President Ashraf Ghani

$1.5b to be Spent on Environment in 5 Years

KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Friday said he was concerned about environmental hazards in the country, saying his government had programs to protect the natural environment.

In a radio message on the occasion of World Environment Day, President Ghani said pollution and uncontrolled burning of fossil fuels cause climate change and had harmful effects on human health.

Ghani said the southern provinces had been in grip of drought for 30 years, resulting in a spike in poppy cultivation and criminal economy.

The government has decided to observe environment week instead of environment day in Afghanistan to raise social awareness and tackle the problems of environment, he added. With climate change posing dangers to the health of humans, animals and plants, Ghani said Afghanistan could use the experience of other countries which had been successful in protecting their environment.

Preventing imports of low-quality fuels, use of plastic bags and providing potable water were challenges that needed to be addressed, he said. He said tourists who had visited Kandahar for four or five decades back, fondly remembered the beautiful weather and clear skies in the city.

Now things have changed for the worse and the situation needs special attention, he said. The president said the opinion that schools, media and civil society could play a major role in creating awareness.

Constitution

In order to bring about the active participation of people and provide them with the opportunity to actively participate in the local administration, the government set up the Atomic Energy Commission and the Ministry of Industry, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Report

Women Hold Talks with Taliban in Norway

KARUL - Norwegian media on Thursday reported that a delegation of Afghan women were currently holding informal talks with Taliban representatives in Mokha, Norway, under the leadership of Shamsia Faizi.

The talks were aimed at resolving a range of issues, including humanitarian aid and the protection of women's rights.

The Taliban has previously ruled that women groups are not allowed to negotiate, although the talks are reportedly aimed at finding a solution to the ongoing conflict.

MPs Discuss Legal Aspects as End of Term Looms, Election Still Uncertain

KARUL - With just 17 days left of the current term for MPs in Parliament, and the next election scheduled, lawmakers on Thursday said they would need to do their best to continue their work, since the government will have to meet both the new and old elections.

Although the national unity government has made some progress, it is still faced with many challenges, including proposals to adjust the list of candidates, including the selection of new candidates for the upcoming election.

Mamnoon Rezaei and the Opposition's Presence in Afghanistan, and the situation in the region, have not yet been confirmed.
PIN Suspends Operation in Afghanistan after Nine Workers Killed

KABUL, The Pakistan ISLAMIC Republic has decided to temporarily suspend its operations in Afghanistan after nine of its workers were killed in an attack on its compound in northern Jalalabad province.

People were renowned that the organization had closed its activities in every region of Afghanistan and the step is taken due to worse PIN stakeholders' safety and the desire to end the current mode in which the organization’s members were killed.

"We have suspended our operations in Afghanistan because of the security situation," a PIN spokesman said.

"The situation in Afghanistan is very dangerous and we want to protect our workers and their families," the spokesman added.

The suspension will be for an unspecified period and the organization will assess the situation before deciding on the future course of action.

2 Suicide Bombers Shot by Police

KABUL, At least 2 suicide bombers were shot dead by Afghan security forces on Wednesday during an attack on a police checkpoint in the east of the city.

Local officials said the attack took place on the outskirts of the city, targeting a police checkpoint.

The attackers detonated explosives, prompting a response from security forces, who shot and killed the two suicide bombers.

The incident highlights the ongoing security challenges faced by Afghanistan, where various militant groups operate.

Further details are awaited from the authorities.

Minor Girl Among 3 Killed in Sar-i-Pol Attack

SAR-I-POL, A minor girl was among three people killed in a roadside bomb attack in the northern Afghan province of Kunduz on Thursday.

According to local officials, the bomb exploded near a government building in the city of Kunduz, killing three people.

The attack is the latest in a series of violent incidents in the province, which has been hit by a wave of bombings and protests in recent months.

Authorities have appealed for calm and urged residents to cooperate with security forces to prevent further bloodshed.
Aide-mémoire on World Environment Day

June 06, 2015

By Asmatlay

Our society is evolving in a way that places heavy emphasis on mastering technology for the better. E-commerce, e-government, e-learning, online banking, e-health, etc. have become the new words in our vocabulary. They are the backbones of the digital world, where everything can be done at a click of a button or a tap on a screen.

However, with the advancement of technology, there is a growing realization that we need to balance our digital lives with a healthy dose of nature. The World Environment Day (WED), celebrated on June 5th, is a global celebration that raises awareness about environmental issues. This year, the theme of WED is "Subsistence and People - that will be the true measure of development." It is a reminder that sustainable development is not just about economic growth, but also about preserving the environment for future generations.

The importance of protecting the environment cannot be overstated. Pollution, deforestation, climate change, and loss of biodiversity are some of the pressing issues that we face today. It is crucial that we take action now to mitigate the effects of these problems and ensure a sustainable future.

Asmatlay

The Vulnerability of Social Freedom

By Hujjatullah Zia

Freedom, men’s basic right is violated flagrantly. Women’s rights are curtailed in a variety of ways, and members of the LGBT community are also under threat. In our society, there are multiple instances of men and women who are subjected to violence and harassment. The government and society as a whole have a responsibility to ensure that these rights are protected.

In recent years, there has been an increase in the incidents of violence against women. This is a worrying trend that needs to be addressed. The government must take decisive action to ensure that women are protected from violence and that perpetrators are brought to justice.

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2 Women Held... 

...because they wanted to attend the talks, which were being held behind closed doors, were arrested on March 16 on charges of "interfering with women's rights and freedom of movement." However, there are no reports on the charges or the outcome of these cases. Members of the public are optimistic about the outcome of these cases, but they are still awaiting the final results.

3 Child Labor... 

...a report that highlights the issue of child labor in the region. The report indicates that child labor is widespread in the region, with many children working long hours in dangerous conditions. The report also calls for immediate action to address this issue and protect the rights of children.

4 IP: Burma... 

...the government of Burma has passed a new law that will criminalize the use of the internet. The law has been widely criticized for its potential to suppress free speech and stifle dissent. The law has sparked concern among human rights groups and activists, who are calling for its repeal.

5 Visa Exemption... 

...the government of Thailand has announced plans to offer visa exemptions to visitors from certain countries. The announcement has been welcomed by many tourists, who are looking forward to visiting Thailand and experiencing its rich culture.

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UN Weighs Sanctions against Libyan Opposition to Talks

UNITED NATIONS — United States, Britain, France and Germany are seeking UN sanctions against Libya’s government, diplomats said on Monday. The talks were described by several diplomats as intense and complex, with the United Nations being asked to provide a framework for the talks. On Friday, the United States and Britain called for a cease-fire in Libya, and the UN Security Council is expected to hold a meeting on Monday to discuss the sanctions.

Yemen Rebels, Govt. Agree to Peace

SAINT - Hurriyat and Yemen’s eastern government agreed Tuesday to attend UN-brokered peace talks aimed at ending a more than two-year conflict that has killed over 3,000 people.

The Geneva meeting, planned for July 14, would be the most significant effort so far to stop the fighting, which has divided Yemen’s capital and its regional rival on the grounds of peace negotiations.

US Might Deploy Missiles in Europe to Counter Russia

WASHINGTONT - The Obama administration is weighing a plan to deploy cruise missiles on European soil, as it considers options for countering Russia’s alleged violation of a key arms treaty, according to people familiar with the decision. The plan, which was first reported by The Washington Post, would involve deploying up to 100 cruise missiles in Europe, including in Poland and Romania, to counter Russia’s military threat.

UN Holds Emergency Meeting over Fresh Ukraine Fighting

NEW YORK - The UN Security Council was meeting Tuesday to discuss the conflict in Ukraine, where violence has escalated in recent weeks. The council has called for a peaceful resolution to the crisis, and has condemned the use of force by all parties.

Vietnam Launches Special "Sovereignty" Cruise

HANOI - Vietnam is sending a second paramilitary ship to patrol the South China Sea, its government announced on Tuesday. The move comes amid tensions with China over the South China Sea, which is a strategic waterway for global trade and a source of territorial disputes.

Turkey Rebels Fend Off Foreign Women who "Married Jihadist in Syria"

ANKARA - Turkish authorities on Tuesday arrested 15 foreign women who were suspected of having married fighters in Syria. The women were arrested at a hotel in Istanbul, according to a police statement.

S. Korea Ready to Test MRSS Death as Alarm Grows

SEOUL - South Korea on Thursday confirmed that a missile launch by North Korea, which the country has accused of being a “hostile” and “challenge” to the region, has been detected by its early warning system. The launch was reportedly made from the Sinpo area in North Korea, according to the South Korean Defense Ministry.

US Air Force Bomber Contract Due in Early August: Sources

WASHINGTON - The US Air Force is expected to award a contract worth more than $7 billion to one of 10 Bombardier, Cessna or Beechcraft manufacturers, according to sources familiar with the process. The contract will include the construction of new jet fighters.

Iraqi Women March Against Chemical Weapons

BAGHDAD - Iraqi women on Saturday gathered in the country’s capital to protest against the use of chemical weapons in the ongoing conflict in northern Iraq. The demonstration was held in the wake of reports that the US-led coalition has used chemical weapons in its fight against ISIS.

Iran to Contribute to Water and Electricity Projects in Tajikistan

DUSHANBE - Iran’s Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday that Iran is ready to contribute to projects in the fields of water and electricity in Tajikistan. The announcement came during a meeting between Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Tajik counterpart.

International News

Neighbour News

China Warns U.S. over Taiwan Presidential Hopeful Visit

BEIJING - China warned the United States on Thursday against a visit by Taiwan presidential hopeful to the island, saying the trip is "inconsistent with the position of respecting the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of China".

Pakistan Rules Out Sharing Nukes with Saudis, Anyone Else

WASHINGTON - Pakistan ruled out sharing its nuclear arsenal with Saudi Arabia, indicating that the country would not consider transferring its nuclear technology even if the threat of Saudi Arabia’s nuclear ambitions were to increase. The Pakistani government has officially ruled out the possibility of sharing its nuclear technology with anyone else.

Battle against Violence Must Be Within International Law: Iran FM

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif on Monday said that the battle against violence must be conducted within the framework of international law. The comments were made during a meeting with the visiting UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

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The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 25th Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Phnom Penh, which is being held in Cambodia.

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Afghanistan Not Alone Target of Terrorists: Rabbani to SCO

KARSI - Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah has warned the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) of growing threats from regional and international terrorism and the associated cooperation against terrorism in Afghanistan. "Terrorism is a great threat both at regional and international levels and has threatened innocent lives in Central Asia and has affected our state borders," Rabbani told the SCO ministers' meeting in Moscow.

Afghanistan's National Security Director, Haji Agha Lalai Dangrist, presented a report to a session of the Afghan Parliament discussing terrorist acts in the country. His report emphasized the importance of cooperation among the nations and the SCO to combat terrorism.

Karzai Says He Is Distancing Himself from NUG

KARSI - President Hamid Karzai on Thursday blasted the National Unity Government as a "feeble" body run by "unwanted and ineffective" people. Karzai said he had distanced himself from the NUG and the "incompetent individuals" who had taken his name.

President Appreciates Top Essay Writer Students

KARSI - President Ashraf Ghani said Thursday appreciated four high school students topping an essay writing competition.

Kandahar Police: No achievement so far

KANDAHAR - The police in Kandahar province have not achieved anything so far in their efforts to improve security.

Some Plots Allotted to Returnees Grabbed

IRAN: A group of Afghan refugees who returned to Afghanistan have had their plots stolen.

Ashraf Ghani: Measures Taken to Facilitate Hajj Pilgrims

ABU DHABI - President Ashraf Ghani on Friday said measures had been taken to facilitate Afghan pilgrims in their holy journey to Saudi Arabia for the performance of this year's Hajj pilgrimage.

The official quota for Afghans to Hajj is 50,000, but last year's 38,000 pilgrims who had started their Hajj did not receive visas due to logistical problems.

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