President, CEO Praise Troops on Independence Day

KARUL - President Abdul Ghani along with CEO Abdul Abdullah on Wednesday addressed a large gathering of delegates at a ceremony to mark the country's 70th Anniversary of Independence.

The ceremony, which was held at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, was attended by high-ranking officials, foreign dignitaries, military personnel, cabinet ministers and parliamentarians among others.

Ghani's focus was primarily on the security forces and the level of commitment shown by them in fighting insurgency and in turn safeguarding the country's sovereignty, while Abdullah said the country was united despite the aggression imposed upon it. Ghani praised the troops for what they are doing and for what they have achieved and said that he will soon hand over 1,000 medals to honor the efforts of Afghans - of which most of these medals will go to security force members.

He said security forces are managing the battle against insurgents well and that they have the necessary experience to do so. According to him, insurgents activity is the primary reason for the recent increase in civilian casualties. However, he urged the nation to embrace the moves by clerics and the elders to support security forces. (More on P.6)

US Aid Contributing $15m to Landmark Population Survey

KARUL - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced to contribute $15 million to the Afghan government to support completion of a landmark household and population survey. A statement released by the USAID on Tuesday said that once complete, the survey will, for the first time in more than 30 years, provide Afghanistan and donors with reliable economic and demographic data, which can be used for future planning.

The Afghanistan Central Statistics Organization manages the $14.5 million Socio-Demographic and Economic Survey jointly with the United Nations Population Fund, which is... (More on P.4)

Ulumi Urges Taliban to Get Rid of Foreign Slavery

KARUL - Interior Minister Asadullah Khalid on Thursday urged the Taliban to get rid of slavery, of neighboring countries, particularly of Pakistan, and instead work for their own country's development.

Advising a gathering on the occasion of Afghanistan's 96th Independence Day in Kabul...

US Concerned over Increased Violence in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - The United States on Monday expressed concern over increase in violence in Afghanistan and supported President Ashraf Ghani's recent efforts to address the security challenge in the country. (More on P.4)

WHO Stresses Pakistan, Afghanistan to Intensify Fight against Polio

KARUL - The World Health Organization (WHO) urged Afghanistan and Pakistan to step up efforts to minimize the spread of polio, media reports.

A statement released by the WHO cautioned that vaccinations of air travelers in Afghanistan should be avoided. It said that those "in exit screening and restriction to unvaccinated travelers have been implemented at international airports.

The statement said that the growing risk of its spread associated with the ongoing suspension of vaccination campaign in Kurdistan was... (More on P.6)

No Place to Hide for Terrorists

KARUL - US Defense Secretary Ash Carter said on Tuesday that his new plan in the world for terrorists to hide and that US troops in Afghanistan are trying to disrupt the global and the US security.

Speaking at a ceremonial service for slain service members, Carter, who died in a recent shoot out in the US-Carter... (More on P.6)

Mohajiq Concerned About Spread of Takfiri Terrorism

TEHRAN - Second Deputy CEO Dr. Mohammad Mohajiq expressed concern about the spread of terrorism in Afghanistan, including Khurasan and Haider Kala areas. He stressed that... (More on P.6)

Gen. Dostum 1,000 Militants Pledged to Join Govt-Initiated Peace Talks

MAIMANA - First Vice President Abdul Rashid Dostum said on Wednesday around 1,000 militants had pledged to stop violence and join the government-initiated peace process today.

Dostum had been spearheading an amnesty campaign to cement

Ulumi said that now it was the right time for the Taliban... (More on P.6)

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26 Drug Smugglers Arrested
Countrywide: CJTF

KABUL - At least 26 drug smugglers have been arrested by border guards at various points around the country with their cases referred to the national intelligence and counterterrorism department, the Interior Ministry said Tuesday. (APTF) it said in a statement on Tuesday.

The statement added the drug smugglers were detained in Balkh, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Jozqan, Talbe, Panjshir and Badakhshan provinces. After initial investigations, the casos

Pakistan Forces Attack Leaves 13 Dead, Injured in Kunar

ASADABAD - At least 13 persons have suffered casualties as a result of two separate attacks in eastern Kunar province, officials said Tuesday.

Kunar police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Háfiz Said Khalid told Reuters that the attacks were launched from a local border area toward Dikalpuk district of the province on border zero point around 5.30 pm on Monday.

The attack occurred when Afghan security forces that pushed fighters back several times during an intense fight on Monday and got control of the district.

Afghan National Army's spokesman, however, said that the Zero Station's government said, the district's office has been facing a continued attack from Taliban since the district office is in a populated area.

Taliban Claim of Nawalakhi Field Rejected

MARDAN: Taliban claimed capturing Nawalakhi district in Pakistani province on Tuesday but local officials rejected the claim saying that the district has been under their control for the past year.

Taliban's claim of taking control of the area is baseless as the Pakistan Army and the Afghan National Army have been fighting in the area for the past year.

The Pakistan Army has been fighting against the Taliban in the area for the past year and has taken control of the area, officials said.

Pakistan Army said that the Taliban's claim of taking control of the area is false and that they are still fighting against the Taliban in the area.

Maidan Wardak Traffic Accident Claims 4 Lives

MIRANSHAH: Four people were killed in a traffic accident on Wednesday in the Miranwasha area, local officials said.

Three of the victims were riding a motorcycle while the other was on foot, officials said.

The accident occurred when the motorcycle hit a tree.

Maj. Muhammad Kaushan, a police officer, said there were four victims in the accident and that two of them were riding a motorcycle while the other two were walking.

He said the victims were taken to a hospital in a critical condition and that two of them died on the way.

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Outlook Horoscope

Unremovable are checking your horoscope on daily basis. There is some excitement in the background. You are not feeling lonely. There is some work which is going on in your mind. You are feeling confident in your mind.

Taurus (April 20—May 20)

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Gemini (May 21—June 20)

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Pisces (Feb. 19—Mar. 20)

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Turkish PM Returns to Form Government

ANKARA - Acting Turkish Prime Minis-
ter Ahmet Davutoglu, who was fired last month from his position as minister for govern-
ment formation, announced today that he would hold a meeting with President Abdullah Gul and the leader of the main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) to form a new government.

"We have reached an agreement," Davutoglu said.

Roughly two weeks after the formation of the new government was announced, the Turkish parliament was dissolved and new elections were called for June 7.

Rusia Wants Germany, France to Pressure Putin on Peace Plan

SAINT-PETERSBURG - Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday that Russia would appeal to Berlin and Paris to press Moscow to implement a peace plan for Ukraine.

"We are appealing to Berlin and Paris to appeal to Putin and the people around him to implement our peace plan," Lavrov said.

"There are many conditions along the way to a peaceful agreement," he added.

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"The reason we're doing this," Clinton said, "is to make sure that our country moves forward on climate change and that we protect our oceans and our environment for future generations.

The potential for disaster: In an interview with the Associated Press, Clinton said she would have been "prepared to make a deal" with the oil industry to protect the Arctic.

"I'm not going to be rigid on this issue," she said.

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MoFA Summons Pak Envoy over Cross-Border Shelling

KARUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday summoned the Pakistan Ambassador Syed Husnain at his office over Pakistan's violation of the country's airspace. The statement released by MoFA said that on Tuesday Deputy Chief of the Pakistan embassy was summoned with Pakistan envoy over the incident that caused the Pakistan embassy's server to crash.

Protesters Want UN to Stop Pakistan's Interferences

MAMASA - Hundreds of residents in southern Farah province on Tuesday took to the streets, urging United Nations to stop Pakistan's interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs. Foreign minister announced the death of 13 civilians in Pakistan's shelling on April 15. The residents of Mamoazah and Gavan villages who were killed.

9th Independence Day Celebrated Worldwide

KARUL - The 9th of Afghanistan's Independence Day was celebrated with much fanfare in different parts of the world, in which thousands of countrymen participated amid colorful events. Salam Khan Qandahari, the governor of northwestern Nangarhar province, laid a floral wreath on the tomb of founder of Afghanistan Chost Amanullah Khan and later participated in huge gathering at football ground. A number of local elders, government officials, provincial council members and citizens of civilians attended the ceremony. The governor asked anti-state elements to stop further bloodshed in Afghanistan on the direction of others.

"Afghanistans was an independent state, it is an independent state and it will remain independent," he told a gathering. "More on Pajhwok.

Spanta Comes out in Support of Ghani over Afghan Envoy's Appointment

KARUL - Spanta Dostum, foreign affairs minister, said he was in support of President Ashraf Ghani's recent appointment of a new envoy.

Tajikistan Exports $700 Mln Kwh of Electricity to Afghanistan

AFGHANISTAN - Tajikistan has exported about $700 million in the form of electricity in seven months of this year. 88% of export electricity went to Afghanistan, the rest to Iran and Uzbekistan.

Tajikistan's Exports of Electricity to Afghanistan

Tajikistan has supplied 250 million kWh of electricity to Afghanistan in 2019. This year, Tajikistan plans to export over 1,300 billion kWh of electricity to Afghanistan. Kyrgyzistan will purchase 500 million kWh of electricity from the total sales of the two countries.

45 Afghan Children to Receive Medical Care in Germany

KARUL - At least 45 Afghan children have embarked on a journey to Germany to receive medical care as part of a humanitarian program. The children, who are between 5 and 10 years old, left for Germany on Tuesday.

According to an agreement between Afghanistan and Germany, at least 40 Afghan youth got the right to travel to Germany for medical treatment every year. Within the next five days, children who have received care through the program will return home to Afghanistan. They are selected by Peace Village International and their families often see the initiative as their only hope for treatment.