Ghani Promises to Tackle Unemployment

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Monday addressed delegates at a youth jirga for justice and reform and promised to tackle unemployment in the country and employ more young people within the administration.

Addressing delegates at the Presidential Palace, who came from various provinces, Ghani said bringing reform is government’s duty and a program will be adopted soon on working and how unemployment can be reduced.

Ghani also urged delegates to put questions to him in future and promised to bring in more young people into the administration.

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Iran to Cut IS Threat at Afghan, Iraqi Borders: Army

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said its forces would tighten border controls at the Afghan and Iraqi borders to prevent the spread of Islamic State (IS) fighters. In a statement, the IRGC said it had neutralized two IS fighters in the eastern province of Bushehr.

The move comes amid growing tensions between the IRGC and international organizations, which have accused the force of侵犯 human rights and carrying out extrajudicial killings.

The IRGC said it had also destroyed a tunnel that was being used by IS fighters to smuggle weapons and explosives into Iran. The tunnel was located in the border area between Iran and Iraq.

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Potent Future Terrorist Attacks Expected “these days, weeks”; French PM

FRANCE—French police in Paris on Monday warned of imminent terrorist attacks in France and in Eu-
rope, following deadly shootings and suicide bombingsput-
in Paris on Friday. Following the most recent incident, on November 13, 58 people were confirmed 
to have died in the attacks in Paris, including 39 French citizens. French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said that security measures have been strengthened in the wake of these attacks. In response to the terrorist threat, French authorities have launched an extensive investigation into the possible role of foreign fighters in France. The investigation is still ongoing, and French authorities have reportedly identified several potential suspects. In a press conference, French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe said: “We must be aware that this is not the end of the story.”

France Intensifies Airskies on IS, Countries Vow to Enhance Security, Combat Terrorism

ISRAEL—France and other European countries have stepped up their efforts to combat terrorism in the wake of the recent attacks in Paris. French authorities have intensified their efforts to prevent further attacks and have called on international partners to join forces in the fight against terrorism. In a joint statement, French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said: “We cannot let terrorism win. We must continue to work together to protect our citizens.”

Britain to Increase Security, Staff, Facing Counter-Terrorism

UK—Britain has announced that it will increase security measures across the country, following the recent attacks in Paris. The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has called for a national effort to combat terrorism, and has announced a new counter-terrorism strategy. The strategy includes increasing security measures at public events, increasing the presence of police on the streets, and increasing the number of intelligence officers. In a statement, the Prime Minister said: “We will not be defeated by terrorism. We will stand together as one nation.”

U.S. Approves Sale of Smart Bombs to Jordan

WASHINGTO—The U.S. State Department has approved the sale of thousands of smart bombs to Jordan for $2 billion. The sale includes 500 Hellfire missiles and 200 laser-guided bombs, which will be used to support Jordan’s efforts to combat terrorism in the region. In a statement, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said: “This sale will support Jordan’s efforts to combat terrorism and improve its security capabilities.”

At least 80 thousand Affected by Floods in Bahrain

Bahrain—At least 80 thousand people have been affected by floods in Bahrain, following heavy rain in the region. The government has declared a state of emergency, and has deployed military and emergency services to help those affected. In a statement, Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa said: “We are working around the clock to provide assistance to those affected.”

China, Pakistan Vow to Enhance Parliamentary Exchanges

Pakistani PM to Visit Uzbekistan this Week

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will visit Uzbekistan on March 11 to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries. The visit is expected to strengthen cooperation in the fields of trade, energy, and security. In a statement, the Pakistani Prime Minister said: “We are committed to furthering our strategic partnership with Uzbekistan.”

Pakistan, China Agree to Step up Cooperation

China and Pakistan have agreed to step up cooperation in various fields, including trade, investment, and security. In a joint statement, the Chinese and Pakistani leaders said: “We will work together to achieve common development and prosperity for our two countries.”

Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Pakistani counterpart, President Mamnoon Hussain, held talks in Beijing to discuss bilateral relations and cooperation. In a statement, the Chinese President said: “We are committed to strengthening our strategic partnership and working together to achieve common development.”

Pakistan, China agree to boost cooperation in various fields

Pakistan's Prime Minister Abdul Malik Kazi Ul Abbass and his Chinese counterpart, President Xi Jinping, held talks in Beijing to discuss bilateral relations and cooperation. In a statement, the Pakistani Prime Minister said: "We are committed to strengthening our strategic partnership and working together to achieve common development."
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MINISTRY OF RURAL REHABILITATION & DEVELOPMENT

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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE “NATIONAL SUPERVISION FIRM”

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved funding of US $ 56.66 million under the Grant No: GF0411 (AFD) & GF0412 (AFT) and the Project No: 48326-01F: AFGH: Northern Flood-Damaged Infrastructure Emergency Relief Project (NF-IER) in October 2014 (to be implemented over 3 years) to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoAR) to support the worst-affected provinces in the Northern Afghanistan during the severe flood from March to June 2014. The project is to support government’s efforts in the rehabilitation of damaged irrigation and rural road infrastructure. The project is rehabilitate (i) small-scale irrigation and rural road infrastructure in 21 and worst-affected provinces based on the damage and needs assessment carried out by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRI) and (ii) large-scale irrigation system infrastructure in three provinces based on the DRA undertaken by the Ministry of Energy and Water (MoEW). The executing agency is the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the implementing agencies are Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRI) and Ministry of Energy & Water (MEW).

NI-FIER-PMO-MRRI, invites eligible “National Engineering Consultant Firms”, with qualified Engineers, having “experience in Irrigation and Rural Infrastructure Projects” to submit their “Expression of Interest (EOI)” for “Superintend and Monitoring of Evaluation of Irrigation and Rural Infrastructure Projects” in 21 and more provinces of Afghanistan for a period of 2 months (January 2016 – October 2017). The Expression of Interest (EOI) should be submitted only through http://www.cem.gov.az. Please do visit NI-FIER and National Procurement Authority (NPA) website for any advertisement of EOI. The deadline for submission of EOI is 16th December 2015, by 11:00PM, Afghanistan Time. PMO NI-FIER-MRRI will not accept any hard or soft copies of EOI, if not submitted through http://www.cem.gov.az website. For the complete TOR, please download the attachment from http://www.cem.gov.az.

If any further queries needed in this regard, please do write an email to: informand.kurnam@moar.gov.az and consults.aksar@mrri.gov.az.

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Invitation for Bids

Date: 17th Nov 2015
Grant No. and Title: GF0411 & GF0412 (48326-01), Northern Flood-Damaged Irrigation Emergency Rehabilitation Project
Contract No. and Title: MRRI-NFIER-2015/002; Tange Tashgiran RCC Retaining Wall & Road Rehabilitation Subproject
Deadline for Submission of Bids 16th December 2015; 14:00 hrs, Kabul Local Time

1. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Northern Flood-Damaged Irrigation Emergency Rehabilitation Project. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.
2. The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (the "Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Supervision and completion of Tange Tashgiran RCC Retaining Wall & Road Rehabilitation Subproject.
3. National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB’s Single Stage: One envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
   A. Financial
      (i) The Bids shall have an average annual construction turnover (calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed) within the last three (3) years of at least Afghani 252 million.
      (ii) Using Forms FIN – 3 and FIN – 4: in Section 4 (Bidding Forms) the Bidders must demonstrate access to, or availability of, liquid assets, lines of credit, or other financial resources, (other than any contractual advance payments) to meet the Bidders financial resources requirement indicated in Form FIN-4.

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Liquid Assets mean cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, short-term available-for-sale securities, marketable securities, trade receivables, short-term financing receivables and other assets that can be converted into cash within ONE YEAR.

| Experience | The Bidder shall have participated in at least the past five (5) years that have been successfully or substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation as prime contractor exceeds Afghani 135 million. The similarity of the Bidder's participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology or other characteristics as described in Section 6, Employer’s Requirements. For other qualifying criteria please refer to Section 3 (Evaluation and Qualification criteria) of the Bidding Document.
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5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:
   Procurement Directorate, 4th Floor, Engineering Department Building Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development, District 6, Dashtam Road, Niz Bakh Street, Kabul, Afghanistan
   Tel: +93 (0) 75 2022202; +05 (0) 799 165911
   Email: procurement@mrri.gov.az; awaseenard.kurnam@moar.gov.az

6. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible Bidders should:
   a. write to address above requesting the bidding documents for MRRI-NFIER-2015/002, Tange Tashgiran RCC Retaining Wall & Road Rehabilitation Subproject
   b. pay a non-refundable fee of Afghani 1,000 by Cash, if hard copy required.
7. Deliver your bid:
   a. to the address above
   b. on or before the deadline: 16th December 2015; 14:00 hrs Kabul Local time
   together with Bid Security / Bid Solicitation Declaration as described in the Bidding Document

Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend.