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Saturday, 31 July

Ahmadzai Make the First Afghan Made Car

President Karzai visited the first car and first Rickshaw made in Afghanistan by Halim Gul Ahmadzai from Nangarhar province.

Mr. Karzai encouraged Ahmadzai for his initiation and said that he is happy to see the first Afghan made car. The price of this car is Afghani 160,000. [BaKhter Afghan Agency](#)

Railways to be Built in Afghanistan

On Friday 30 July, a Russian Railways company (RZD) has reached initial agreements on building railway line in Afghanistan. The railway network will connect Afghanistan's largest cities and provide access to neighboring Iran and Pakistan. [Radio Kabul](#)

Friday, 30 July

Six Killed in a Bomb Blast in Central Afghanistan

Six Afghans including two local UN voter registration staff were killed in a bomb blast in a mosque in Balal Khil district of Ghazni province.

The mosque was used as a voter registration center. [BaKhter Afghan Agency](#)

Thursday, 29 July

Four Senior Government Officials Resigned

President Karzai approved the resignation of the four government high officials on Monday July 26:

- Mohamad Karim Khalili, vice president.
- Mohamad Yunus Qanoni, education minister.
- Security advisor, Taj Mohamad Warkag.
- Afghan ambassador in Moscow, Ahmad Zia Masoud.

All the four persons are standing in the forthcoming elections. [BaKhter News Agency](#)

Fahim Meets Khalilzad

Marshal Fahim met US ambassador, Zalmay Khalil Zad to discuss political-military situation in Afghanistan on yesterday.

Fahim said: "Afghans as a single nation will continue their understanding to attain a stable and a clear future," [BaKhter News Agency](#)

Wednesday, 28 July

MSF Announces Plans to Withdraw From Afghanistan

Medicines Sans Frontiers (MSF) announced that it will withdraw from Afghanistan because of the threat of further attacks on Wednesday. MSF spokesperson said: "MSF is pulling out because it is unhappy with government's unconvincing investigation into the killing of five of its staff in June and with the humanitarian aid by US-led forces for military and political aims in Afghanistan," [Radio Azadi](#)

23 Candidates for Presidential Poll

The election commission announced a preliminary list of 23 candidates on Tuesday.

Karzai excluded key alliance figures from the list of his running mates. "I don't understand that there are some hurt feelings, but the national interests should come before personal interests," said Khalilzad, US Ambassador in Kabul. [Radio Voice of America](#)

Robbers Escape with More than a Million US\$

A gang of robbers looted the office of Ustad Abdul Rab Rasool Sayaf, Head of Etehad-e-Islami party on Tuesday.

Police in Kabul said robbers escaped with more than one million US\$, around 300,000 Afghani and some office documents. The robbers are not identified yet, but the investigation is going on. [Afghanistan TV](#)

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Tuesday, 27 July

Unexpected Rival to Compete Karzai

On Monday, the last day for registering candidates for Afghanistan's presidential elections, defense minister Fahim and Dr. Abdullah, foreign minister have instead expressed their support for another runner for the presidency: Yunus Qanuni. Qanuni's candidacy was also unexpected.

President Karzai has chosen his first vice presidential nominee Ahmad Zia Masoud, the younger brother of the late Ahmad Shah Masoud and Ustad Karim Khalili as his second running mate. [Radio Kelid](#)

Hospital Collapses in Kabul

At least 18 people were injured when Jamhuriat hospital building collapsed at 4.50 PM on Monday in Kabul. Dozens of rescue workers, including international peacekeeping troops and US-led forces are desperately trying to dig out survivors trapped in the rubble. Officials ruled out the possibility of sabotage in the mishap, saying that investigation is under way. The hospital was under-construction with support from the government of china. [Radio Azadi](#)

Monday, 26 July

Karzai's Trip to Pakistan Postpones

President Karzai is postponing a trip to Pakistan in order to deal with election issues at home.

A spokesman for the president's office denied reports that the delay was connected to a dispute over choosing Mr. Karzai's running mate. The spokesman said the president's running mate would be announced sometime in the coming week. [Radio Azadi](#)

Sunday, 25 July

Earthquakes in Paktiya and Herat

"Several hundred houses have been destroyed mainly in the three villages of Girda Serai, Waza Zadran and Mita of Paktiya province following an earthquake on 18 July," said spokesperson for UN in Kabul. He added: "according to the reports we received that two people have died and 40 other injured. UN agencies, NGOs and PRT are currently evaluating the situation to verify the urgent needs of the affected families," [Afghanistan Radio](#)

Saturday, 24 July

Rehabilitation of 990 Schools in Afghanistan

Ministry of Education signed an agreement with Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development on Saturday, 24 July.

Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in collaboration with World Bank will rebuild 390 schools and renovate 600 schools in 99 districts of different provinces.

Rebuilding and renovation of the schools will be launched soon, and will cost 52 million US\$. [Anis](#)

Friday, 23 July

"80% of Afghans Get Registered" said UN.

A spokesperson for UN said on Thursday that almost 80 percent of Afghanistan's estimated eligible voter population has registered to vote. He also said that the three key problems which slowed down voter registration were: security, illiteracy among women in the country and insufficient numbers of educated women taking part in the voter registration process. [Bakhter Afghan Agency](#)

Thursday, 22 July

Americans on Trial Claim that they Broken up Plots



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Idema American, arrested in Kabul along with two other Americans on July 05 for running a private jail, said Wednesday that he has contact with Pentagon and had broken up a plot to attack U.S. forces with fuel-truck bombs and to assassinate Afghan officials, including Education Minister Yunis Qanuni and Defense Minister Mohammad Qasim Fahim.

Pentagon denied any relation with the three Americans arrested. They will face up to 15 years imprisonment if found guilty. [Radio Kelid](#)

Drought Severely Threatens People in Laghman Province

At least 20,000 people are facing severe drought in Ali Shing and Alingar districts of Laghman province. Affected people have requested urgent assistance from the government and international aid agencies. [Radio Kelid](#)

Wednesday, 21 July

Relative of Mullah Omar Captured

In an operation against Taliban insurgents in Deh Rawood district of Uruzgan province, Afghan and the US forces killed one, wounded two others and captured Mullah Omar's brother-in-law, Mullah Amanullah on Tuesday. [Radio Azadi](#)

New Appointments in Afghan Authority

On Tuesday, President Karzai has appointed Ustad Atta, as governor for Balkh province, General Hazrat Ali, as police chief for Nangarhar province and General Khan Mohammad Khan, as police chief for Kandahar province.

"The aim of reshuffling is to strengthen the central government's authority in the districts and is part of a series of changes that will continue," said presidential spokesman, Jawid luddin. [Kabul Weekly](#)

Dostum to Contest Presidential Elections

Abdul Rashid Dostum, military adviser to president Karzai has announced his candidacy for the forthcoming presidential elections on Sunday. [Cheragh](#)

Tuesday, 20 July

Rabbani Criticizes Postponement of Parliamentary Elections

On Monday, Burhanuddin Rabbani, former Afghan president, said: "the postponement of parliamentary elections is against the spirit of the constitution and causes public mistrust." [Radio Azadi](#)

Monday, 19 July

Rocket in Kabul

A 40 year-old women has been killed after a rocket landed in Shash Darak, district nine of Kabul on Sunday. The rocket is believed to have been launched from district 16, east of Kabul city. Two rockets or mortar bombs also landed north of Kabul airport, a spokeswoman for ISAF said. [Afghanistan TV](#)

Pakistani Prisoners Released

On Sunday, Afghanistan has released 66 Pakistani prisoners, who had been in Afghan jails since 2001. In return, Pakistan freed 34 Afghan prisoners from Pakistani jails. [Radio Kelid](#)

Sunday, 18 July

Americans Before Afghan Judge

Three Americans have appeared before an Afghan judge Sunday on charges that they ran a private jail in Afghanistan. After the session, the judge told reporters that the group's leader, Jonathan Idema, claimed to have private contacts with the Pentagon, but could not provide any evidence to prove it. [Afghanistan TV](#)



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Saturday, 17 July

Sexual Abuse by US Military is A Lie

US military denied reports of sexual abuse of local staff working for them. "It is a rumor, a lie created by Taliban to discredit the coalition and other international forces helping Afghanistan," said John Siepman, spokesman for US military. For the last two weeks there has been rumors among Afghans that interpreters working at Bagram air base were sexually abused by their employees. *Radio Azadi*

Taliban Attacks USAID

In an attack on a USAID vehicle, one local employee was killed and two others were severely wounded in Qalat, the capital of Zabul on Friday. Police in Qalat said: "The investigation is going on and we believe that this terrorist act was carried out by the insurgent Taliban." *Radio Good Morning Afghanistan*

Friday, 16 July

Floods in North And North-East

At least 200 houses, more than 200 livestock, 20 mills, 50 jerebs of cultivated land and a number of bridges have been destroyed due to severe flooding in Jerum district of Badakhshan province and in Paroon, Archino, Wama and Chatraass districts of Nuristan Province on July 15-16. Transportation between many villages and districts have been blocked. Nuristan has requested governmental and international aid. *Bakhter Afghan Agency*

Thursday, 15 July

Karzai Gets Tough on Local Commanders

Karzai issued a decree on Wednesday saying that military commanders resisting disarmament process would be regarded as rebellious and would be harshly punished. President Karzai said: "Warlords are a bigger threat to security than terrorists." *Radio Kelid*

Wednesday, 14 July

Malalai Joya Hides in Kabul

Malalai Joya, representative of Farah province in the last Loya Jirga, whose house was looted this week by warlords in Farah, and has survived several assassination attempts, now hides herself in Kabul. "Although, just like other Afghans, I suffer much because of the warlords, I continue my combat against them," said Malalai. *Radio Azadi*

Tuesday, 13 July

Police Chief Killed

The police chief of Andar district in Ghazni and his driver were killed on Monday. "Taliban riding on motorbikes ambushed the police vehicle and managed to escape," said spokesperson for the Ministry of Interior, Lutfullah Mashal. *Radio Azadi*

Monday, 12 July

Karzai Condemns Herat Explosion

President Karzai expressed his deep sorrow and utterly condemned the bomb attack in Herat and called it a terrorist act. The explosion killed five and wounded 29, including women and children on Sunday. *Anis*

Sunday, 11 July

Japan Contributes to Education

The government of Japan will donate 6.15 million US\$ for constructional projects and facilities for the education sector which includes the construction of 32 schools in Kabul, Kandahar and Parwan provinces. *Hewad*

Saturday, 10 July

Six Policemen Killed



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Taliban gunmen killed six policemen and wounded four others on Wednesday in Chakaba area of Farah province on 8 July. According to police in Farah, the killing occurred when the policemen tried to foil a Taliban attempt to kill or kidnap four Turkish engineers working in the area. "When the policemen went to help them, they were attacked," said police in Farah. *Anis*

Friday, 09 July

Afghanistan's First Private Museum

For now, Ahmad Shah Sultany, an Englishman of Afghan origin, has chosen the Afghan National Gallery to display his collection of paintings, relics and jewellery, some pieces as old as eight thousand years. However, Mr. Sultany said he wants to open a private museum, the first one of the country. *The Kabul Times*

Thursday, 08 July

Private Jail Uncovered

Radio Kelid reporters have been told that Afghan police have uncovered a private jail run by foreign nationals in Kabul. According to neighbours of Kabul's Karta-e-Parwan area, police raided a house on Monday and arrested six persons including three Americans and their local interpreter. Police neither rejected nor confirmed the episode and officials also declined to comment on the report. *Radio Kelid*

Wednesday, 07 June

Afghan Refugees Arrive in Australia

After two years a second group of Afghan refugees, released from detention on the Pacific island of Nauru, arrived in Australia last night. A spokesman for the Australian Department of Immigration said fifteen children and twenty adults arrived in Brisbane and will be sent to live in Canberra, Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. *Afghanistan TV*

Tuesday, 06 July

Indonesian Elections Model for Islamic Countries

A group of Afghan election officials said Monday that Indonesia's landmark presidential elections could serve as a model for one scheduled in their own country later this year. The Afghan delegation toured polling stations, met election officials and talked to local observers in Indonesia. They will be part of an election monitoring network when they return to Afghanistan. *Radio Azadi*

Helmand's Mayor Injured

The mayor of the Helmand province, Haji Manaf Khan, his body guard and his driver injured on July 05 in the provincial capital Lashkarga after his car blew up. A suspected Talib was arrested in connection with the bombing. *Radio Azadi*

Monday, 05 July

Print Text Books in Afghanistan

"Text books must be printed in the Education Printing House," said Eng. Mohammad Saber, chief of the Afghan Ministry of Education's printing house. He added: "We have purchased new machines and tools and some of our personnel are trained in Germany and Iran. At present, we produce fifteen to twenty thousands books daily. Soon, we will reach one hundred and fifty thousand books daily." *Anis*

Sunday, 04 July

Drought in Afghanistan

Afghanistan continues to lose large tracts of arable land due to the severe drought.

According to an FAO report, except for the northeast and the eastern-central regions of the country, the situation had deteriorated over the past year. The country is suffering from a lack of rain, dryness, extreme



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heat and winds, along with severe frost conditions.

Cheragh

Karzai Leaves for U.S.A.

President Karzai left Kabul for Philadelphia yesterday, where he will receive the Philadelphia Liberty Medal.

Radio Kabul

Saturday, 03 July

Pak-Afghan Water Treaty

Pakistan and Afghanistan are likely to sign a water treaty in the last week of July, to share water from the Kabul and Kunar rivers and other tributaries. Afghanistan wants to build a hydroelectric plant on the Kabul River and develop the Kama irrigations project. The hydroelectric plant will irrigate 14,000 acres of land. *The Kabul Times*

Friday, 02 July

No Delay for Elections

Taliban attacks, fighting between warlords and political wrangling may delay the Afghanistan's national elections. President Karzai has pledged to hold elections in September. Farooq Wardak, a senior member of the Afghan election management body: "If all the preparations are in place, the end of September is still possible." *Radio Azadi*

63 Days Without Food

"I want to set the world record," says Sayed Mossa, a resident of Kalakan district of Kabul Province. Sayed has a peculiar ambition indeed! "Not to eat food for 63 days," he says. So far, the record is held by a Chinese man, who spent 59 days without eating. *Anis*

Thursday, 01 July

New Blasts in Jalalabad

Four people have died and 27 were injured in the twin bomb explosions on Wednesday in Jalalabad. The two

bombs were hidden in crates of vegetables and exploded within minutes of each other. Taliban have denied carrying out the attack, blaming it on rivalry between armed groups in Jalalabad. *Radio Kelid*

Pakistan's Role in Afghanistan's Reconstruction

"Pakistan plays an active role in the reconstruction of Afghanistan," said Shaukat Aziz, Pakistan's former finance minister, announcing the Pakistan's government's intention to construct an industrial estate project in Jalalabad city, valued at one billion US\$. Pak-Afghan trade has reached to five hundred million US\$ this year. *Voice of America*