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Afghanistan Constitution

Article One Hundred Thirty-Five

If a party in lawsuit does not know the language, the right to know the materials and documents of the case as well as conversation in the court, shall be provided in the party's mother tongue through a translator appointed by the court.

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Taliban will never be able to rule Afghanistan: VP Saleh

KABUL: In a tweet on Sunday, First Vice President said Taliban won't be able to take Afghanistan or rule it, adding that Afghan people rejecting factionalism.

"I see a great & historic opportunity for unity. Every single community from all corners of the country asks Kabul for deployment of the army & commandos. This shows thirst 4 institutions & rule of law as people reject factionalism. Talibs won't be able to take Afg or rule. Never," he tweeted yesterday.

First Vice President's tweet comes as Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in an op-ed published by The Washington Post last week has said that his country opposes any military takeover of Afghanistan and that "the Taliban cannot win over the whole of the country, and yet must be included in any government for it to succeed."

The Acting Defense Minister Gen. Bismillah Mohammadi last week also assured his forces on the battlefield in the central province of Maidan Wardak that the Taliban cannot win through their military campaign and reiterated that war is not the solution to ensure peace in the country.

"War is not the solution," he said. "If it was a solution, it would have shown its results in the last 20 years." He added: "Therefore if they (Taliban) want to win militarily and impose violence on the people of Afghanistan, they would take this dream to the grave. They should realize that it is not possible through violence."

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Bagram's radar, VSAT systems reactivated following US pullout

KABUL: Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA) said on Sunday the Bagram Airport Radar and Telecommunication System (VSAT) has been reactivated following the withdrawal of foreign troops from the key military facility.

The last of the US troops based at Bagram withdrew in the early hours of Saturday morning after handing over the sprawling facility to the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces.

"The radar and communication systems (VSAT) at Bagram Airport, which was deactivated before the decisive support forces left the airport, has been reactivated by the technical team of the Civil Aviation Authority," the ACAA said in a statement on Facebook.

"These two systems are used to guide the planes that land and take off at this airport and at Hamid Karzai International Airport (in Kabul), as well as transit flights," added the ACAA.

Bagram base was the largest of all foreign military bases in the country and lies about 40km outside Kabul.

Secured by foreign troops soon after their invasion in 2001, Bagram has been a key base in the war over the past 20 years. Three former US presidents have landed at the facility over the years along with hundreds of other key American and NATO officials.

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MoFA welcomes ANP removal from 'UN Child Soldier Recruiter List'

KABUL: The country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has welcomed the removal of the Afghan National Police (ANP) from the UN Child Solider Recruiter list, a statement from the Ministry said Sunday.

The UN Secretary-General's 2020 Report on Children and Military Conflict called the implementation of the Afghan National Police Action Plan to prevent recruitment and reduce violence against children a success, according to the statement.

"The removal of the Afghan National Police from the UN Secretary General's Infamous List is a result of the ongoing progress to implement the national action plan and prevent the recruitment of children into the country's security forces," the statement said, adding this development demonstrated that the Afghan government was committed to the international values of human rights and good governance.

The Government of Afghanistan hopes that countries and international institutions will prevent the recruitment and violence against children by imposing political pressure and sanctions on the Taliban and other armed opposition groups, the statement concluded.

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Ministry reports 1,243 new COVID-19 cases, 84 deaths in Afghanistan

KABUL: The Ministry of Public Health on Sunday reported 1,243 new cases of COVID-19 out of 4,642 samples tested in the last 24 hours. Although this is a slight decrease in the number of daily cases, health officials still warned the public against failing to take precautions to contain the spread of the virus.

The ministry also reported 84 deaths and 804 recoveries from COVID-19 in the same period. The numbers of daily COVID-19 deaths have remained almost the same in the last three weeks, but recoveries have increased over the last few days.

So far, Afghanistan has recorded 125,937 cases and the total deaths has reached 5,283.

Lack of oxygen has turned into a main problem for the treatment of COVID-19 patients at government hospitals. To overcome this challenge, the Acting Minister of Public Health, Wahid Majroh, said there is a need for full cooperation by the people to wear masks at least when they are outside their homes and to follow other health advice introduced by the Ministry.

Efforts to fight COVID-19 now face a new challenge: The emergence of new cases of a COVID-19 related fungal disease called as "black fungus." Majroh said wearing masks can help in containing the spread of the fungal disease.

Figures by Johns Hopkins University indicate that the number of deaths from COVID-19 globally is more than 3,971,956 and the number of known global coronavirus cases is 183,505,842.

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Wafayezada officially takes over as Acting Minister of Information and Culture

KABUL: Mohammad Qasim Wafayezada officially started work as the Acting Minister of Information and Culture, Bakhtar Information Agency (BIA) reported Sunday.

Based on a presidential decree, Mohammad Qasim Wafayezada has been appointed as Acting Minister of Information and Culture and was officially introduced to the officials of the Ministry, the agency said.

Wafayezada has previously served as the head of Afghanistan's Civil Aviation Authority and replaced Tahir Zuhair, who ran the ministry for a year.

The Administrative Office of the President has said that Wafayezada will soon be introduced to Lower House of Parliament for vote of confidence. Meanwhile in a Facebook post, the Second Vice President called Wafayezada one of the young and professional cadres of the country who, according to him, did remarkable works for the Civil Aviation of the country.

"Wafayezada has now been appointed Acting Minister of Information and Culture and will soon be introduced along with other designated cabinet ministers of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for the votes of confidence to Wolesi Jirga. While appreciating the trust of the President, I congratulate Dr. Wafayezada and wish him success," the second VP added.

VP Danesh went on thanking Tahir Zuhair, the former Acting Minister of the Ministry of Information and Culture, who, according to him, made lasting efforts for the country's culture.

"He has shown his commitment, honesty and ability to lead senior government institutions, both in his five-year tenure in Bamyan province and in the past year as Acting Minister of Information and Culture," he added.

In his introduction ceremony held yesterday, the newly appointed Acting Minister of Information and Culture pledged to do more in strengthening the country's culture, according to the agency. "We would strengthen and support our Afghan culture so that to increase its effectiveness," he vowed.

The Acting Minister said he would support the freedom of expression and media and try his best to further develop the country's media activities but urged the media for reflecting the main values of freedom of expression considering the country's high national interests.

The newly appointed Acting Minister of Information and Culture, Wafayezada, holds a PhD in International Relations from Kanazawa University in Japan.

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