Constitution

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Study

Afghanistan Second-Worst Country in Rule of Law

KABUL - A new study by World Justice Project (WJP) illustrates Afghanistan is the second-worst country in rule of law after Yemenia topped the list of 170 countries ranked in the report. The U.S.-based non-profit association - which aims to advance rule of law around the world - released the Index on Tuesday which was prepared based on responses from 1,000 people in each country and a total of 2,500 experts by how ordinary people see rule of law in their country. Also in the regional level ranking, Afghanistan is placed in the last position, next to Pakistan. The survey was based on 84 indicators under eight categories which are: constraints on government power; absence of corruption; open government; fundamental rights; equality and security; rule-of-law enforcement; civil justice; criminal justice and informal justice.

In corruption, Afghanistan is ranked 162 the worst country according to WJP report. The judicial sector of Afghanistan is seen as the second-worst sector, ranked 161 followed by the criminal justice which is ranked 160 in the list. The rule of law is not the rule of lawyers and judges, it was the report said. 60 of 164 individuals, who passed the test last year, were supposed to join their peers in the MoAs, but they had been replaced by others on ethical or political reasons.

The report said last year as 1,200 people appeared in the test to get jobs in the MoA and all of them were shortlisted. MEC, Executive Director Rashid Karbati said reports about illegal government officials, powerful people and lawmakers had targeted the MEC. More on PAG – 29.

President Assesses Overall Security Situation

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday discussed the overall security situation of the country with the officials concerned. Through a video conference, in which he stressed improved livelihood of security forces. A statement from the presidential palace said the president evaluated the overall security situation, the economic condition of Afghan defence and security forces and preparations for marking, Ramzan City as the cultural capital of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Ghani directed the government to take all necessary measures for the sake of the capital of central Boghara province.

Afghanistan Economy Weak and Vulnerable: Economists

ASANA - More than a year of political and security uncerainties coupled with local and external vulnerabilities have been dragging the Afghan economy, according to economists. Afghanistan's previous period of strong growth since the lifting of the Taliban regime in 2001 appeared to collapse in 2014, a year when foreign troops wound down their combat operations and Afghanistan completed its first democratic handover of power. According to (World Bank) report, released Tuesday, economic growth in Afghanistan (in billion PPP) decreased to 2.1 from 2013 in 2.4 billion.

Pakistan yet to Honour Peace Pledges: Mohajiq

MURS - Second deputy chief executive officer Malik Mohammad Mohajiq on Wednesday said Pakistan was yet to honour pledges it held out to Afghan leaders regarding the peace process. He added in a gathering, a gathering commemorating last MoA. More on PAG – 29.

Pakistan Police: 2000AFS}

Choose your plan

DABS Fails to Recover 660 Afs in Unpaid Bills

KAROLA - The power utility on Tuesday said in last five months of the year, it failed to recover 6.6 million Afghanis in unpaid bills had failed to yield result. The Afghan electric director Zabihullah Tandilah told Pajhwok Afghan News a number of departments and individuals, including govern-
20 Taliban Militants Dead in Logar Clashes

PUL-E-LAM - At least 20 Taliban militants were killed in two separate engagements in Logar province. The Taliban fighters engaged three Afghan special forces units near Khair Khana district. The Afghan Special Forces (ASF) unit was stationed in a nearby village.

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ISIS Beko 10 Taliban Militants

KABUL - A battle between Afghan security forces and Taliban militants in eastern Helmand province has left 10 Taliban dead. The Afghan National Army (ANA) launched an operation in the area on Monday morning.

Daesh Fighters Torch Taliban Leaders’ Homes

DALAVI - At least four Taliban officials, including two commanders and two other senior officials, were killed in a midnight attack on their homes in Kandahar province. The attack was carried out by a Daesh affiliate.

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Planners of Kabul Gunfire Attack Nabbed: NDS

KABUL - The planners of the recent Kabul gun attack were arrested by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Monday. The NDS said that the attack was carried out by two Afghan Taliban militants.

Farah Trader Abducted

FAIZABAD - A Uighur trader was kidnapped by unknown armed men yesterday in the city of Faizabad. The trader, who is said to be a member of the Uighur community, was taken to an unknown location.

Outlook Horoscope

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22)

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)

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Developing Afghanistan's Agricultural Sector

By Abdul Ahad Bahrami

Despite decades of wars and conflicts, Afghanistan needs access of resources for reconstruction and long-term development. Agriculture holds the key to developing a strong economy that would allow the country to break away from its dependence on foreign aid. The sector has the potential to provide jobs for the vast majority of the population, to increase food security, to reduce susceptibility to drought, and to provide revenue for the government.

Agriculture comprises about 30% of the country's GDP and employs half of the labor force. Despite this, the agricultural sector has faced significant challenges, including inadequate access to credit, lack of infrastructure, and exposure to environmental hazards. The government has made efforts to improve the sector, but progress has been slow due to various factors, including political instability, security concerns, and limited resources.

The government has identified several key areas for improvement, including increasing access to credit, enhancing infrastructure, and promoting agricultural research and extension services. These efforts have led to some positive outcomes, such as increased production of crops like wheat, rice, and cotton.

The ministry of agriculture, an integral part of the government, has been working tirelessly to improve the sector. The ministry has initiated several programs to increase agricultural productivity, such as the rural economic development program, which aims to increase crop productivity and incomes of smallholder farmers.

Despite these efforts, the agricultural sector in Afghanistan remains underdeveloped. However, with concerted efforts and adequate resources, there is potential for significant improvement in the coming years. The government and international partners have a crucial role to play in ensuring the sector's growth and development, which would contribute to the country's overall socioeconomic development.

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The Prospect of Afghanistan's Mining Sector

By Abdul Ahad Bahrami

The mining industry is another important component of Afghanistan's economy. The country has significant mineral reserves, including iron ore, copper, and gold, which have the potential to contribute significantly to the country's GDP and provide employment opportunities. However, the industry has faced challenges, including security concerns, lack of investment, and inadequate infrastructure.

The government has recognized the importance of the mining sector and has initiated several programs to attract investment and develop the industry. These efforts have led to some success, with several mining companies establishing operations in the country. For instance, the Chinese Aluminum Corporation (CNC) has invested in the mining sector, and the government has signed several agreements with international companies to develop mineral resources.

The mining industry has the potential to provide significant economic benefits, including revenue generation, job creation, and technology transfer. However, the success of the industry depends on the government's ability to create a stable and secure environment for investment and to manage the sector effectively.

The government has established the Afghanistan Mining Authority (AMA) to regulate the industry and ensure that mining activities are carried out in an environmentally sustainable and socially responsible manner. The AMA has implemented several regulations and guidelines to ensure that mining activities are carried out in a manner that protects the environment and local communities.

In conclusion, the mining sector holds significant potential for Afghanistan's economic development. With adequate investment and effective management, the sector has the potential to provide significant economic benefits and contribute to the country's socioeconomic development.
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**Neighbour News**

**Technicalities will not Kill Russia’s S-300 Delivery to Iran**

The debate over the S-300s’ delivery to Iran continues. The US has threatened to impose sanctions on Russia if it proceeds with the delivery, but Moscow insists it is a legitimate sale. The issue has also sparked concerns about the potential for nuclear proliferation. The implications of the sale are far-reaching, and the international community is divided on how to respond.

**S. Korea Tests Missiles that Can Hit ‘Any Target’ in N. Korea**

South Korea has conducted a series of missile launches near the border with North Korea, raising tensions in the region. The launches are seen as a response to North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs. The South Korean government has vowed to strengthen its defense capabilities and improve its deterrent against North Korean aggression.

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The EU has intensified its warnings about the potential for Russian military aggression in the Baltic region. The bloc has urged its member states to increase their defense spending and improve their capabilities to deter potential aggression. The Baltic Sea is a strategic area, and the EU is concerned about the possibility of a Russian military buildup in the region.

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Mafia, Terrorists Annually Receive $70 Billion from Narcotics

KARUL - Mafia and terrorist groups are believed to be making $70 billion from narcotics annually, according to Zahabuddin Daim, an official at the National Police. Daim said that mafia and terrorist groups receive illegal money from poppy cultivation, producing and smuggling of narcotics. He said that the investigation conducted by the Anti Narcotics and Drug Control of Counter Narcotics shows that nearly $70 billion is going to Pakistani Taliban. The investigation has caused the rise in income.

Afghan Children Forced into Hard Labour

The Ministry of Education has added that many Afghan children are forced to work in hard physical labor in order to support their families and escape the poverty. The Ministry has highlighted the issue of child labor in Afghanistan.

Kandahar Airport Gaining International Trust

KANDAHAR CITY - Development work worth $100 million took place during the past fiscal year at the airport in southern Kandahar province. The minister said that the new construction included the construction of a new terminal, the reconstruction of the perimeter wall and the establishment of a fence for security.

The funds for the projects were provided by the US and local investors, and they also played their role in the rehabilitation of the country's second main international airport.

The new passenger terminal will provide better services and facilities for passengers. It will be completed by the end of this year. In addition, the refurbishment of the old terminal building will be completed soon.

UAE to Cooperate in Changing Karzai Airport into Airport of Transit for CAFTA

KARUL - United Arab Emirates is ready to cooperate with Afghanistan for changing Hamid Karzai International Airport into the Airport of Transit for Central Asia which will benefit the country's economy. Yousef Al Jall, the UAE ambassador in Kabul on Thursday said that the country will play a better role in the regional economy.

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Bamyan City Decorated Ahead of SAARC Ceremony

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Albania Sends Servicemen to Afghanistan for Peacekeeping

TIRANA - A number of Albanian servicemen are part of the Second Peacekeeping Contingent. Tirana has agreed to serve in Kabul, Afghanistan, in the framework of the "Resolute Support Mission". At the ceremony held at Tirana’s "Mother Teresa" airport, addressing the service contingent of this service, Albanian Defence Minister Veli Kiceli underscored the importance of multi-national contribution of Albanian Armed Forces to NATO Allies and partners.

MoU Officials Allegedly Involved in Corruption Could Evade Trial

KABUL - Six senior officials from the Ministry of Urban Development who were accused of corruption were released on bail. It is believed that the officials have been released on bail because they were suspected of involvement in corruption cases. The government officials have been accused of using their positions for personal gains.

The acting attorney general, Nasir Rahab Jabal, has said that war crimes could not be solved if the suspects’ locations remain unknown, suggesting they may be hiding in another country.

New Governor Urged to Control Rampant Corruption

JALALABAD - The clashes in Jalalabad have revealed the lack of political and legal support for the Afghan government. The acting attorney general has urged the new governor to take measures to control corruption.

The governor is expected to take measures to control corruption and to improve the security situation in the province. The acting attorney general has also called on the governor to work with the police and other security forces to ensure the safety of the people.