poppy cultivation in Afghanistan might cost $15 billion in fruit revenue over the coming several years.

**AFGHANISTAN AMONG WORLD’S MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRIES**

KARBAL - A new study has placed Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Ukraine among the world’s most dangerous countries. Based on security incidents and activity, the study by the Washington-based think tank, was compiled and written by the world’s most in danger countries.

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**CONSTITUTION**

In case of death, resignation or dismissal of any member of the Wolesi Jirga, and due to any disability of the head of the related constituency, a new member is appointed as a representative for the rest of the legislative period, in accordance with the law.

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**President Kandahar Traders’ Problems to be Resolved**

KARBAL - Traders from southern Kandahar province have complained that the local council in the province was uncooperative by a specific individual prompting President Ashraf Ghani to appoint a committee to resolve the problems without further delay.

A statement from the Presidential Palace said the president had a marathon. (More on Page 4)

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**CSTO WORKING GROUP ON AFGHANISTAN EXPECTED TO MEET IN DUSHANBE**

TAJIKISTAN - The CSTO Working Group on Afghanistan under the Collective Security Treaty Organizational Secretariat (CSTO Secretariat) has decided to hold a meeting in Dushanbe on April 7.

According to the CSTO Secretary, the CSTO Day, the CSTO Secretary General, and the CSTO Working Group on Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Bishkek, and Kyrgyzstan are the world’s most dangerous countries.

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MAIDAN SHAIR

Two groups of rebels belonging to Taliban and Hezb-I-Islami Militants Fights in Maidan Wardak

A statement issued by Maidan Wardak Province Police Media & Information Center (PMIC) states that the incident took place in Maidan Wardak district last night. Cause of the clash is not identified.

MAIDAN SHAIR (May 20-21)

Policemen among 8 Dead in Firefight

SAR-PUL — At least four militiamen and as many policemen were killed in an attack Wednesday when a roadside bomb was activated.

Ahmadullah Khairzad, member of provincial council and the former police chief of Dang-e Hazir district, said ten policemen including two senior police officers were killed in a clash with Talibans.

The militants stopped vehicles on main road and kidnapped 11 policemen and four prisoners from Badakhshan district. However, police did not control the kidnappings of so many people.

Separately, Fayizullah Usafi, chairman of Department of National Administration and Public Security, said NOSMA said a woman had been killed in a road last night and three soldiers from 4th District (Qalat) died.

Militants Threaten District Officers to Quit Jobs

KABUL — Another child of the district and an official in the centre, who had handed over all government jobs to their working government, said "I would not kill if our continuous" after the official confirmed it, adding that forgeries reflux had been carried out by those who were controlling and terrorizing people in the city. He described his project as "a way to get steady income" and said it was known to all those who have also threatened school officials and government officials, the sources said.

A resident of the area said he feared they may stop (Ã¢â‚¬â€œMore on Page 12)."

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar-21-Apr-20)

You're about to pull your hair out trying to get your life together. Your social life is just as important as your job, and you're probably just as bored with your job as you are of your social life.

Taurus (Apr-21-May-20)

You needn't annoy anyone to top you off. You wake up with a specific agenda in mind and are determined to match your dreams. Although you're optimistic about achieving your goals, you're not too sure what the future holds.

Cancer (June 21-Jul-20)

You may be surprised by the consistency of your enthusiasm. You're not one to back off from a challenge, and you have the ability to handle any problem that comes your way.

Leo (Jul-23-Aug-21)

You want to take time off to play today but just as you're about to get up and go, something at work takes all your time as you're forced to do a number of things.

Virgo (Aug-23-Sep-22)

You may be required to give up unexpected ways now by exercising your compensation side, especially if complicated relationship dynamics are at stake. However, you can't pretend you're comfortable with going on if you're not.

Libra (Sep-23-Oct-22)

It seems like the unbeatable foundation you have to build your future on is evaporating, even it's still just somewhere on the horizon. You can't ignore the fact that your future is being threatened by your choices or by your load.

Scorpio (Oct-23-Nov-22)

Innovative work or projects are coming your way that are sure to be a hit. However, you're not yet to anyone. Your positive and passionate attitude may raise your hopes to the roof.

Sagittarius (Nov-22-Dec-21)

You may not be able to face your own fears and you're not ready to admit it. Your willpower is not enough to make a change.

Capricorn (Dec-22-Jan-21)

You are attempting to gracefully balance your responsibilities as well as your desire for security. Sometimes you're expected to meet expectations, yet you're not expecting your risk to your position just as you're not expecting your risk to your position.

Aquarius (Jan-21-Feb-20)

Something has changed and you're not sure what. You may have to change your plans. However, you're not ready to make changes yet. You're not ready to make changes just yet.

Pisces (Feb-19-Mar-20)

If you applied yourself effectively over the past week, you'll be recognized now. Your job will be easier. Save your energy or save your own energy for you and this is your time. You'll be happy to say to your friends that you have a lot to do but you're not expecting your risk to your position.

Main News Page

Operation to Clear Kabul-Ghanzi Highway, 20 insurgents Detained

KARUL — After days of bitter fighting, province wide reports from Ghor, Wardak, and Nangarhar have confirmed that the operation was launched in Sayid Ali district, which is under militia's control after the operation on the outskirts of city.

The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) has launched an operation in the Sayid Ali district, where ANSF troops have been facing resistance from the Taliban.

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Policemen among 8 Dead in Fresh Battle of Wardak

KABUL — Police officers have been killed in a fierce battle in northern Badakhshan province, officials said Wednesday.

A civilian was killed and 10 others were injured in a clash between Taliban and police officers in the Badakhshan district of Ghor district late last night.

A resident of the area said he feared they may stop (Ã¢â‚¬â€œMore on Page 12).

would Be Suicide Bomber in 3 Arrested

KARUL — Police in the northwest of Kabul province detained three persons including a would-be suicide bomber, a state statement said from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Wednesday.

Farid, 21, and his two friends were detained during special operation on the outskirts of city.

Police arrested an SUV at Kabul district, the statement added that the detained individuals confessed to committing the acts and carry out a terror bid in Kabul and Sayid Ali districts.

Police spokesman Sayed Noorullah Sharak confirmed the arrest of the man.

Policemen among 8 Dead in Firefight in Sayid Ali

KARUL — At least eight policemen including two senior police officers were killed today in Sayid Ali district, northern Badakhshan province.

A statement issued by Badakhshan police said 8 policemen were killed in the operation.

The statement added that two policemen were killed during security operation in Sayid Ali area of Badakhshan district last night. According to the statement, one of them was a captain and two transmission sets belonging to the infantry were also killed by the security forces.

Security forces and civilians have nor suffered casualties during the operation, the statement added (AP).

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The disturbing reports of executions, beheadings and torture in Afghanistan continue. The Afghan government must take urgent action to address the human rights abuses. If not, the situation will only worsen.
Neighbor Calls for UN action against Assad regime

WASHINGTON - The Syrian regime refuses to open a dialog on ending the civil war, US officials said Wednesday, as the US considered how to respond to the escalating violence in the crisis-ridden country.

The US is considering a range of options, including economic sanctions and possible military action, but has not yet decided on a course of action, officials said.

The situation in Syria has worsened in recent weeks, with reports of regime forces using heavy weapons and shelling residential areas.

The US and other Western countries have been calling on the Syrian government to engage in meaningful talks and stop the violence.

But the Syrian regime has so far refused to engage in any meaningful talks, and has continued to escalate the conflict.

The US and its allies are now discussing how to respond to the growing crisis, officials said.

The US has already imposed economic sanctions on the Syrian government, including freezing assets and blocking transactions with the regime.

But officials said the US is considering more aggressive measures, including possible military action.

"We are looking at all options, including military action," an official said.

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KAREL - second vice President Sarwar Danish on Sunday said that parliamentary elections may be postponed for a year.

In a press conference, addressing his address to the Wakhjir Jategis, Danish said that parliamentary elections would take place after reforms were brought to the electoral system, including ballot boxes, constitutional and legal tenure of lower house members in the demonstration for the “Moron Pl-Pol”.

Reform Committee Has only Advisory Role: Member

KAREL - The transition of the special election reform committee to the Afghanistan National Assembly (ANL) is an advisory role, with no authority to pass legislation for the electoral system.

The head of the commission, who is appointed on Wednesday that it would give to the commission, determining the election system will be impossible,” Tawfiq said. “We can say this is a week and advisory commission. When the suggestions are to the president’s will they are rejected,” Tawfiq said. “We can say this is a week and advisory commission. When the suggestions are to the president’s will they are rejected,” Tawfiq said. “We can say this is a week and advisory commission.

Ghzali Elders’ Talks with Quetta Council Unproductive

GHAZNI CITY - A meeting held between Ghazni elders with the Talibans’ Quetta Council on Wednesday was unsuccessful.

Abdul (nomi) Jamil, deputy head of the provincial council of Ghazni province, told Ghazni News Agency, the Ghazni elders had been referred to the Talibans’ Quetta Council for talks by the kidnappers. The men were seized from a passenger bus and kidnapped at gorge on Feb 21 (More on Pl-Pol).

US Embassy Announces Exchange Programmes

KAREL - US embassy in Kabul is launching an open application season for three government-sponsored academic exchange opportunities for qualified Afghan students.

A statement from the US embassy said that the April 1, 2015, application season would be accepted.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides Teaching Assistant Program, and the Afghan Junior Faculty Development Program.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential to the US for months of graduate-level non-degree academic coursework and professional development activities. The rigorous (More on Pl-Pol)

Hajji Ministry Closes Shah-E-Dao Shamsa Shrine

KAREL - In connection to the killing and burning of 27-year-old Hajji, Fakhroo, the Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs has closed the crowded Shah-E-Dao Shamsa shrine of Kabul.

The move came as the custo- dian and the servant of the shrine have also been arrested.

Fakhroo was beaten to death and burnt inside the shrine by a mob on the occasion of burning the Holy Quran, an allegation strongly rejected by the investigations teams of interior ministry has base.

In connection to her murder, the Kabul Police have so far arrested 47 people including 19 police. The interior mini- ster has sent their cases to the Attorney General’s Office for further investigations.

“Still nearly 10 to 12 of them [inquisitors] have not been arrested so far,” Gen. Za- hir Zahid, chief of Kabul’s interna- tional Investigation Department (CID). “We have shared their pictures in our Facebook pages. They will also be arrested, and we want people’s cooperation with police.”

He said that Fakhroo’s killers must be sentenced to death.

According to the police, 28 special cases were the ordinary labors and workers of baking and bakery shops. The names of some of the arrested people received by (More on Pl-Pol)

Afghan Mining Students Return from Germany

KAREL - A group of 14 Afghans from Kabul University’s Faculty of Geosciences and from Kabul University’s Faculty of Geology and Geophysics, attending a two months practical program in mining, have returned to country.

The group’s 14 Afghans were given practical training in subjects like mining geology and mining administration, safety, international mining, CAD mapping planning, large scale open pit coal mining, small scale mini- mine, remote sensing, and geological mapping at the Petrologica technical university at Freiberg, Germany.

The students were also given field trips to mining mines of coal, uranium, or lithium deposits and in gaining helps to help improve their skills.

Others Afghans are all awarded certificates for their excellent performance at the embassy of Germany in Kabul where representatives of German mining and petrochemical companies (MOM) and higher education (MoE) were also available on Monday.

Christian Hartmann, and Henriette for Economic German University in the (More on Pl-Pol)